

# United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

## Project Summary Sheet

Project #: A5 - 19

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**Participating UN Organisation** FAO - UNIDO | **Sector:** Agriculture and Food Security

**Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture , Ministry of Industry

**Programme/Project Number:** A5-XX (OSRO/IRQ/XXX/UDG)

<b>Title</b>	Modernization and Development of the Dairy Cattle Sector in Iraq				
<b>Location</b>	Iraq : Wassit and Salah Al-Din (all outputs); Babylon, Baghdad, Thi Qar, Tameem, Muthanna, Najaf				
<b>Project Cost</b>	US\$ 17,900,000				
<b>Duration</b>	24 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>		Start Date		Completion Date	
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The proposed project builds upon achievements of recently completed FAO emergency assistance programs to Iraq in re-establishment of essential livestock services which have collapsed due to widespread looting and damage during the last war in 2003. The programme will introduce innovative techniques for efficient cattle breeding and management and will work closely with government institutions and producers to build their capacities in organizing the production base at grassroots level with the aim of increasing milk production quantitatively and qualitatively, reducing post-harvest losses, and creating market and employment opportunities along the dairy value chain in both rural and urban areas. The Iraqi population will benefit from improved income, nutrition, health and well being.</p>				



### Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

- Enhanced production and increased productivity of milk and meat of the dairy herds in Iraq
- Strengthened rural and institutional technical and management capacity in the context of dairy herds
- In large the private sector base for participation in the development of dairy sector

### Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

<b>Outputs</b>	
<b>Activities</b>	<p>The project will implement the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A detailed cattle production system study in the targeted governorates with particular reference to feeding systems, forage development potential and production constraints in order to highlight the main issues, strategic options and development priorities.</li> <li>2) Identification of project beneficiaries using the results of the livestock survey and additional field investigations and wide consultations with</li> </ol>

	<p>local livestock extension staff, village and farmers representatives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Identification of milk collection/ semen distribution centers to be rehabilitated and the exact location of the centers to be newly established based upon the location and geographical spread of the beneficiary farmers</li> <li>4) Civil works for the centers to be rehabilitated or constructed, procurement and installation of equipment. All civil works will be handled and funded by the MoA</li> <li>5) Finalization of the development and adaptation of embryo transfer techniques at the government research laboratories, procurement of additional equipment and delivery of additional training of the technical staff as required. The frozen embryos selection criteria will be based on the family pedigree recording system.</li> <li>6) Identification of a group of relatively large dairy farmers within the project areas to serve for the initial implementation of embryo transfer and as demonstration units for the project small-medium size beneficiary farmers</li> <li>7) Establishment of systems of milk collection from the farms, quality control, pricing according to quality, transport, cooling, storage and marketing</li> <li>8) Establishment of producers groups and associations with selected farmers among those delivering milk to the collection centers and provision of the necessary initial training, advise, incentives and encouragements to ensure ownership, viability and sustainability</li> <li>9) Initiation of animal identification in the herds of participating farmers and performance recording schemes to be linked to the milk collection and delivery process.</li> <li>10) Organization of a series of field days, training sessions and demonstrations to raise awareness about the good practices in dairy herd management, milk quality and hygiene, and the importance and benefits of farmer's organization into groups or cooperatives</li> <li>11) Preparation of a national dairy development plan based on experience and achievements gained at the pilot scale in the targeted governorates</li> <li>12) Validation of the plan in a series of workshops involving all stakeholders, to be conducted at the end of the project</li> </ol>
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<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	

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