

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

Project Summary Sheet

Project #: A5 - 16

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Participating UN Organisation: FAO | Sector: Agriculture and Food Security

Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)


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

Title	Rehabilitation and Development of the National Vegetable Seed Industry in Iraq				
Location	Baghdad, Babil, Kerbala				
Project Cost	US\$ 3,125,000				
Duration	24 months				
Approval Date (SC)		Starting Date		Completion Date	
Project Description	The project aims to improve food security and nutrition for the Iraqi people with increased domestic production of vegetable crops. This will be brought about by improved seeds use of locally adapted varieties of the major vegetable crops, by rehabilitation of the infrastructure in the government research centres and by enhancing seed production and quality control capacity. The project activities will be concentrated in the major vegetable growing areas of Iraq which are located in the Central and Southern regions. The implementing partner of the project will be the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) with active participation of State Company for Horticulture and Forestry (SCHF) and State Board for Seed Testing and Certification (SBSTC). At the end of the project it is envisaged that the capacity of the government research centres in production of foundation seed of improved vegetable varieties would be enhanced significantly, the damaged infrastructures would be rehabilitated with provision of the equipment for production, processing and quality control resulting in viable local seed multiplication and supply in place with considerable participation of private sector. The technical capabilities of Iraqi human resources will be enhanced.				

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 vegetable 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

Outputs	
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Activities	 A photograph showing a red tractor with a white cab and a blue implement, likely a plow or harrow, working in a large, flat, brownish field. The sky is clear and blue. The tractor is positioned in the center of the frame, moving away from the viewer.
Procurement (major items)	

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