

Our partners

UNDP believes that partnerships are fundamental for building broad-based consensus, resource mobilization and effective implementation of programmes for sustainable peace and development in Iraq. UNDP continues to build and expand its partnerships with the Government of Iraq, the Council of Representatives, civil society, media, academia, the private sector, religious and community organizations, UN agencies and international development partners.

UNDP's work in Iraq particularly since 2003 has been mainly funded from UNDP core resources and various other multilateral funding mechanisms, including the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund and the UNDAF Trust Fund.

UNDP Iraq's current donors include Australia, Belgium, Denmark, the European Commission, the European Union, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.



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UNDP is the United Nations global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. We are on the ground in 177 countries and territories, working with governments and people to find solutions to global and national development challenges. UNDP helps developing countries attract and use aid effectively.

Throughout our activities, we encourage the protection of human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. We are committed to facilitating south-south cooperation, and building national capacities for sustainable human development.

UNDP has been present in Iraq for more than 35 years, and currently operates under an agreement signed in 1976 with the then Government of Iraq. With 151 national and international staff members, UNDP Iraq has its main office in Baghdad and offices in Erbil in the Kurdistan Region. As a result of the bombing of UN Headquarters in Baghdad in 2003, UNDP Iraq opened an office in Amman, Jordan.

UNDP's work in Iraq is closely linked with the priorities of the Government and the United Nations in Iraq. UNDP Iraq signed its first Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) for the period 2011-2014 with the Government in March 2011. The CPAP is fully aligned with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (2011-2014) – a joint document of United Nations agencies in Iraq and the Government of Iraq's National Development Plan (2010-2014).

UNDP Iraq's current programme priorities

Democratic Governance

Focused on developing institutions and processes that respond to the needs of Iraqi citizens, including the poor and that promote development.

Our work includes strengthening Iraq's electoral and legislation systems, promoting human rights and the rule of law and improving access to justice and public administration.

Examples of our work

- ▶ Building the capacity of the Independent High Electoral Commission to manage the holding of elections and encourage broad-based political participation
- ▶ Empowering integrity and anti-corruption institutions and supporting the development and implementation of the national anti-corruption strategy
- ▶ Supporting the reform and modernization of the public sector, including civil service reform to improve the quality of basic services provided to Iraqi citizens in education, health and water and sanitation

Economic Recovery and Poverty Alleviation

Focused on promoting pro-poor and inclusive growth and private sector development. Through our programmes we aim to promote sustainable human development by reducing poverty and generating jobs and livelihoods that help improve the quality of life of Iraqis and make progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

In addition, this area helps address the many environmental challenges Iraq faces including climate change, desertification, drought and water.

Examples of our work

- ▶ Improving the quality of essential services through technical assistance in the energy, water and sanitation, electricity and oil sectors
- ▶ Technical assistance and capacity support to promote and expand private sector ventures and small and medium enterprises
- ▶ Support the establishment of a High Committee for Mine Action and clearance of mines throughout Iraq, especially along the border with Iran
- ▶ In cooperation with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, support the renovation and rebuilding of health facilities and the procurement of medical supplies and equipment

