

**World Bank Iraq Trust Fund
Regional Emergency Health Response Project (TF092237/P107698)
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Project Summary Sheet

Title	Regional Emergency Health Response Project				
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Health of Kurdistan Regional Government of the Republic of Iraq (KRG MOH)				
Location	Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Dahuk				
Sector code (OECD DAC)	<i>12110</i>	Health policy and administrative management			
	<i>12181</i>	Medical education and training			
	<i>12191</i>	Medical services			
	<i>12220</i>	Basic health care			
	<i>12230</i>	Basic health infrastructure			
	<i>12281</i>	Health personnel development			
Compact Priority	<i>4.4.1.1</i>	Design and carry out specific policy reforms and investments towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals			
	<i>4.4.1.4.2</i>	Improve administration and emergency management in the health care system			
Project Cost	\$13.2 million				
Duration	40 months				
Approval Date	June 2008	Effective Date	July 2008	Closing Date	December 2011
Project Description	The Project aims to assist the KRG to establish rapid, coordinated and effective response services to health emergencies. The Project will: (i) establish and equip 3 Emergency Coordination Centers; (ii) train approximately 290 medical and paramedical staff in pre-hospital emergency services; and (iii) construct or rehabilitate 3 blood banks.				
Beneficiaries	Population of the three governorates, including internally displaced people totals around 5 million				
Near Term Employment Creation	While generating local employment is not a direct objective of the Project, the Project will utilize local contractors.				

Strategic Context and Donor Coordination

The World Bank has considerable experience in the health sector in Iraq, with: (i) two ITF-financed projects implemented by the central Ministry of Health in Baghdad; and (ii) two Post-Conflict Fund projects implemented at the sub-national level. This Project, with a regional implementation approach, targets interventions in a decentralized context. A number of UN agencies are currently active in the health sector in the Kurdish Region, including UNOPS, UNFPA, WHO, and UNICEF. In addition, the US, Korea and Japan provide bilateral support to the health sector in the form of reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of several hospitals and primary care centers.

Project Development Objective

The Project aims to assist the KRG to build its capacity to respond to health emergencies in a rapid, coordinated and effective manner.

Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish 3 Emergency Coordination Centers (ECCs) • Establish an emergency communication system • Provide 12 ambulances • Train of technical staff (emergency physicians, nurses, paramedics, ambulance)
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	drivers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction/rehabilitate of 3 blood banks
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction, rehabilitation, training of technical staff, procurement of goods and equipment.
Procurement	Civil Works: US\$1.3 million Goods: US\$7.5 million Consulting Services: US\$0.4 million Training: US\$0.7 million Project Management : US\$2.5 million Unallocated: US\$0.8 million

Financial Data

Funds Committed	\$10.0 million	% approved	76
Funds Disbursed	\$10.8 million	% approved	82
Forecast Closing Date	December 2011	Delay (months)	6

Progress against Indicators

Three functional Emergency Coordination Centers	Civil works for 3 Emergency Coordination Centers underway; equipment installation underway.	% of planned	95
Technical staff trained in pre-hospital emergency services	Initial training plan has been approved, and training is underway.		95
Three blood banks constructed or rehabilitated and equipped	Civil works contracts for Blood Banks signed and work already underway at all three sites.		100

Qualitative Assessment of Project Performance

With the obtaining of the radio frequencies in May 2011, the completion of the three Emergency Communications Centers (ECCs) has been the major thrust over the last period. The Blood Banks have all been completed, however, the ECCs, though mostly completed, have yet to be fully installed with the emergency systems and radio software. This is currently ongoing. However, other aspects are not yet completed to make the system operational until January 2012. Therefore, a six-month extension has been requested by the Ministry of Health to June 30, 2012, to complete all inputs, and to have the system operational and to collect data. Radio equipment has been installed in all the ambulances (102), of which the 12 ambulances procured under project have also benefitted. Handover to the MOH is still pending. Radio site development is underway and should be completed by December 2011/January 2012. The emergency response training program for medical and paramedical staff is on track, and will be completed by end-October 2011 as planned. Complementary live training will be provided to dispatchers once the ECCs are fully operational. During the extension period, UNOPS has agreed to a no-fee extension of three months, with the expectation that all the project components will have been fully completed.

Major Implementation Obstacles

The main challenges include: (i) keeping on track with implementation and respecting timelines; (ii) quality oversight by UNOPS during the three month no fee extension; and (iii) preparation of the media campaign and receptivity to the new emergency model by all stakeholders.