

World Bank Iraq Trust Fund
Project #: TF053196
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Project Summary Sheet

Title	First Capacity Building Project				
Implementing Agency	World Bank				
Location	N/A – Institutional Support				
Sector code (OECD DAC)	<i>15110</i> Economic and development policy / planning				
Compact Priority	<i>4.2.3.1</i> Adopt and implement policies, legislation, regulations, procedures and build institutions of public service management				
Project Cost	US\$3.6 million				
Duration	6 months				
Approval Date	February 2004	Effective Date	February 2004	Closing Date	August 2004
Project Description	The overall aim of the project was to build the capacity of the Iraqi authorities to enable them to participate effectively in the definition and prioritization of international programs of support and to play a leading role in the reconstruction process.				
Beneficiaries	The project focused on the immediate need for Iraqi ministries to become familiar with prioritizing, designing and executing development projects. Overall it benefited over 550 officials from various ministries and local institutions.				
Near Term Employment Creation	N/A				

Strategic Context and Donor Coordination

The project was designed to respond to the immediate and most urgent training needs of the Iraqi public sector staff. The activities undertaken were agreed upon by the Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation and the various ministries concerned, and focused on priority areas for Iraq's development agenda and the preparation and implementation of the World Bank Iraq Trust Fund-financed projects. The European Commission's Rapid Response Mechanism (EC-RRM) provided €3 million for a six-month implementation period, with no extension of the closing date.

Project Development Objective

- Assist Iraqi officials to design and implement projects and start developing sector strategies
- Develop professional networks between Iraqi officials and counterparts in other ministries and neighbouring countries

Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key staff from relevant ministries trained (581 staff from 19 ministries)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on managing the project cycle (procurement, financial management, project management, and safeguards) • Sector-specific training for line ministries • Training for private sector capacity enhancement.
Procurement	N/A

Financial Data (as of 12/31/2007)

Funds Committed	US\$2.5 million	% approved	69%
Funds Disbursed	US\$2.5 million	% approved	69%
Forecast Closing Date	Closed August 2004	Delay (months)	

Progress against indicators

Number of training workshops held and Iraqi officials trained	22 training activities conducted benefiting 581 Iraqi officials from 19 ministries	% of planned	100
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Qualitative Assessment of Project Performance

During the life of the project, twenty-two activities were completed and 581 Iraqis from 19 ministries were trained (including representatives from the Central Bank, the Mayoralty of Baghdad, the Board of Supreme Audit, universities, private banks, Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations). The objectives were achieved and enabled the Iraqi officials to design and implement projects and start developing sector strategies towards meeting the MDGs. Participation in study tours and workshops helped Iraqi officials develop professional networks with counterparts in other ministries and neighboring countries.

Major Implementation Obstacles

N/A – The project is closed