

# United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

## Project Summary Sheet

Project #: A5 - 17

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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: A5-17 (OSRO/IRQ/602/UDG)

<b>Title</b>	Community Livelihoods and Micro-Industry Support Project in rural and urban areas of North-Iraq				
<b>Location</b>	Urban, Rural and isolated villages in selected areas within Sulaimaniyah, Erbil and Kirkuk Governorates.				
<b>Project Cost</b>	US\$ 6,300,116				
<b>Duration</b>	March 2006– September 2007 ( 18 months )				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	20/4/2006	<b>Start Date</b>	June 2006	<b>Completion Date</b>	Feb., 2008
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The purpose of the current project is to increase the capability of rural and urban communities in the Northern Iraq to engage in viable non-farming agro-enterprises addressing not only their priorities but also facilitating their on-going participation in their development process. Planned activities include: (i) Empowerment of targeted communities, both men and women, to begin to plan, implement and manage their own development activities; (ii) Support to raising processing technology and production levels in targeted villages by providing the rural poor and marginalized populations the means to process their agricultural products; (iii) Capacity building to improve the technical skills in the region, especially the youth and IDP's through appropriate marketable training in the agro-manufacturing or service industry sectors; (iv) Support to the communities in the establishment of a variety of viable auxiliary income-generating activities in the food processing sector and other cottage agro-industries, thereby strengthening their household economy. The Beneficiaries are poor and marginalized communities in urban and rural areas within Sulaimaniyah, Erbil and Kirkuk Governorates. The destructive effects of war necessitate emergency assistance in order to remedy the extremely difficult situation of the population in terms of food security, poverty and economic recovery. It is estimated that about 3,000 households will benefit from the project activities.</p>				

### Development Goal and Immediate Objectives



#### Development Goal:

- Help consolidate the peace process and economic recovery of the country. This will be achieved through increased capability of marginalized and poor communities to engage in viable non-farming agro-enterprises, thus reducing their dependency on relief aid and helping them to move towards sustainable livelihood. This is in line with the UN Goals and the Iraqi assistance strategy and National Development Strategy (NDS) 2005-2007: "Rehabilitating livelihoods that have been destroyed and helping people to develop sustainable livelihoods through a right-based approach to reduce poverty".

#### Immediate Objectives:

- Support the local communities in the establishment of a variety of viable auxiliary income-generating activities in the food processing sector and other cottage agro-industries, thereby strengthening their household economy so they can contribute to their well-being on their own.
- Raise technology and production levels in targeted villages by providing the poor and marginalized communities the means to process their agricultural products.
- Improve the technical and business management skills of people in the project area especially the women, youth and the IDP's, through appropriate training in the food processing, construction, manufacturing or service sectors.

## Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

<b>Outputs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A more capable local community addressing not only their priorities but also facilitating their on-going participation in their development process.</li> <li>2. 15 model business associations in food processing centres and other cottage agro-industries established and linked with markets.</li> <li>3. A minimum of 2,000 households benefiting directly from improved technologies for post-harvest activities.</li> </ol>
<b>Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirm the needs of project beneficiaries and carry-out viability assessment of the chosen micro-industry activities, including environment impact.</li> <li>2. Selection of final project sites in conjunction with all stakeholders and based on the distribution of vulnerable groups in both urban and rural areas.</li> <li>3. Plan and organise training on basic entrepreneurial skills with special emphasis on new ideas in food processing and other cottage industries and technologies; i.e. tailoring, carpet making, woodwork, metalwork, etc.</li> <li>4. Procure equipment for identified economic activities and supervise its installation for food and non-food industries and to individual beneficiaries, including, Food Processing, Fabrication/Welding; Vehicle Mechanics; Woodwork/Joinery; Building Construction; Electrics; etc.</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	Procurement of Food and Non Food Technologies including; equipment, Plant and Machinery for Individual beneficiaries and associations and vocational training centres.

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