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## UNDP Iraq

### Local Area Development Programme- Phase II (Kurdistan Region Component)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) provides technical assistance and capacity building to the Government of Iraq, to enhance their role in socio-economic development and to contribute to improved governance practices.

The aim of the Local Area Development Programme (LADP) is to promote sustainable and inclusive social and economic development at the subnational level. Phase II of the programme was initiated by the end of 2012 with a contribution from the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), followed by a financial contribution from the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). LADP II promotes inclusive and participatory planning, budgeting and implementation practices to advocate the prioritization of development programmes, and provides focused technical assistance to the Governorates to improve essential service delivery.



Thematic workshop for the preparation of Erbil's Provincial Development Strategy. Photo: UNDP Iraq/2015

### LADP II Engagement

In April 2013, the LADP II was launched in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) with the view to enhance provincial capacities in annual provincial planning, and formulating development strategies that respond to regional strategic planning under the KR-I Vision 2020.

### MATTERS OF FACT

- **3** Provincial Development Strategies formulated for Erbil, Sulaimaniyah and Duhok
- **2** Provincial Annual Plans for 2014 and 2015 provided with technical assistance
- **150** government officials were sensitized on strategic planning and responsive budgeting
- **1,100** stakeholders involved in the participatory planning processes for the preparation of provincial strategies
- **2** manuals produced to document technical assistance as reference for planning processes
- **1** capacity assessment conducted for the KRG Department of NGOs

This component was responding to the following outputs:

- Improved capacities to develop and implement strategies.
- Production of Development Plans responding to regional strategic planning.
- Improved capacity of civil society to advocate for citizens' rights.

### Key Results

With the support of the KRG Ministry of Planning (MoP), LADP achieved the following outcomes:

- Establishment of 3 Provincial Steering Committees and 3 Provincial Planning Committees (PPC) for KR-I governorates of Erbil, Sulaimaniyah and Duhok (Halabcha was not a separate governorate then).
- Provision of technical assistance for the preparation of 2014 and 2015 provincial annual plans, including tools for comprehensive planning, project prioritization, ensuring participatory approaches.
- Formulation of three Provincial Development

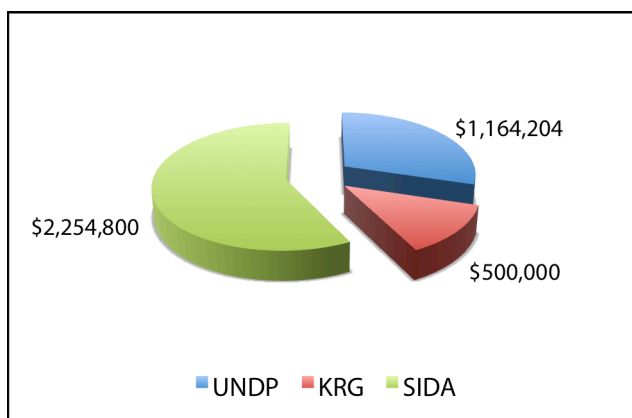
## Strategies for Erbil, Sulaimaniyah and Duhok.

- Conducting of a diagnostic analysis on the capacities of the governorates in planning and budget execution, in cooperation with the KRG Budget Execution Support Project.
- Ensuring the reflection of important linkages between Vision 2022 and planning efforts at the governorates' level, and enhancing coordination with the MoP by providing assistance to the provincial planning teams.
- Conducting of a Capacity Needs Assessment for the KRG Department of Non-Governmental Organizations, with Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) guide to enhance the involvement of civil society organizations in identifying priorities and strategic planning. This included recommendations to support women and youth through the Department's granting scheme.
- Capacity building to provincial staff, MoP and other stakeholders from line ministries on strategic planning, formulating plans, results based management (RBM), feasibility studies, strategy execution and M&E, sectoral/thematic analysis, gender responsive budgeting, and efficient work environment.

LADP II will be printing the provincial development strategies and manuals of related process for future reference. The project for KR-I should be concluded by the end of 2016, where further programmatic activities will be carried out by other phases of UNDP programming.

## LADP II Funding

Contributions of UNDP and SIDA to LADP II have covered all of Iraq, including KR-I. However, LADP EU provided cost sharing of US\$250,000.



\*UNDP Figures as of August 2016

## About UNDP Iraq

Present in Iraq since 1976, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is committed to supporting the Government and people of Iraq during their transition towards reconciliation, reform and stability. UNDP's support ranges from promoting emergency livelihoods and community dialogue in districts impacted by the crisis, to prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) amongst Syrian refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs), to helping stabilize newly liberated areas through its Funding Facility for Immediate Stabilization (FFIS). Further support includes inclusive area-based planning, governance reforms, decentralization, rule of law, and environment and climate change.



LADP II workshop on strategic planning, Erbil. Photo: UNDP Iraq/2015

UNDP is a major partner contributing to democratic process and good governance in Iraq. UNDP has provided technical assistance in support of the 2010 national Parliamentary elections and 2013 provincial elections. Its support to the Government, at both Federal and Regional levels, has been instrumental in prioritizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and safeguarding development gains achieved. UNDP is further committed to help the country to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Well positioned with a track record in different areas, UNDP stands ready to move towards a cutting-edge resilience agenda with a gender-dimension and a specific focus on economy, social cohesion and national reconciliation, in order to help the people of Iraq recover and build a brighter future.

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