UNDP Iraq

Local Area Development Programme (LADP)

In response to the fragmented process of local development in Iraq, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has been supporting Governorates in building capacity for effective planning and implementation of local development strategies through the Local Area Development Programme (LADP).

Funded by the European Union (EU), the Programme duration is envisaged for 3 years to target 12 Governorates: Anbar, Basra, Diyala, Dohuk, Erbil, Kirkuk, Missan, Muthana, Ninewah, Qadisiya, Salah al-Din, and Sulaimaniyah.

Launch of the Sulaimaniyah Provincial Development Strategy: Plant the Plan by Planting a Tree. Photo: UNDP Iraq/2015

LADP works with the Governorates’ administration and senior management, the Federal Government of Iraq, and the Kurdistan Regional Government, to ensure full commitment to principles featured through the promotion of participatory processes, addressing local challenges, the establishment of local performance measurement systems based on transparency and accountability, mainstreaming gender equality, protecting the most vulnerable and the disabled, and ensuring environmental sustainability. Signing the LADP Charter, Governorates have fully endorsed these values.

MATTERS OF FACT

- 12 Provincial Steering Committees established, including for women issues and CSOs, to ensure the inclusion of communities and vulnerable groups
- 9 governorates supported to develop work plans
- 25,000 trees planted in Goizha Mountain for the launch of the Provincial Development Strategy in Sulaimaniyah
- 103 representatives (56% females) from 18 Governorates received training on gender equality and gender sensitive budgeting
- 52 representatives of technical directorates in 12 governorates received capacity development in the preparation of comprehensive and sustainable energy plans

UNDP’s engagement has been endorsed by the National Advisory Committee (NAC) chaired by the Federal Minister of Planning, Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) Minister of Planning, Head of the European Union Delegation to Iraq, and UNDP Country Director, or their delegates. The NAC also includes representatives of the Prime Minister’s Advisory Committee (PMAC), Federal and KR-I Ministries of Municipalities and Finance, and 12 Governors.

To guide the strategic planning process, LADP also works with the Provincial Steering Committees (PSCs) established at each Governorate level. The aim is to achieve a clear future vision building on the vision and objectives of each governorate, and to ensure inclusivity of all stakeholders in local development dynamics, including the vulnerable and marginalized groups. PSCs are composed of the Governor/his representative, civil society, academia, business sector, and a representative for women issues.

LADP Engagement

LADP focuses on capacity building of Iraq’s local and national public administrations, through:
• Improved capacity for planning and implementation at the governorate level for higher budget execution, service delivery, and better sector wide planning.

• Improved communications and coordination between the central and governorate levels, and increased participation of communities in local development.

Key Results

Through the EU funding of LADP, UNDP has been able to extend its support to the Iraqi people by engaging all stakeholders at the federal, provincial and local levels to achieve greater impact. Key results in 2015:

• Conceptualization of three Provincial Development Strategies for Dohuk, Erbil and Sulaimaniyah;

• Launch of the Sulaimaniyah Provincial Development Strategy;

• Initiation of the National Urban and Governorate Urban Strategies;

• Initiation of Conservation and Development Plan for a heritage urban centre in Basra;

• Development of work plans for 9 Governorates;

• Assessment of the basic needs for services in Tikrit;

• Online data management and information sharing platform for urban planning amongst governorates and with the central government;

• Human resources database in Dohuk;

• Capacity building to improve budget execution and sectoral planning in Iraq’s 18 Governorates, as well as to enhance the provision of technical assistance to adopt gender sensitive budgeting and planning process;

• Capacity building for 12 governorates in sustainable planning and saving clean energy for cities;

• Raising awareness amongst key stakeholders in KR-I on water challenges and efficient conservation.

LADP Funding

The European Union has contributed a total of US $13,069,750 (€11,500,000) to LADP; of which $4,375,312 (€3,849,813) allocated in 2015.

About UNDP Iraq

Present in Iraq since 1976, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is committed to supporting the Government and people of Iraq during their transition towards reconciliation, reform and stability. UNDP’s support ranges from promoting emergency livelihoods and community dialogue in districts impacted by the crisis, to prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) amongst Syrian refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs), to helping stabilize newly liberated areas through its Funding Facility for Immediate Stabilization (FFIS). Further support includes inclusive area-based planning, governance reforms, decentralization, rule of law, and environment and climate change.

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