

**Project B1-06**  
**Project Operationally Completed**  
**Part One Summary**

<b>Participating UN Organisation:</b> UNICEF	<b>Cluster:</b> B - Education and Culture
<b>Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible:</b> Ministry of Education	

**Programme/Project Number: B1-06**

<b>Title</b>	Strengthening Primary and Intermediate Education in Iraq				
<b>Location</b>	All governorates of Iraq				
<b>Project Cost</b>	US\$ 34,253,604				
<b>Duration</b>	18 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	8 August 04	<b>Starting Date</b>	30/6/04	<b>Completion Date</b>	31/12/05
<b>Project Description</b>	The goal of the project is to strengthen and sustain the overall access and quality of primary and intermediate level education through provision of basic teaching/learning materials to all students, and classrooms in 15,500 primary/intermediate level schools, provision of furniture to 3000 primary schools and, comprehensive rehabilitation of 150 primary/intermediate schools.				

**Development Goal and Immediate Objectives**

To strengthen and sustain the overall access and quality of primary and intermediate level education through provision of basic teaching/learning materials to all students and classrooms in 15,500 primary/intermediate level schools, provision of furniture to 3000 primary schools and, comprehensive rehabilitation of 150 primary/intermediate schools.
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**Outputs, Key activities and Procurement**

<b>Outputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.4 million Students in about 15,500 primary/intermediate schools provided with essential teaching/learning materials.</li> <li>150 primary and intermediate schools rehabilitated to meet child friendly standards.</li> <li>186,000 students provided with basic furniture (desks &amp; chairs) in 3000 primary schools.</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide essential teaching/learning materials to 5.4 million students in 15,500 primary/intermediate schools</li> <li>Support physical rehabilitation of 150 primary/intermediate schools</li> <li>Provide basic school furniture for 186,000 primary level students in 3000 schools.</li> </ul>
<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential teaching/learning materials</li> <li>Basic school furniture</li> </ul>

**Situation as of 31 March 2007**

<b>Funds Committed</b>	34,253,604	<b>% of approved</b>	100
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	34,239,622	<b>% of approved</b>	100
<b>Forecast final date</b>	Extended till 31/12/06	<b>Delay (months)</b>	

**Quantitative achievements against objectives and results**

Schools rehabilitation	40 primary/intermediate schools rehabilitated in 10 governorates; Kerbala, Babil, Missan, muthana, Tamim, Basrah, Fallouja/Anbar, Thiqr & Qadissiyah	<b>% of planned</b>	100*
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School Furniture	Equipped schools with 28,500 student desks of each type (A for grades 1-3 & B for grades 4-6) and 57,000 single students' chairs of two types (A & B) for the same above age groups.	<b>% of planned</b>	100
Teaching/Learning materials	3,744,948 education kits of type A & B were procured/delivered for the two age groups of primary level students (grades 1-4 & grades 5-6). 3,362,668 school bags provided for all primary level students in all governorates. 59,252 blackboards were provided based on MOE prioritized needs.	<b>% of planned</b>	100
CFS Manual	Child friendly school manual developed, translated and distributed	<b>% of planned</b>	100

### **Qualitative achievements against objectives and results**

The back-to-school campaign was carried out for the second time as Iraqi communities/parents were striving to ensure that their children attend school, despite the heightened insecurity, which has adversely affected especially girls' full attendance.

More than six million students in more than 17,000 schools returned to learning throughout Iraq with essential learning and teaching materials.

MOE and all 21 Directorates of Education and parents were closely involved in this major endeavour.

\* NOTE: The school rehabilitation component of the project was adjusted to allow for the procurement of additional learning materials for students considered as a priority by MOE. Furthermore, while the initial cost estimates for rehabilitation works amounted to an average of US\$ 50,000 per school, the bidding process showed an increase in the market price for school rehabilitation to US\$ 75,000 per school. Also, the cost of rehabilitation works for the 11 schools located in Falluja/Anbar governorate was found to be much higher than the estimated cost due to extensive damages inflicted to school buildings during the conflict. Finally, additional classrooms were built in some instances to avoid overcrowded classrooms causing additional costs that were not foreseen during the planning phase. Output and budget for this activity were revised as follows:

**Schools to be rehabilitation initially: 150 - Initial allocation: US\$ 7,500,000**

**Actual number of schools to be rehabilitated: 40 - Revised budget: US\$ 3,845,703**