

IraqInfo Fact Sheet

What is IraqInfo?

IraqInfo is a web-based database system using DevInfo software which provides a platform to organize, store, and display data in a uniform format to facilitate data sharing at national and international levels. This database contains all indicators from major national surveys since 2003 and will help Iraq to report on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), national goals, and other strategic development reports. The system has a simple format for querying the database and producing tables, graphs, and maps for analysis and reporting.

Main objectives of IraqInfo

- To provide a pool for all development indicators on Iraq, as determined through national statistics and surveys.
- To assist in reporting against MDGs and other national development goals.
- To help decision makers in planning, monitoring, advocacy, data sharing and dissemination publicly through the internet.
- To provide an easy way to analyze data by comparing similar indicators from different surveys over time.

What IraqInfo contains?

IraqInfo currently contains all major surveys conducted by COSIT and KRSO with collaboration of other UN agencies since 2003, as follows:

- Iraq Living Conditions Survey (ILCS), 2004, supported by UNDP.
- Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey (MICS3), 2006, supported by UNICEF.
- Iraq Family Health Survey, 2007 (IFHS), supported by WHO.
- Iraq Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (IFSV), 2003 and 2005, supported by WFP.

All data in IraqInfo is currently in English and a few surveys have been translated into Arabic. Phase two of IraqInfo for 2009 will ensure that all data is translated into Arabic and Kurdish. Additional survey data will be added to the database as surveys and other statistics become available.

Who manages IraqInfo?

COSIT, KRSO, UNICEF, UNDP, and OCHA signed a work process document at the beginning of 2008 to establish IraqInfo. This document explains the process establishing and coordinating the database. Responsibilities are divided among these stakeholders. UNICEF and UNDP have technically and financially supported this project through building the national capacities of both COSIT and KRSO. COSIT and KRSO are ultimately responsible for all data entry and management of the system.

Who can use IraqInfo?

IraqInfo is available on-line and is accessible to anyone who wishes to access official national statistics and survey data on Iraq.

It is expected that the main users will include:

- UN agencies
- National statistical offices
- Government departments
- Planning departments

- District planners
- Media (to report and track human development data)
- Educational institutions (for data analysis and to help children have access to the data)
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- DevInfo administrators (would use the more advanced database administration modules to customize the system, add data etc.)

User training has been conducted for COSIT, KRSO, line ministries, and UN staff in Iraq. This will continue into 2009 in order to maximize understanding and use of the system.

Who owns IraqInfo?

IraqInfo is the property of government of Iraq and all data belongs to the Ministry of Planning/Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology and the Kurdistan Region Statistics Office.

Future of IraqInfo?

COSIT and KRSO with support of UNICEF, UNDP, and OCHA will continue to manage and include all major surveys on Iraq since 1990 and the annual abstract statistical year book produced annually by COSIT.

Currently data within IraqInfo and mapping capacity is at national and governorate level. By 2009 it is expected that data at district and/or sub district level will be included.

URL for IraqInfo?

www.iraqinfo-online.org