



EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Grant Amount: US\$5 million

Effectiveness Date: December 2006

Implementing Entity: Ministry of Environment (MOE)

Strategic Context and Donor Coordination:

The Second Interim Strategy for Iraq supports sector reform agenda on environment, water and waste water management, energy, agriculture and drainage and education sectors to be funded through the ITF as well as International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Development Agency (IDA) credit. The environment section of the *Second Interim Strategy* calls for (a) the *provision* of training on environment and social safeguards based on the Environment and Social Screening and Assessment Framework (ESSAF) for Iraq, (b) developing and implementing the Emergency Environment Management Project (EEMP) and (c) preparing a regional project in Shatt El Arab. EEMP is the first environmental operation in Iraq.

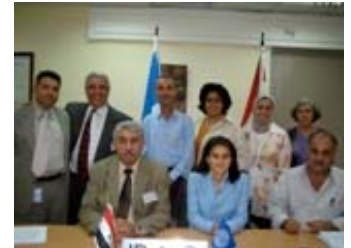
Project Objective and Description:

The project development objective is to strengthen key institutional and regulatory functions of the Ministry of Environment. These key institutional and regulatory functions will enable MOE to undertake environmental policy analysis and coordination, formulate laws and regulations, monitor environmental quality, promote environmental awareness and conduct technical studies.

Geographic Coverage: Nationwide.

Beneficiaries / Outputs:

- Prepare an Environmental Action Plan to analyze environmental issues and propose priorities for intervention in the next 3-5 years.
- Install and monitor 18 air quality monitoring stations installed in three cities;
- Prepare Master Plan for solid waste management in Baghdad;
- Prepare a health care waste management plan.



Signing of the Grant Agreement (Dec06)

Project Components and Costs:

The project comprises three components:

- (i) Strengthen the Environmental Management Capacity of the MOE (US\$0.9 million)
- (ii) Develop Capacity in Environmental Monitoring (US\$ 2.6 million)
- (iii) Strengthen Technical Capacity in Waste Management (US\$0.8 million)

Implementation and Status: Project effective since December 2006. Procurement to undertake components (i) and (iii) is underway and invitation for bids to purchase air quality monitoring stations have been launched. A promising cooperation between the Ministry of Environment, the Mayoralty of Baghdad and the Ministry of Health has been observed so far to ensure a proper implementation of component (iii). A training workshop on ESSAF is planned for March 18-22, 2007 in Amman with a delegation of 20 Iraqi officials expected.