

Iraq Humanitarian Financing Brief

Donation from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

20 August 2014 – Erbil, Iraq

Grant Conditions

At the beginning of July, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) announced an extraordinary grant of US\$500 million to the United Nations to quickly scale up operations and to provide **humanitarian assistance to the people of Iraq**. This grant, made at the beginning of Ramadan, was made to the Secretary-General to be shared with operational UN agencies. The Saudi Government supports the work of UN agencies and NGOs. The Government understands that UN agencies have NGOs as implementing partners and for accountability purposes and to speed up disbursement of funds, decided to work through OCHA as its direct partner. OCHA was tasked with managing the grant, and with acting as a one-stop-shop for donor reporting and liaison.

In summary the main conditions attached to this grant were the following:

- 1- Humanitarian assistance is to be allocated to the people of Iraq, inside Iraq.
- 2- Funding is to be allocated to UN agencies. It was understood by KSA that once UN agencies receive their grants, they can choose their accredited implementing partner(s) as per their own rules and regulation.
- 3- The contribution is to be given appropriate and consistent level of visibility.

The Under-Secretary-General/Emergency Relief Coordinator requested OCHA Iraq assist agencies in developing an interagency plan for spending the KSA contribution. The plan covers urgent needs in a number of areas including health, shelter, clean water, food and will be implemented through 12 UN agencies, their implementing partners, and IOM. Locations targeted within the initial interagency plan include most affected governorates of Anbar, Ninewa and Dahuk, as well as other IDP-hosting governorates in northern, central and southern areas of the nation.

The goal is for United Nations humanitarian agencies and their partners to rapidly scale up efforts to prevent the spread of disease, support displaced families with clean water, food, shelter and vital supplies and alleviate humanitarian suffering. Timely and rapid disbursements from UN agencies to their implementing partners such as NGOs are essential in order to affirm the impact of this fund.

Implementation period: July 2014 – March 2015

The narrative reporting requirements was discussed and agreed between USG/ERC, the PR Saudi Ambassador and IASC Principals. The programme period is marked by three reporting cycles: the first ends at the end of October, the second at the end of February, and the third and final at the end of July 2015 (a final wrap up report).

FCS circulated reporting templates on 23 July 2014 to designated focal persons of the KSA grant recipient agencies (see attached examples of progress and final reporting templates which are from GMS). The GMS will automatically migrate part of the data from the proposal into the reporting templates. Reporting agencies will fill in the part that is indicated in green in the attached templates.

For financial reporting, uncertified interim and certified final financial reports are required. For more detail on requirement please see attached document (reporting requirement).

Disbursement Status

As of 11 August 2014, 100 per cent of KSA grant had been successfully disbursed to 12 UN agencies and IOM (Table 1, below). OCHA disbursed the grants within 48 hours of receiving project proposals and signed MOU's. Information on allocations is available on OCHA's Financial Tracking System and can be found on: http://fts.unocha.org/reports/daily/ocha_R1_A983___1408120301.pdf

Table 1: shows recipient UN agencies which received grants from the Saudi fund, amount and percentage relative to total fund, number of projects submitted and dates of when disbursements were done.

Number	Agency	Amount \$	Amount in %	Number of projects	Current status
1	UNWomen	966,000	0.2%	1	Grant disbursed on 23 July
2	UNESCO	1,953,000	0.4%	1	Grant disbursed on 23 July
3	OCHA	3,334,025	0.7%	1	Grant disbursed on 31 July
4	UN-Habitat	7,850,850	1.6%	1	Grant disbursed on 17 July
5	UNDP	7,960,800	1.6%	1	Grant disbursed on 18 July
6	UNFPA	9,813,300	2.0%	2	Grant disbursed on 21 July
7	FAO	14,718,900	3.0%	3	Grant disbursed on 11 August
8	UNOPS	15,700,650	3.2%	1	Grant disbursed on 17 July
9	WHO	48,825,000	9.9%	3	Grant disbursed on 18 July
10	IOM	49,064,400	9.9%	3	Grant disbursed on 21 July
11	UNHCR	88,317,600	17.8%	2	Grant disbursed on 23 July
12	UNICEF	97,647,900	19.7%	7	Grant disbursed on 21 July for 6 projects Grant disbursed on 23 July for 1 project

13	WFP	148,930,090	30.1%	1	Grant disbursed on 21 July
	Total	495,082,515	100%		

1% (\$4,917,484.90) of the total contribution as PSC will be for the UN secretariat

Next Steps

Management of the KSA grant from submission of project proposal to progress and final reporting will be done using OCHA's online Grant Management System¹ (GMS). OCHA is currently uploading the first submissions of agency project proposals into the GMS. Acknowledging the volatile and quickly evolving humanitarian situation, the Strategic Response Plan (SRP) Iraq 2014 will be revised in September. After this, grant recipient agencies will be trained on GMS and have the opportunity to revise their project proposals again,² aligning them to the revised SRP as well as to provide more details about the projects and budget. This will be done through the GMS. Once the SRP and the current proposals are revised, the GMS can generate additional information on results. Reports from grant recipients will be compiled to a dashboard, describing allocation per cluster, agency, location as well as key results. The dashboard will be available on the GMS and also be posted on <http://www.unocha.org/iraq>

¹ The grants management system (GMS) has been launched in Afghanistan and Sudan is being rolled out in South Sudan to support the streamlining of CBPF project cycle management. All CBPF will progressively introduce this tool by the end of the year.

² Agencies submitted project proposals during signing of MOUs.