

# United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

## Project Summary Sheet

Project #: A5 - 16

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<b>Participating UN Organisation:</b> FAO	<b>Sector:</b> Agriculture and Food Security
<b>Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)	

### Programme/Project Number: A5-16 (OSRO/IRQ/502/UDG)

<b>Title</b>	Rehabilitation and Development of the National Seed Industry in Iraq				
<b>Location</b>	Nationwide coverage for the strategy and technical assistance. Seed policy and legislation. Physical rehabilitation in North, Centre and South. Training overseas and in the country				
<b>Project Cost</b>	US\$ 5, 383, 460				
<b>Duration</b>	30 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	20/4/2006	<b>Starting Date</b>	1/7/2006	<b>Completion Date</b>	31/12/2008
<b>Project Description</b>	Formulation of a national seed policy; revision and updating of existing seed legislation; improvement of coordination and oversight arrangements; rehabilitation of damaged seed production infrastructure in government research centres and the State Board for Seed Testing and Certification; training of selected personnel in key seed industry disciplines.				

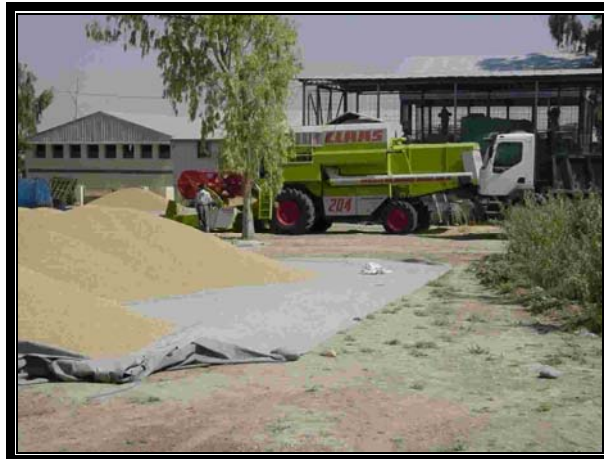
### Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

The development goal of the project is to improve food security and nutrition in Iraq. This will be achieved through the immediate objectives of rehabilitation and improvement of the national seed programme, which will promote the availability and use of high quality seeds of adapted varieties to farmers and provide the foundation of a sustainable seed industry.

### Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

<b>Outputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A national seed policy formulated, existing seed legislation reviewed and recommendations provided for its further improvement;</li> <li>- A functional seed programme coordination and oversight body the National Seed Council put in place; existing database for seed quality control operations improved and strengthened; transportation and communication system in SBSTC for field inspection, seed processing plants and other seed quality control operations improved with procurement of essential equipment;</li> <li>- Essential buildings for seed testing laboratories constructed. Adapted varieties characterized and breeder seeds produced in the research stations; variety maintenance techniques and procedures for the targeted crops developed; foundation seed production undertaken for wheat, barley, corn and rice using breeder seeds from the research stations;</li> <li>- Exposure of 2 senior Iraqi staff and 30 scientists to the latest international technologies and development in improving national seed industry.</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organize a national seed workshop followed by a national seed policy forum and draft a national seed policy; prepare full TOR, structure and mandate of a National Seed Council; undertake review of existing seed legislation;</li> <li>- Undertake laboratory building construction works; as well as install equipment and machines in seed laboratories and research stations;</li> <li>- Seeds production and quality control: assist research stations in the production of breeder seeds; assist in production of foundation seed production in the centres; develop required techniques and procedures for variety maintenance;</li> <li>- Capacity building: arrange study tour overseas for 2 senior staff; organize fellowships abroad on seed technology of targeted crops for 30 participants;</li> </ul>

conduct in-service training on variety maintenance, on variety development and evaluation, on seed production and marketing system, and on seed quality control; organize in-service training for 115 technical personnel in area of seed technology including use and management of improved database.



**Procurement  
(major items)**

Agricultural equipment, seed processing plant, and seed testing equipment.

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