

# GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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**UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2024**  
**Reporting from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**

## 1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Project Details

<b>GEF ID:</b> 9744	<b>Umoja WBS:</b> SB-009799
<b>SMA IPMR ID:</b> 36856	<b>Grant ID:</b>
<b>Project Short Title:</b> GEF-funded UNEP CCCD project in Iraq	
<b>Project Title:</b> Establishing a Functional Environmental Information System for the Synergistic Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) for Iraq	
<b>Duration months planned:</b>	36
<b>Duration months age:</b>	57
<b>Project Type:</b>	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
<b>Parent Programme if child project:</b>	
<b>Project Scope:</b>	National
<b>Region:</b>	Europe
<b>Countries:</b>	Iraq
<b>GEF Focal Area(s):</b>	Cross-Cutting Capacity Development
<b>GEF financing amount:</b>	\$ 1,135,000.00
<b>Co-financing amount:</b>	\$ 610,000.00
<b>Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:</b>	2018-03-23
<b>UNEP Project Approval Date:</b>	2018-05-08
<b>Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):</b>	2018-10-15
<b>Date of Inception Workshop, if available:</b>	2018-10-15
<b>Date of First Disbursement:</b>	2018-06-21
<b>Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:</b>	\$ 1,090,000.00
<b>Total expenditure as of 30 June:</b>	\$ 901,734.00

<b>Midterm undertaken?:</b>	Yes
<b>Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:</b>	2024-04-01
<b>Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:</b>	
<b>Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:</b>	2022-05-30
<b>Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:</b>	2024-06-30
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:</b>	2024-12-30
<b>Expected Financial Closure Date:</b>	2025-06-30

## 1.2 Project Description

Establishing a functional environmental information system to enhance the capacities of Iraq for monitoring and reporting on Multilateral Environmental Agreements through a well-integrated and functional environment information system. This project is funded by GEF and executed by UNEP and the Iraqi Ministry of Health and Environment (MOHE) in partnership with the Iraqi Ministry of Planning (MOP) / Central Statistics Organization (CSO).

- **Component 1:** Development of a coordinated environmental knowledge and information management system.

1.1 The creation of a streamlined and integrated data and information system at the national level that takes into consideration the decentralized governance system in Iraq for use in decision-making, planning, and reporting.

1.2 Improved regular environmental monitoring by directorates of environment in the governorates and other relevant agencies to integrate MEAs and relevant SDGs into the data collection and reporting procedures and system.

- **Component 2:** Enhancement of institutional coordination and technical capacities to mainstream, develop, and utilize policies for the effective implementation of MEAs and relevant SDGs.

2.1 Regulatory and collaborative institutional set-up for sustainable and transparent sharing of environmental information.

2.2 Enhanced capacities to develop and implement results-based and impact-oriented policies, plans and programme integrating MEAs and related SDGs.

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### 1.3 Project Contacts

<b>Division(s) Implementing the project</b>	Early Warning and Assessment Division
<b>Name of co-implementing Agency</b>	
<b>Executing Agency (ies)</b>	Ministry of Environment of Iraq, supported by UNEP West Asia Office
<b>names of Other Project Partners</b>	The Central Statistical Organization (CSO) Iraq
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<b>Communications Lead, if relevant</b>	Hoda El-Turk

## 2 Overview of Project Status

### 2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

<b>UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):</b>	Foundational: Science-policy
<b>UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):</b>	Sub-programme (SP-7) Environment Under Review
<b>PoW Indicator(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science-policy: (i) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities that, as a result of UNEP support, have strengthened capacity to develop sound environmental data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning systems</li> <li>• Science-policy: (ii) Number of relevant global, regional and national forums, institutions and Governments using data, statistics, scientific assessments and early warning and foresight systems provided by UNEP for catalysing policymaking and action</li> </ul>
<b>UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages</b>	The project responds to strategic priority 4: promoting natural resource and disaster risk management, and climate change resilience of the 2020-2024 UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for Iraq.
<b>Link to relevant SDG Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</li> <li>• Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels</li> <li>• Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</li> </ul>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Targets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning</li> <li>• 13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning</li> <li>• 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements</li> <li>• 17.14 Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development</li> <li>• 17.16 Enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in all countries, in particular developing countries</li> <li>• 17.18 By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts</li> </ul>

## 2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	100	350	350	
11.1- Male	100	110	115	During the final stage of the project, including the last modifications, testing, and approval, there has been a slight increase in the number of beneficiaries since the "2023 Update." However, the number of beneficiaries is expected to rise significantly once the system goes live.
11.2- Female	100	110	120	During the final stage of the project, including the last modifications, testing, and approval, there has been a slight increase in the number of beneficiaries since the "2023 Update." However, the number of beneficiaries is expected to rise significantly once the system goes live.

Implementation Status 2023: Final PIR

### 2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	Final PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	4th PIR	MS	MS	L
FY 2022	3rd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2021	2nd PIR	S	MS	L
FY 2020	1st PIR	S	MS	L
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

#### Summary of status

The EIS Iraq project has successfully concluded, marking the completion of several critical activities that laid the final groundwork for the Environmental Information System (EIS) in Iraq. These activities encompassed obtaining implementing necessary customizations, updating the EIS based on subsequent meetings and documented feedback, and performing thorough testing and migration into the Ministry of Environment MoE's cloud environment. Additionally, the system has been seamlessly integrated with the official EIS Iraq domain: <https://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/>.

During this reporting period phase, several pivotal documents has been developed, including the Sustainability Strategy, Data Management Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism, Comprehensive Guide to Enhance and Institutionalize Collaboration, Consultation, and Information Sharing for Implementing MEAs and SDGs, and Sectoral Strategy.

In addition, infographics and awareness materials were developed to introduce the environmental information system.

Furthermore, advanced training for the MoE IT team, responsible for sustaining the system post-handover, was conducted in Savona, Italy. This training was crucial to ensure the team's capability to maintain and update the system's data in the future. And training for key personnel on the integration of environmental management into planning and monitoring processes.



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Below are the main activities that took place during the reporting period from July 2023 to June 2024:

**Activity 1.2.1** Elaborate agreement and SOPs: Based on the analysis conducted under output 1.1 and in a consultative process, elaborate agreement, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for coordinated data management (in parallel with outputs 1.3 and 2.1)

**Activity 3.1.1** Identify regulatory and collaborative mechanisms and processes: Based on the agreement elaborated under 1.2, identify additional measures, at inter and intra ministerial levels, to support enhanced collaboration, consultation and sharing of information in support of the implementation of MEAs and SDGs

**Activity 3.2.1** Elaborate M&E mechanism: Elaborate a mechanism, led by the Ministry of Health and Environment in collaboration with the Central Statistics Organization, to monitor and evaluate progress in the implementation of MEAs and related policies, programmes and plans through the use of the environmental information system.

**Activity 3.3.2** Incorporate into operational guidelines and terms of reference (ToR): Include the utilisation and regular update of the systems and portal in the operational guidelines or terms of reference (ToR) of relevant authorities and committees, to support the continued synergistic implementation of the MEAs and SDGs

**Activity 4.1.1** Develop training programme: Develop a training programme for key personnel in relevant agencies and organizations on the integration of environmental management into planning and monitoring processes, and on reporting information for policy/decision making, based on data made available through the environmental information system. The training will be incorporated into regular training programmes of the MoHE and materials will be made available online on the EIP.

**Activity 4.2.1** Identify ways to update sectoral strategies/plans to incorporate knowledge from the information system.

**Activity 4.3.1** Generate knowledge products: Generate knowledge products such as reports, brochures, infographics, GIS maps, and awareness materials to introduce the environmental information system, the indicators, MEAs and related SDGs.

### **Challenges**

Upon the conclusion of the EIS Iraq project, three primary challenges may arise in the post-handover phase when the MoE becomes fully responsible for the system: technical issues, data management, and sustainability. Technical issues, such as system maintenance and ensuring accessibility, could pose significant challenges. Data management concerns include maintaining data quality and integrity, as well as effectively integrating new data sources. Sustainability challenges revolve around securing ongoing resources and continuously building the capacity of the MoE IT team.

To address technical issues, we conducted advanced training to ensure that the team responsible for the system is capable of maintaining it. For data management, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was developed to facilitate frequent and efficient data updates. To ensure sustainability, a comprehensive sustainability strategy has been developed.

**Achievements**

- 2024 PSC meeting was conducted in Amman, Jordan to ensure stakeholders engagement, addressing any pressing risks, and provide direction on future activities.
- Updated the EIS based on subsequent meetings and documented feedback.
- Successfully migrated the system into the MoE's cloud environment.
- Seamlessly integrated the system with the official EIS Iraq domain: <http://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/>
- Developed several strategies and mechanisms, including:
  - Data Management Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
  - Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism
  - Comprehensive Guide to Enhance and Institutionalize Collaboration, Consultation, and Information Sharing for Implementing MEAs and SDGs
  - Sectoral Strategy
- Created infographics and awareness materials to introduce the EIS, indicators, MEAs, and related SDGs.
- Conducted advanced training for the MoE IT team in Savona, Italy.
- Provided training for key personnel on integrating environmental management into planning and monitoring processes.
- Equipment has been delivered and set into the ministries’ environment

**2.4 Co Finance**

<b>Planned Co-finance:</b>	\$ 460,000
<b>Actual to date:</b>	460,000
<b>Progress</b>	<b>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</b>  The MoE has fully contributed the committed co-finance amount. No co-financing budget was utilized during this period.

## 2.5. Stakeholder

<b>Date of project steering committee meeting</b>	2024-04-29
<b>Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)</b>	<p>During the project closure phase, multiple activities and tasks required immediate and cooperative stakeholder engagement to mitigate unforeseen risks and seamlessly finalize all remaining activities. A PSC meeting, attended by key stakeholders including UNEP ROWA, MoE, MoP, and the Early Warning and Assessment Division of UNEP HQ, was held to review progress, ensure stakeholder engagement, address pressing risks, and provide direction on future activities. Additionally, several meetings and open discussions were held with international partner CIMA, the local partner, the MoE IT team, and the UNEP ROWA project team to work on the remaining activities, particularly the EIS migration to the MoE cloud environment. Furthermore, a technical workshop was conducted in Savona, Italy involving the MoE team, CIMA, and the local partner.</p> <p><b><u>Achievements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged key stakeholders including UNEP ROWA, MoE, MoP, and UNEP HQ's Early Warning and Assessment Division, ensuring diverse inputs and active participation.</li> <li>• Maintained consistent communication through regular meetings and discussions with international partner CIMA, the local partner, the MoE IT team, and the UNEP ROWA project team.</li> <li>• Held a PSC meeting with key stakeholders to review progress, address risks, and provide strategic direction, involving all parties in decision-making.</li> <li>• Conducted a workshop with the MoE team, CIMA, and the local partner to enhance technical capacity and ensure alignment on technical aspects.</li> <li>• Collected and incorporated feedback from stakeholders to refine and finalize the EIS, ensuring the system met their needs and expectations.</li> </ul>

## 2.6. Gender

<b>Does the project have a gender action plan?</b>	No
<b>Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):</b>	During the project closure phase, a strong emphasis was placed on reflecting the project's commitment to promoting female participation and empowerment. Special considerations were realized to ensure that women were actively involved in all stages of the project. This included prioritizing female representation in the PSC meetings, workshops, and training sessions. By fostering an inclusive environment, the project aimed to empower women in the environmental sector and enhance their technical and leadership skills. Through these efforts, the project not only achieved its environmental objectives but also contributed to advancing gender equality and empowering women in Iraq.

## 2.7. ESSM

<b>Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)</b>	<b>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</b> No <b>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</b>  N/A
<b>New social and/or environmental risks</b>	<b>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</b> No <b>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</b>  N/A
<b>Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts</b>	<b>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</b> No <b>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</b>  N/A
<b>Environmental and social</b>	

<b>safeguards management</b>	Throughout the project's duration, it consistently maintained its low-risk status, as initially determined during the GEF CEO Approval. This was achieved by focusing solely on capacity building and avoiding activities that could harm the environment or disturb ecosystems, animals, or other life forms. Even with the project now concluded, it upheld a strong commitment to the UNEP ESSF guiding principles. These included promoting resilience and sustainability, respecting human rights, ensuring gender equality and women's empowerment, maintaining accountability, and embracing the principle of leaving no one behind. By integrating these principles into all its activities, the project has contributed positively to long-term environmental and social well-being.
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## 2.8. KM/Learning

<b>Knowledge activities and products</b>	During the project closure phase, UNEP ensured thorough alignment of key stakeholders, particularly the Ministry of Environment (MoE) project team, with essential technical and business details crucial for the system's sustainability. Two dedicated workshops were conducted to train MoE project team on managing and sustaining the platform and key personnel on integrating environmental management into planning and monitoring processes. The project's knowledge strategy, including comprehensive documentation and continuous training, played a pivotal role in ensuring successful system implementation and future continuity. This approach empowered the MoE team to effectively manage and enhance the Environmental Information System (EIS) independently, fostering long-term environmental management and sustainable development in Iraq.
<b>Main learning during the period</b>	Main workshops that have been conducted during this reporting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key personnel workshop on integrating environmental management into planning and monitoring processes was held in Beirut, Lebanon</li> <li>• Advanced technical workshop on managing and maintaining EIS platform was held in Savona, Italy in May 2024</li> <li>• eLearning modules were developed for continuous knowledge transfer</li> </ul>

## 2.9. Stories

<b>Stories to be shared</b>	As the EIS Iraq project draws to a close, it stands as a evidence to the transformative power of environmental information systems in advancing sustainability. The implementation of the EIS not only marks a significant milestone for Iraq but also positions the country favourably in achieving better environmental stewardship. By centralizing environmental data and enhancing monitoring capabilities, the EIS has empowered decision-makers to make informed choices that safeguard natural resources and mitigate environmental risks. This initiative not only supports Iraq's commitment to global environmental agreements but also strengthens its resilience against climate change impacts and promotes sustainable development practices.
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	<p>Key achievements of the project include the successful integration of stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Environment (MoE) and international partners, into a cohesive team dedicated to system sustainability. Through focused workshops and continuous knowledge transfer, the project ensured that MoE personnel gained advanced skills in environmental management and system maintenance. Stakeholder engagement was pivotal, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among diverse stakeholders. Lessons learned from this project underscore the importance of proactive risk mitigation strategies, robust stakeholder engagement frameworks, and effective knowledge transfer mechanisms. These insights serve as valuable references for future initiatives aiming to enhance environmental management and sustainable development practices in Iraq and beyond.</p>
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### 3 Performance

#### 3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
To enhance capacities of Iraq for monitoring and reporting on Multilateral Environmental Agreements through a well-integrated and functional environment information system	Increased capacity for monitoring, reporting, and implementing MEAs as shown in the capacity development scorecard	See capacity development scorecard for baseline		Capacity development scorecard shows average increase of 0.5 point at a minimum across all indicators by end of project	100%	As the EIS Iraq project concludes, it has significantly advanced Iraq's capacity for monitoring and reporting on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) through the establishment of an integrated environmental information system (EIS). This system represents a pivotal achievement, providing Iraq with the tools and capabilities necessary to collect, analyse, and report accurate environmental data. By strengthening the Ministry of Environment's technical expertise and operational capabilities through targeted training and knowledge transfer initiatives, the project has laid a solid foundation for sustainable environmental management. The EIS not only enhances Iraq's ability to fulfil its commitments under various MEAs but also promotes transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making in environmental governance. This initiative underscores Iraq's commitment to building resilient environmental management frameworks that	S

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
						support long-term sustainability and contribute to global environmental goals.	
Streamlined and integrated data and information system at the national level that takes into consideration the decentralized governance system in Iraq for use in decision-making, planning and reporting	Availability of a functional environmental information system (technology and processes)	Iraq does not have a centralized environmental information system.	EIS implementation plan	A functional environmental information system and related processes in place by end of project	100%	- EIS platform has been fully developed and successfully tested.- EIS official domain: <a href="https://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/">https://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/</a> - Hardware and Equipment have been successfully installed and set up for use by MoE's personnel.	S
Improved regular environmental monitoring by directorates of environment in the governorates and other relevant agencies to integrate MEAs and relevant SDGs into the data collection and reporting procedures and system	Availability of streamlined monitoring and data collection processes	Limited coordination and harmonization of environmental monitoring	Indicator report	Streamlined monitoring and data collection processes in place and functioning by end of project	100%	- Final Indicator Report- WASDI (developed in the system) is an automated mechanism that provide regular indicator updates collected from satellite without any human intervention.Capacity building workshops were conducted on data collection and validation.	S
Regulatory and collaborative institutional set-up for sustainable and transparent sharing of environmental information	Number of enhanced regulatory and collaborative mechanisms (including M&E mechanisms) to support the implementation of MEAs and related SDGs	Currently limited collaborative mechanisms apart from a few, often ad hoc committees, such as for NBSAP, Ramsar,	Agreement and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for coordinated data management	At least 3 mechanisms or processes have been agreed upon and are being implemented by end of project	100%	- Data Management SOP and Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism were developed.- Operational Guidelines was developed.- Sustainability strategy was developed.	S



Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
		desertification					
Enhanced capacities to develop and implement results-based and impact-oriented policies, plans and programmes integrating MEAs and related SDGs	number of training and educational programmes developed, executed and made available online	None	Number of training workshops	At least one training programme developed, executed and made available online by end of project	100%	Five workshops were conducted to strengthen environmental monitoring, reporting, and decision-making processes while supporting a harmonious implementation of MEAs and SDGs:- Workshop held on GIS, indicators, data analysis and collection, and data validation in Beirut, Lebanon in September 2022- Workshop held on System Use, Administration and Updating the Platform in Beirut, Lebanon on May 23, 2023- Workshop held on Data collection and validation, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), and State of the Environment Report (SoER) in Erbil, Iraq on May 29, 2023- Key personnel workshop on integrating environmental management into planning and monitoring processes was held in Beirut, Lebanon - Advanced technical workshop on managing and maintaining EIS platform was held in Savona, Italy in May 2024- eLearning modules were developed for continuous knowledge transfer	S

### 3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 Development of a coordinated environmental knowledge and information management system	Output 1.1 In-depth analysis of the current management of environmental information, data sources and flows, environmental statistics and reporting mechanisms related to the Rio Conventions, other MEAs and other relevant processes, including a mapping of relevant stakeholders	2024-06-30				
	Activity 1.1.1 Conduct detailed analysis a. Detailed mapping of existing environmental information systems, data sources/flows, indicators and reporting mechanisms related to MEAs and other relevant processes in Iraq (Including units of measurement, methodology and frequency of collection) b. Analysis of data gaps and potential areas of duplication, and assessment of environmental data needs and priorities (including gender-sensitive data) c. Analysis of relevant stakeholders and institutions at the federal, governorate and local levels (ministries, agencies, convention focal points, academia, NGOs, private sector, local communities), as well as at the regional and global levels (based on the initial analysis conducted during the project preparation phase) d. Inventory of relevant national policies and legislation	2023-06-30	100%	100%	The partner organization (CIMA Foundation), which was onboarded through (SSFA) in close collaboration and active engagement and ongoing discussions/meetings with the Ministry of Environment (MoE), (CSO), and other related stakeholders, was tasked with completing all aspects of Activity 1.1.1. This included mapping the existing Environmental Information System (EIS), assessing data gaps and indicators, collecting local data spanning a period of 10 years to support the mapping and analysis task, and conducting an analysis of relevant stakeholders and institutions. As a result of these combined efforts, a set of comprehensive documents has been developed:- Inception Report-Indicator report Pending: Engaging with MoE to collect the relevant national policies and legislation in order to complete this activity.MoE	S

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					don't possess clear national policies and legislation regarding the Environment Information System or digital content; here is draft Regulation on Digital Content in Iraq as per Washington post: <a href="https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/pdf/view/18118/enhttps://drive.google.com/file/d/1KXHyU1HGfLbYrRcdtj_u3mW23T1kuW0l/view">https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/pdf/view/18118/enhttps://drive.google.com/file/d/1KXHyU1HGfLbYrRcdtj_u3mW23T1kuW0l/view</a> However, Iraq have initiated The National Environmental Strategy and Action Plan for Iraq along with some other agreements : "National contribution and vision representing Iraq's overarching policy in addressing the issue of climate change nationally and internationally.": NDC-2021, and National Communication about Climate Change	
	Activity 1.1.2 Develop a set of recommendations to streamline and harmonize data collection and to address data gaps)	2023-10-30	100%	100%	Indicator Report includes potential solution for each indicator on how to develop indicators and address gaps: Final indicator report Pending: CIMA is finalizing additional set of recommendations. - Recommendation to enhance data collection and to address data gaps was developed for this activity.	S
	Activity 1.1.3 Conduct a stakeholder consultation workshop to validate findings	2023-10-30	100%	100%	This activity is completed. Multiple meetings with stakeholders were	S

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					conducted to analyse and verify the finding. Workshop was conducted on September 2022 – Report is developed for this activity	
	Activity 1.1.4 Prepare report on analysis and recommendations	2023-10-30	100%	100%	Completed reports:- Final indicator report - Initial Analysis Report	S
	Output 1.2: Endorsed agreement and standard operating procedures among key line ministries and agencies on the streamlining of data collection and sharing to fill data gaps and reduce unnecessary duplication	2024-06-30	100	100%	- Final indicator report - Initial Analysis Report	HS
	Activity 1.2.1 Elaborate agreement and SOPs: Based on the analysis conducted under output 1.1 and in a consultative process, elaborate agreement, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for coordinated data management (in parallel with outputs 1.3 and 2.1)	2023-10-30	85%	100%	Data Management SOP is completed.	S
	Activity 1.2.2 Multi-stakeholder workshop to seek endorsement of agreement: Organize a multi stakeholder workshop to seek endorsement of the agreement and SOPs among key line ministries and agencies at both the federal and governorate levels	2024-06-30	80	100	Multiple meetings with stakeholders from both MOE and MOP were conducted, mentioning (June 2021, and Sep 2022 – User Group Workshop- to consult and gain endorsement of the recommendations. Final Multi-stakeholder workshop/meeting was also taken place in Q1 2024.	S
	Output 1.3: Systems and portal established to manage and access environmental data, information and geospatial information (e.g. GIS)	2024-06-30				
	Activity 1.3.1 Analyse system needs/requirements: Based on outputs 1.1 and 1.2, establish needs for updating/providing the IT Department of the MoHE (and other departments within the Ministry) with systems to serve as the main repository of all environmental information, by conducting the following analyses: -	2023-12-30	100%	100%	Technical discussion between the international partner (CIMA) and MoE's IT department was conducted thoroughly to assess the current infrastructure and the required technology and	S

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	Analysis of existing infrastructure and systems, including GIS databases and links with global and regional platforms. This will include an analysis of the potential usability of IRIS as a tool for reporting using the data/information from the new system. - Analysis of potential user groups and requirements - Analysis of legal requirements and relevant intellectual property regulations and access/security protocols				infrastructure to develop the EIS system.- System architecture and requirements - IRIS reporting tool is not an option at this moment; as a mitigation, graphs and dashboards are automated and the final report is manually created.- Legal and IP: discussion with ministries to provide any documents related to IP.One of the challenges is that the MoE does not possess any relevant IP documentation related to EIS and web-portal i.e., MoE doesn't possess any Intellectual Property law specific to the project and digital content.	
	Activity 1.3.2 Develop conceptual design of systems and portal: Develop conceptual design of the systems (servers, databases and applications, workstations and network) and the Iraq Environment Information Portal (EIP), by incorporating state of the art technologies and tools for data capturing, processing, analysis and presentation. The system shall be available in Arabic and English and shall have adequate security and access protocols (with different levels of access).	2023-12-30	100%	100%	Conceptual architecture and mock-up design of the system were developed and approved in close consultation with MoE and CSO:- System mock-up design- System architecture and requirements	S
	Activity 1.3.3 Implement systems and portal: Implement the systems, including provision of hardware, software and network, and develop web-based portal	2024-06-30	80%	100%	- System has been successfully deployed into MoE official cloud: <a href="https://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/">https://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/</a> - Hardware/Equipment has been delivered and installed.	S
	Activity 1.3.4 Regular review and improvement of the systems and portal based on user feedback	2023-12-30	90%	100%	UNEP ROWA conducted a thorough review of the system, along with the working teams	S

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					<p>from the Ministries. Subsequently, a report was generated, containing the recommended changes and comments. This report was then shared with the international partner (CIMA) to incorporate the suggested modifications. This activity is an ongoing process, it will be 100% finalized once the system goes to production and is open to public use:- Two reviews were conducted that produced Alpha then Beta, third review will take place before go-live: Review Document - MoE IT team is finalizing the last system review: final system modification and migration to live environment is tentatively scheduled in August 2023.- MoE IT team has delivered the last system review by November 2023- Final system update has been released and system is officially migrated: <a href="http://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/">http://eis-iraq.gov.iq/#/</a></p>	
	<p>Activity 1.3.5 Capacity building for user groups: Develop and implement capacity building programme for user groups (in-country). This will include training of a) the IT Department on operating the systems, network and databases, and b) system users on inputting and accessing data (around 40 participants in total). Relevant guidance documents/training materials will be made available online.</p>	2023-12-30	95%	100%	<p>Capacity building workshop aiming to provide training to the working teams within the Ministries of Environment and Planning in Iraq was conducted were conducted on May 2023 in Beirut, Lebanon. Moreover, eLearning materials were developed to ensure a sustainable and continuous capacity building for</p>	S

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					different user.	
	Output 2.1: Definition, update and improvement of nationally appropriate environmental indicators, baseline data and targets based on MEAs, SDGs and other sources for use in different reporting and assessment processes					
	Activity 2.1.1 Analyse environmental indicators: Based on the analysis conducted under output 1.1 and in a consultative process, identify measures to harmonize, update and improve environmental indicators, baseline data and targets, in line with the requirements of the MEAs and SDGs (including gender-disaggregated indicators where relevant)	2023-12-30	100%	100%	The international partner (CIMA) has completed the final indicator analysis report, which included mapping of the indicators to the MEAs and SDGs in the initial report:- Final indicator report: indicators are in line with MEA's and SDG's requirements – a detailed table is provided for all indicators.- Based on the limited capabilities; WASDI is an automated mechanism that provide regular indicator updates collected from satellite without any human intervention (included in the report).	S
	Activity 2.1.2 Workshop to consult and agree on indicators: Organize a consultation workshop to agree on the definition of updated/improved indicators (including units of measurement, methodology and frequency of collection, and responsible agency for each)	2022-12-30	100%	100%	Multiple workshops and discussions were held to discuss indicator data and to present other sources of data (Satellites and International databases). Events held to consult and agree on indicators:1. Meeting with the statistics group to collect data at the MOP/CSO office 6/5/2021.2. Meeting with the Indicator group to collect data at the MOHE offices on 10/5/2021.3. Consultation meeting with	S

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					<p>the statistics group virtual on 7/6/2021 to discuss the draft indicator report. 4. Virtual consultation meeting with the head of the indicator group on 8/6/2021 to discuss the draft indicator report. 5. Consultation workshop between the international partner (CIMA foundation), UNEP, the statistics group (MOP/CSO), and the indicators group (MOHE) for 4 hours on 6/7/2021 to share the available satellite data and share available data from international sources as well as consult the experts from both ministries to finalize the indicator report. 6. Final discussions on indicators took place on 27/9/2022 during stakeholder meeting in Beirut.</p>	
	<p>Output 2.2: Collection and validation of environmental data, information and maps through a streamlined indicator-based monitoring and reporting system to MEAs, indicators for the environmental dimension of SDGs and other relevant mechanisms, including the Indicator Reporting Information System (IRIS)</p>					
	<p>Activity 2.2.1 Prepare training of trainers (ToT) Prepare training of trainers (ToT) on data collection and management methodologies to prepare for the collection and validation of environmental data to fill data gaps identified under outputs 1.1 and 2.1. This will include guidance on relevant global and regional platforms, including IRIS and the UNEP Live platform. The training shall provide clear definitions of the relevant indicators according to international standards, and electronic data collection sheets. Relevant guidance</p>	2023-12-30	100%	100%	<p>Series of workshops have been developed to enhance project team capabilities on data collection and management methodologies.- Developed workshop on Data collection and validation, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), and State of the Environment Report (SoER) in May 2023 in Erbil</p>	S



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	documents/training materials will be made available online.				Iraq- Developed workshop on System Use, Administration and Updating the Platform in Beirut, Lebanon on May 23, 2023- Developed workshop on GIS and Data Analysis and Validation in Beirut, Lebanon in September 2022-Advanced technical workshop was developed for MoE IT team in Savona, Italy on May 2024- eLearning Modules were developed.	
	Activity 2.2.2 Conduct ToT workshop (around 40 participants in total)	2023-12-30	100%	100%	Series of TOTs workshops were conducted to strengthen their capabilities and expertise:- Workshop held on GIS, indicators, data analysis and collection, and data validation in Beirut, Lebanon in September 2022- Workshop held on System Use, Administration and Updating the Platform in Beirut, Lebanon on May 23, 2023- Workshop held on Data collection and validation, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), and State of the Environment Report (SoER) in Erbil, Iraq on May 29, 2023- Advanced technical workshop for MoE IT team was held in Savona, Italy on May 2024	S
	Activity 2.2.3 Lead data collection and validation: ToT participants from relevant agencies and organizations lead the collection and validation of environmental data in accordance with the agreement, the SOPs and the newly defined indicators, with regular meetings to	2023-06-30	100%	100%	- 10 years old data were collected, and Workshops and meetings had been conducted for data collection with relevant stakeholders which had produced	S

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	guide the process and validate the collected data				an updated indicator file. - Defining new indicators will take place after the project closure depending on the capabilities and need to basis. After multiple discussions during meetings and workshops with concerned parties, the collection and validation of new data is dependent on relevant ministries (MoE and CSO)'s need for new indicators. This activity will be organised internally at MoE on a need to basis.	
	Output 2.3: Guidance & training on the use & application of tools to handle complex data sets & results-based, impact oriented environmental actions that cut across MEAs/ SDGs	2024-12-30				
	Activity 2.3.1 Prepare training on use of tools to handle complex data sets Prepare training of key actors (including women) in the relevant ministries/agencies on the use and application of tools to handle complex data sets (e.g., GIS tools, remote sensing tools, data visualization tools, database outline and management, statistics software) in order to enable them to inform decisions related to environmental actions and policies. The training will be incorporated into regular training programmes of the MoHE & materials will be made available online on the EIS.	2024-12-30	100%	100%	A capacity building workshop prepared by two professors, one from the Lebanese American University and the other from the American University of Beirut, who facilitated the training, and it was help in September 2022.- Training material	S
	Activity 2.3.2 Conduct training: Conduct training workshop (outside of the country) and on-the-job follow-up activities (in-country) to apply the acquired knowledge (around 20 participants in total)	2023-09-30	100%	100%	A capacity building workshop prepared by two professors, one from the Lebanese American University and the other from the American University of Beirut, who facilitated the training, and it was help in September 2022.- Training materials and report are developed	S

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2 Enhancement of institutional coordination and technical capacities to mainstream, develop, and utilize policies for the effective implementation of MEAs and relevant SDGs.	Output 3.1: Enhanced consultative and decision-making processes for mainstreaming of obligations under Rio Conventions, other relevant MEAs and related SDGs, including shared environmental information systems, collaborative and endorsed institutional inter and intra ministerial mechanisms, collaborative mechanisms with major groups and stakeholders	2024-12-30				
	Activity 3.1.2 Institutionalize these mechanisms: Institutionalize these measures through regulatory and collaborative mechanisms and processes (e.g., consultation process in the preparation of national reports and COPs, enhanced collaborative and support processes between departments, etc.)	2024-06-30	40%	100%	Conceptual architecture and mock-up design of the system were developed and approved in close consultation with MoE and CSO: - System mock-up design - System architecture and requirements	S
	Activity 3.1.1 Identify regulatory and collaborative mechanisms and processes: Based on the agreement elaborated under 1.2, identify additional measures, at inter and intra ministerial levels, to support enhanced collaboration, consultation and sharing of information in support of the implementation of MEAs and SDGs	2023-12-30	80%	100%	Comprehensive guide and framework to identify and institutionalize additional measures have been developed.	S
	Output 3.2: Monitoring and evaluation mechanism established, targeted to compliance monitoring of state policies, programmes, and plans					
	Activity 3.2.2 Workshop to discuss and adopt M&E mechanism	2024-06-30	50%	100%	It was discussed in the PSC meeting: Report is developed	S
	Activity 3.2.1 Elaborate M&E mechanism: Elaborate a mechanism, led by the Ministry of Health and Environment in collaboration with the Central Statistics Organization, to monitor and evaluate progress in the implementation of MEAs and related policies, programmes and plans through the use of the environmental information system	2024-06-30	60%	100%	M&E Mechanism is developed.	S
	Output 3.3: Sustainability strategy for continued implementation of MEAs and the environmental dimension of SDGs					
	Activity 3.3.3 Engage with local governments and line ministries:	2024-03-30	90%	100%	- UNEP has provided the necessary	S

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	Engage with local governments and line ministries to scale up the project at the governorate level, seeking to obtain investment in local infrastructure and systems				investment to MoE: system and web portal was developed by international partner (CIMA) and funded by GEF. - Resources to maintain the project and continuity of the system are permanent employees at the MoE IT department. - Delivery of the equipment was completed on Q4 2023. - Hardware/equipment is installed.	
	Activity 3.3.1 Identify clear owners of data, systems, and portal: Identify clear owners of data, systems, and portal and ensure that sufficient budget is allocated to their continuation after the project ends (operating expenses, development, training, etc.)	2024-06-30	100%	100%	Initial identification of data owners was established. As part of the data collection activities that took place, laying the foundation for efficient data management. - Ongoing discussion with MoE and CSO to identify the adopted sustainability strategy of the EIS. - Sustainability strategy is completed.	S
	Output 4.1: Training programme developed and executed to enable the integration of environmental management into planning, monitoring and reporting processes					
	Activity 4.1.2 Conduct training workshops: Conduct 2 training workshops (one outside of the country and one in-country). Participants will include government ministries and agencies at governorate and federal levels who are responsible for key sectoral policies and legislation, NGOs and academia (around 40 participants in total)	2024-03-30	50%	100%	Workshop was conducted on Q3 2023.	S
	Activity 3.3.2 Incorporate into operational guidelines and terms of reference (ToR): Include the utilisation and regular update of the systems and portal in the operational guidelines or terms of reference (ToR) of relevant authorities and committees, to support	2024-02-30	80%	100%	Operational Guidelines document is completed.	S

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	the continued synergistic implementation of the MEAs and SDGs					
	Output 4.2: At least 2 pilot sectors updating their strategies/plans to mainstream the environmental dimension/MEAs					
	Activity 4.2.2 Update at least 2 strategies/plans to mainstream the environmental dimensions /MEAs: Update strategies/plans in at least 2 pilot sectors, at the federal or governorate level, to mainstream the environmental dimensions/MEAs (e.g., use of sustainable land/water management indicators in agricultural policies)	2024-03-30	40%	100%	Guide to update strategies/plans in at least 2 pilot sectors is developed.	S
	Activity 4.1.1 Develop training programme: Develop a training programme for key personnel in relevant agencies and organizations on the integration of environmental management into planning and monitoring processes, and on reporting information for policy/decision making, based on data made available through the environmental information system. The training will be incorporated into regular training programmes of the MoHE and materials will be made available online on the EIP.	2024-03-30	60%	100%	Training program is developed.	S
	Output 4.3: Environmental education for Sustainable Development and awareness raising activities	2024-03-30				
	Activity 4.3.2 Disseminate knowledge products through educational & awareness raising activities: Disseminate knowledge products through educational and awareness raising activities to raise awareness among the relevant agencies and the public on the environmental information system, the concept of sustainable development and the MEAs/related SDGs	2024-03-30	40%	100%	Discussions among ministries (MoE, MoP, and CSO)/stakeholders had been conducted to raise awareness on the EIS system, highlight the system capabilities on the analysis and decision making, and highlight the connection between the system and the MEAs and SDGs: - Infographics were developed Q4 2023. - Three workshops were conducted that contributed to raising awareness among the relevant ministries and agencies: -	S

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					Capacity building for user groups - Capacity building on data collection and validation, MEAs, and SOER - Capacity building on GIS, indicators, data analysis and collection, and data validation in Beirut, Lebanon in September 2022 MoE is responsible of publishing the generated awareness materials.	
	Activity 4.3.1 Generate knowledge products: Generate knowledge products such as reports, brochures, infographics, GIS maps, and awareness materials to introduce the environmental information system, the indicators, MEAs and related SDGs	2024-03-30	80%	100%	Necessary workshops and discussions among ministries (MoE, MoP, and CSO)/stakeholders are being conducted to raise awareness on the EIS system, highlight the system capabilities on the analysis and decision making, and highlight the connection between the system and the MEAs and SDGs - Infographics/GIS Maps or related materials will be prepared for this activity. - Three workshops were conducted that contributed to raising awareness among the relevant ministries and agencies: - Capacity building for user groups - Capacity building on data collection and validation, MEAs, and SOER - Capacity building on GIS, indicators, data analysis and collection, and data validation in Beirut, Lebanon in September 2022 - Coordinating with MoE and UNEP	S

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					communication team on the material structure and type. - Awareness materials are developed.	

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

## 4 Risks

### 4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Low	Low
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

### 4.2 Table B. Risk-log

#### Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Risk 1 Security situation may affect the delivery of project components that necessitate face to face interactions with stakeholders in the capital	This risk causes lower stakeholder engagement as well as delays in collecting data and implementing activities that are	H	H	M	M	L		L		Project has concluded.



Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
	dependent on the ministry									
Risk 2 Delay in implementation as more time is required to negotiate agreements with data providers	This risk is causing a lower expenditure rate as the funds are held up at the MOF level and negotiating agreements. SOP and processes take longer time causing overall delays to the project implementation	M	M	M	M	L		L		Project has concluded.
Risk 3 Compatibility issues of IT systems and platforms Insufficient funding from the Government to scale up the project at the governorate level	This risk can be mitigated by the consultation of the international and national partners and the creation of a plan for system integration	L	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A		Project has concluded.
Risk 4 Compatibility issues of IT systems and platforms	This risk can be mitigated by the consultation of the international and national partners and the creation of a plan for system integration	L	L	L	L	L		L		Project has concluded.
Risk 5 Disruptions from world pandemics	This risk causes overall delays to the project implementation as more and more lockdowns are being imposed by Governments	L	L	M	M	L		L		Project has concluded.
						L	L	L		

### 4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

## 5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

### Project Minor Amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

### 5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	No
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

Minor amendments

This is the final PIR for the project 9744.

**5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)**

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
	Amendment & Extension	2023-12-30	2023-12-30	2024-06-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first Internal Cooperation Agreement (ICA) amendment between UNEP Science Division (later Early Warning and Assessment Division - EWAD) and UNEP West Asia Office was done to give an additional 07 months for the execution (ending 30 Dec 2022) in order to complete all activities and ensure the project's effectiveness in the country.</li> <li>The second amendment extended the technical duration of the internal cooperation agreement for the project by an additional 7 months. until 31 December 2023. and later by 6 months. until 30 June 2024. as discussed and agreed</li> </ul>

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
					with EWAD. This amendment aimed to finalize the remaining activities that had been delayed due to political instability in the country and to enable the performance of the Medium-Term Review (MTR).

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Republic of Iraq	33	44	99237	covering a whole country	covering a whole country

**Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. \***

The Cross-cutting Capacity Development (CCCD) project was designed to strengthen the legal, policy, and planning frameworks to support collection and sharing of environmental data covering a whole country.

[\[Annex any linked geospatial file\]](#)

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