



Fostering justice to curb corruption in Iraq

A partnership between the European Union Delegation to Iraq (EU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Iraqi federal and Kurdistan state institutions.

OBJECTIVE



The overall objective is to build on Iraqi efforts to fight corruption in a sustainable manner and create a conducive environment for attracting foreign investments and private sector development.

The specific objectives are the following:

- Address legislative and strategic gaps in fighting corruption.
- Improve capacity and integrity of public institutions investigating and adjudicating corruption offenses.
- Improve capacity and legal framework to conduct commercial litigation.
- Enable a climate of support in Parliament for fighting corruption and enhancing the commercial litigation system.
- Engage civil society, media and citizens in a constructive dialogue in anti-corruption reform.

WHAT will this project achieve?

Through demand-driven training and tailored technical advice, the project will contribute to:

1. Improved Legislative and Strategic Framework for Anti-Corruption Reforms.
2. The justice sector and Commission of Integrity are better equipped to process corruption offences due to:
 - improved technical skills relevant for corruption investigation, prosecution, adjudication; and
 - improved integrity rules of the justice sector.
3. Improved capacity and legal framework to conduct commercial litigation through:
 - better legal framework and capacity building for arbitration; and
 - further development of the commercial courts.
4. Create a climate of support in Parliament for anti-corruption reforms.
5. Increased transparency and public accountability.

PROJECT TITLE

Support to justice initiatives curbing corruption and promoting commercial dispute resolution

DURATION

4 years

May 2021 to April 2025

FUNDING

European Union Delegation to Iraq

Implementing partner UNDP Iraq

BUDGET

€15 million

KEY IRAQI PARTNERS

Higher Judicial Council of Iraq, Judicial Council of Kurdistan Region, Federal and Regional Commissions of Integrity, Council of Representatives in Iraq, House of Representatives of Kurdistan Region, Federal and Regional Prime Minister Offices, and Iraqi civil society organizations.

Expected results

A robust anti-corruption reform agenda in Iraq will result in improved public services, stronger rule of law and more accountable national systems. Ending impunity of corruption offences will contribute to re-establishing trust between Iraqi citizens and the public institutions that serve them.



- Iraq will improve its position in international rankings for control of corruption, government accountability and transparency, and voice for civil society.



- Iraq will improve its ability to recover the stolen assets both domestically and abroad.



- Improved technical capacity of mandated integrity investigators (commission of integrity investigators and integrity judges).



- A better enabling environment and legal certainty created for foreign and domestic investors and for private sector development.



- Proactive communication and outreach by anti-corruption mandated institutions will increase public accountability and public awareness of the efforts undertaken by state institutions.

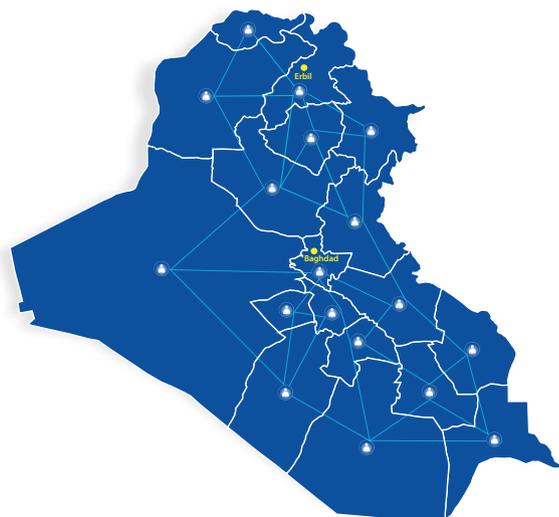


- Iraqi civil society will be enabled to engage in dialogue and be part of the integrity reform process.

WHO benefits?

Ultimately this project benefits all citizens across Iraq. The direct beneficiaries are the Higher Judicial Council and Judicial Council of the Kurdistan Region; Federal and Regional Commissions of Integrity; Council of Representatives and House of Representatives of Kurdistan Region, all in close coordination with the Federal and Regional Prime Minister Offices.

Another key Iraqi partner of this project is Iraqi civil society across the country. The training will notably improve the skills of over 500 justice professionals involved in investigation and adjudication of corruption offenses, over 100 justice professionals directly involved in arbitration and over 100 staffers and members of Parliament will gain detailed knowledge of anti-corruption standards.



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