

**World Bank Iraq Trust Fund
Disabilities Project (TF054052/P096774)
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Project Summary Sheet

Title	Disabilities Project				
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Health (MOH)				
Location	Amara, Basra, Samawa, Karbala, Dewaniyah, Kut				
Sector code (OECD DAC)	<i>12191</i>	Medical services			
	<i>15150</i>	Strengthening civil society			
Compact Priority	<i>4.4.1.1</i>	Design and carry out specific policies including reforms and investments towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals			
	<i>4.2.1.1</i>	Adopt and carry out policies to stimulate civil society engagement in reforms			
Project Cost	US\$16.8 million (reduced from US\$19.5 million)				
Duration	61 months				
Approval Date	November 2005	Effective Date	November 2005	Closing Date	December 2010
Project Description	The Project aims to improve access of the disabled population to rehabilitation and prosthetic services, in the targeted areas. Specifically, the Project supports: (i) upgrading the infrastructure and equipment of selected rehabilitation and prosthetic centers throughout Iraq; and (ii) specialized training to improve the rehabilitation services.				
Beneficiaries	The Project will provide (i) access to 500 disabled clients per month per facility; and (ii) medical aids to 39,500 disabled clients.				
Near Term Employment Creation	Although creating immediate employment is not a project objective, the Project will generate short-term jobs through civil works undertaken by local construction companies.				

Strategic Context and Donor Coordination

Iraq has a growing population of disabled people, yet social and rehabilitation services for this group have declined. Given the country's high unemployment rates and poor community services, becoming disabled poses a serious risk of an entire family falling into poverty. Improving services to the disabled is a government priority that requires increased attention of the government and the donor community.

Project Development Objective

Improve access of the disabled population in the targeted areas in Iraq to rehabilitation and prosthetic services

Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct and equip 6 new rehabilitation centers (4 rehabilitation centers and 2 rehabilitation plus workshops) Deliver specialized training to increase capacity of MOH and partners to provide services to the disabled
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation works to ensure delivery of services to the disabled Supply of prosthetics Training of rehabilitation center managers, physiotherapists, physicians, and prosthesis and orthosis technicians.

Procurement	Civil Works:	US\$ 6.1 million
	Goods:	US\$ 7.9 million
	Consulting Services:	US\$ 0.7 million
	Training:	US\$ 1.8 million
	Operating Costs:	US\$ 0.3 million

Financial Data

Funds Committed	US\$16.7 million	% approved	99
Funds Disbursed	US\$16.2 million	% approved	97
Forecast Closing Date	December 2010	Delay (months)	

Progress against Indicators

Number of disabled who have used the newly constructed and equipped facilities	Five project site facilities are now operational, with a 6 th facility finally completed due to issues with building defects. In addition, 2 prosthetic workshops are also functional. An average of 500 patients a day are being served by the project facilities.	% of planned	100
Number of disabled who have received medical aids through the project	39,900		55
Number of new basic rehabilitation centers constructed	Civil works completed		100
Number of new prosthetic workshops constructed	Civil works completed		100
Number of staff trained in the area of physical rehabilitation	65 physiotherapists and 16 physicians have been trained		100
Number of staff trained in the area of production and fitting of prostheses and orthoses	59 staff have been trained		100
Number of facility managers trained in the area of facility management	15 facility managers have been trained		100
Number of medical aids (wheelchairs, crutches, walking sticks, walking frames, walking rollators, tripods) procured	38,697 items procured		100
Number of quarterly progress monitoring reports	6 (semi-annual) reports completed		100

Qualitative Assessment of Project Performance

The Project was restructured and scaled back in March 2009 from 14 sites to six sites for security reasons and changed MOH priorities. Construction is now completed at all six sites, and these sites have now been

handed over to the MOH. The medical aids have been delivered to the Directorate level stores; however, distribution of these aids to the disabled is not completed. The contract for the rehabilitation center and workshop equipment has been signed and the items have been delivered to the project sites. An assessment will be carried out to determine if all the items have been distributed to the end users. All originally planned training for rehabilitation physicians, physiotherapists and workshop technicians has been completed, and additional training is being carried out under the restructured Project.

The Project was restructured again in June 2010 to (i) extend the Project closing date from June 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010, thus providing the opportunity for the MOH to apply uncommitted funds in the amount of US\$520,000 to procure an additional 138 electric wheelchairs in high demand and urgently needed for individuals with disabilities, as well as to give sufficient time for detailed data collection and analysis of project outputs and outcomes; and (ii) to reallocate funding to adjust the disbursement categories to the actual costs and expected final expenditures.

Major Implementation Obstacles

Overall implementation of the Project has been moderately satisfactory since the Project was restructured. However, the Project could have benefitted from increased monitoring and evaluation by the MOH/PMT to effectively track the results of the Project. The MOH has made assurances that the functioning of the centers is being met with adequate inputs for supplies and operating costs. The medical aids have not been fully distributed to beneficiaries to date. The Project is now closed with the Implementation Completion Report (ICR) under preparation.