

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

Project Summary Sheet

Project #: A5 - 06

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Participating UN Organisation: FAO	Sector: Agriculture and Food Security
Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible:	MoLSA

Programme/Project Number: A5-06 (OSRO/IRQ/405/UDG)

Title	Promotion of Cottage Industries in Rural and Urban Areas				
Location	Thi-Qar Governorate (the lower south of Iraq).				
Project Cost	US\$ 5,013,000				
Duration	June 2004 – June 2006				
Approval Date (SC)	June 2004	Starting Date	Dec. 2004	Completion Date	June 2006 Closed
Project Description	Food security and poverty alleviation through increasing household incomes of vulnerable groups by introducing them, particularly women and women headed households to small scale income generating cottage industries.				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

<p>Development Goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poverty alleviation in vulnerable households. Create jobs and increase the income level of the households in the targeted communities through the promotion of appropriate cottage industry activities. <p>Immediate Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce vulnerable households to appropriate and sustainable small scale income generating activities. Upgrade the skills base of existing households currently undertaking cottage activities in the project areas Establish Cottage activity associations. <p>Establish Cottage industry facility centres to act as project focal points.</p>
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Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of profitable small scale and sustainable cottage activities ranging from food processing to metal working; wood working, textiles, weaving, leather work and masonry. Establishment of cottage industry associations within each targeted community to represent those cottage activities supported by the project. Establishment of a cottage industry facilities centre within each of the targeted communities to provide technical management and marketing advice to households.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare inception Reports in collaboration with appropriate ministries, partner agencies and NGO implementing partners to provide a detailed project work plan. Identification of technically feasible cottage activities and processes including identification of raw materials supplies and consumer markets. Selection of vulnerable group beneficiaries including IDP's, refugees and returnees. Establishment of cottage industry community centres in key project areas to act as a focal point for management monitoring and marketing.



**Procurement
(major items)**

- Equipment and tools for vulnerable groups (women and IDPs) and unemployed youth
- Plant and machinery for associations and small scale enterprises.
- Equipment and plant for vocational training centres.

Situation As of 08 May 2008

Funds Committed		% of approved	
Funds Disbursed		% of approved	
Forecast final date		Delay (months)	

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

Procurement of equipment Plant and machinery	851,000 USD	% of planned	100%
Rehabilitation and renovation and equipping VTC	3	% of planned	100%
Training of Trainers	56	% of planned	100%
Training of Beneficiaries	400	% of planned	40%
Distribution of equipment to beneficiaries and associations	225	% of planned	80%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

Project monitoring system is collecting information on qualitative changes made on beneficiaries. So far there is some evidence that unemployed youth have launched self-help associations in the welding and metal works that are addressing service gaps in semi rural communities. They are serving as excellent demonstration for available opportunities in self-employment for those with bankable technical skills.

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