

Frequently Asked Questions, Iraq UNDAF (2011-2014)



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What is the UNDAF?

The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) presents and describes the UN's collective response to national development priorities where the UN brings comparative advantages in advocacy, capacity development, policy advice and programming for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Iraq's first UNDAF, signed by the UN Country Team and the Government of Iraq in May 2010, represents the UN's renewed commitment to improve the lives of Iraqis, by uniting the UN system in support of Iraq's national priorities for reform, modernization and socio-economic revival. The UNDAF covers a four year period, 2011 – 2014, and brings the UN planning cycle into harmony with the Government of Iraq's National Development Plan (NDP) for the period, 2010 – 2014.

What is the CCA and how does it relate to the UNDAF?

The Common Country Assessment (CCA) is a UN analysis of the national development context which identifies key development issues with a focus on the MDGs and Iraq's internationally agreed treaty obligations. The CCA supports, and strengthens both the UN and the government planning process to ensure that the UN's response at the country level remains effective and relevant to national development priorities.

Iraq's CCA focuses on the primary themes of governance, pro-poor economic growth and ensures quality essential services including education, health, shelter and water and sanitation. Applying gender, human rights



and conflict analysis, the document examines the impact of nearly three decades of wars, internal conflicts, violence and economic stagnation on the people of Iraq and identifies potential priority areas for the UNDAF.

What are the priorities being addressed by the UNDAF and how do they align with Iraq's national priorities?

There are five UNDAF priority areas, identified and agreed upon with the Government of Iraq:

1. Improved governance, including protection of human rights;
2. Inclusive, more equitable and sustainable economic growth;
3. Environmental management and compliance with ratified international environmental treaties and obligations;
4. Increased access to quality essential services, and;
5. Investment in human capital and empowerment of women, youth and children.

The priorities will support the Government of Iraq to meet its international obligations as indicated in the Millennium Declaration, the Millennium Development Goals, various international conventions and treaties signed and ratified by Iraq and the principles of Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness¹.

Who are the participating UN agencies in the UNDAF?

In addition to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), a total of 16 resident and four non-resident UN Agencies, programmes and funds participate in the UNDAF. The resident agencies include Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Labour Organization (ILO), UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN

1. To download http://www.adb.org/media/articles/2005/7033_international_community_aid/paris_declaration.pdf

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UN Population Fund (UNFPA), UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA), UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The four non-resident agencies are UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), UN Environment Programme (UNEP), UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

How will the UNDAF be implemented?

An UNDAF Steering Committee will

be established under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator and the Government of Iraq to undertake implementation and oversight of the UNDAF. Priority Working Groups, co-chaired by the UN and Iraqi ministries, will be established for each of the five UNDAF priorities to guide the coordinated development of programmes including planning, monitoring and evaluation and reporting. Joint programming, co-financing and harmonized monitoring will ensure that the UNDAF remains aligned with the National Development Plan and other national priorities.

What are the financial requirements for the UNDAF in Iraq?

The UNDAF will be implemented by the UN Country Team under the leadership of, and in partnership with the Government of Iraq, the Iraqi civil society, private sector, academia and the international donor community. The estimated resources required for the UNDAF total 1.9 billion US\$ out

of which the UN has pledged around 250 million US\$.

The UN will develop a resource and partnership mobilization strategy to ensure all actors including the Government of Iraq, the United Nations, the international donor community, the civil society, the private sector and the academia are fully engaged in the process.

As the UNDAF is a collective undertaking of the UN with the Government of Iraq, in line with commitments under the Paris Declaration, the Government and the international donor community are expected to contribute to the UNDAF funding requirements.

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