



KEY FIGURES:

- **25 DONORS**
- **16 IMPLEMENTING UN ORGANIZATIONS**
- **US\$1,323 mill TOTAL GROSS DEPOSITS**
- **US\$1,111 mill APPROVED & FUNDED FOR A TOTAL OF 141 PROJECTS AND JOINT PROGRAMMES**
- **US\$929 mill (84%) OF APPROVED FUNDING CONTRACTUALLY COMMITTED**
- **US\$812 mill (73%) OF APPROVED FUNDING DISBURSED**
- **US\$565 mill CONTRACT AWARDS**
- **60 PROJECTS OPERATIONALLY CLOSED**

1. LATEST NEWS

Gross Donor Contributions

Between 1 July to 30 September 2008, the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund (UNDG ITF) received an unearmarked contribution of US\$8.8 million from Turkey, and EUR 2.2 million (equivalent US\$3.2 million) from the European Union, earmarked to the Poverty Reduction and Support to Electoral Processes.

Total UNDG ITF deposits currently amount to \$1.3 billion. For further details refer to Donor Contributions link on the UNDG ITF section of the IRFFI web site (www.irffi.org).

Government of Iraq and the UN Sign Declaration of Commitment



The United Nations and the Government of Iraq signed a cooperation agreement, defining how the UN will support Iraq's reconstruction, development and humanitarian needs over the next three years. The United Nations Assistance Strategy for Iraq 2008-2010 developed jointly by the Government of Iraq and the UN Country Team addresses the priority needs of the Iraqi people as defined in the National Development Strategy and the International Compact with Iraq.

Dr. Ali Baban, Minister of Planning and Development Cooperation, and David Shearer, the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG) and the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq, signed the agreement in Baghdad on the 13 August 2008 at a ceremony attended by Iraqi Government officials and representatives of UN Agencies in Iraq.

Minister Baban welcomed the strategy stating, "This represents an important step in Iraq's recovery process. It brings the whole UN organization together in partnership with Iraq and its people, to



reduce poverty, foster growth and consolidate democracy in our country".

David Shearer said, "The Strategy signals a real moment of opportunity in Iraq, with greater stability, a clear will to recover, a growing UN presence and better access to many areas. We will now be able to consolidate achievements and shift focus - helping Iraq to mobilize its substantial capacity and resources while we work to meet outstanding humanitarian needs."

The Strategy, which focuses on capacity building, sets out how UN Agencies will cooperate to help Iraq achieve its key economic and social goals, as reflected in the International Compact for Iraq. Furthermore, the Strategy serves as a reference document that aims at:

- Reinforcing policy development and coordination at all levels of society across Iraq;
- Supporting the foundation for sustainable reconstruction and development;
- Providing assistance for durable solutions on humanitarian issues arising in Iraq; and,
- Strengthening partnership between UN and other partners, particularly with the NGO community.

The new Strategy also aims to ensure that projects are results-orientated and accountable, as required under the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, which the Government of Iraq endorsed on 29 May 2008. The UNDG ITF has over US \$250 million to support priority activities jointly identified in the new Strategy.

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2. News



EC and Canada join UNDG ITF Steering Committee



During the July 2008 meeting of the UNDG ITF Donor Committee, the Chairman of the UNDG ITF Steering Committee, DSRSG David Shearer, proposed that the Donor Committee nominate two donor representatives to become members of the Steering Committee. Subsequently, the European Commission (EC) and Canada confirmed their acceptance to join as members.

The decision to expand the Steering Committee to include donor representation will enhance discussions of governance and programme approval as well as provided greater strategic oversight. Donor representation in Multi-Donor Trust Funds (MDTFs) is not uncommon and is seen as a measure to increase overall transparency. The EC and Canada will serve for a one year period beginning in September 2008.

The meeting discussed economic reform policies, their impact on the Iraqi private sector, restructuring of state-owned enterprises (SOE), public-private partnerships, promotion of foreign investment and enhancing the role of the stock market.

Agreements were reached on the legislative, regulatory, economic and monetary requirements necessary to revitalize the Iraq private sector. At the conclusion of the round table a number of decisions were taken to map the way forward including:

- Establishment of a Task Force for Economic Reforms and Private Sector Capacity Strengthening;
- Preparation of a private sector development master plan by the Task Force;
- Promotion by the Task Force of a legislative agenda to support the institutional start-up, restructuring SOE's, public-private partnerships, private sector partnerships and a dynamic financial market and banking system.

Subsequently, UNDP, OECD and Iraq officials met in July to develop a tripartite cooperation agreement for the development of specific projects in line with ICI and NDS.



Denmark to Chair IRFFI 2009 Donor Committee

Ambassador Gianludovico de Martino, current Chair of the IRFFI Donor Committee, informed the Seventh IRFFI Donor Committee meeting in July that the Government of Italy would continue chairing the IRFFI Donor Committee until a new Chair would be selected at the next donor meeting .

The Government of Denmark has since confirmed its candidacy to Chair the IRFFI Donor Committee, which has been welcomed by the IRFFI donors. Ambassador Mikael Winther, the Danish IRFFI Chair designate, is Denmark's Ambassador to Iraq based in Baghdad.

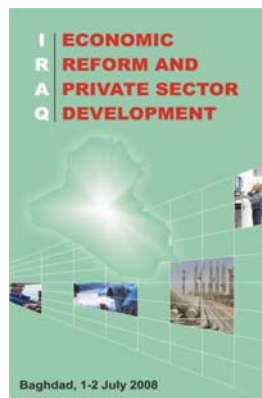
UNDP and UNODC:

Support Iraq's Anti-Corruption Efforts

Subsequent to the Government of Iraq's ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in March 2008, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched a five-year programme to assist the Iraqi Government fight corruption. Executive Director of the UNODC, Antonio Maria Costa said, "By ratifying the UNCAC last March, the Government of Iraq demonstrated its commitment to fight corruption. The UN is providing the tools to do the job."

UNDP Supports Economic Reform in Iraq

Donor contributions to the UNDG ITF are providing over US \$30 million to support the UNCT's Economic Reform and Diversification Sector Outcome Team (ERDSOT) priorities. As the Sector lead, UNDP is organizing a series of Roundtable Meetings on Economic Reform. The first meeting organized in cooperation with the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Economic Affairs Office of the Advisory Board to the Prime Minister of Iraq, was held in Baghdad on 1-2 July 2008 and focused on Economic Reform and Private Sector Development.



The anti-corruption programme will support the Iraqi Government's goal of preventing and combating corruption, as outlined in the International Compact with Iraq (ICI), by providing capacity building of Iraqi anti-corruption officials and technical assistance to establish national legislation and strengthen Iraq's main anti-corruption bodies such as the Commission on Public Integrity, the Board of Supreme Audit, the Inspector General, and the Parliamentary Integrity Committee. It will also promote greater cooperation among these bodies, particularly through the Joint Anti-Corruption Council.

The programme will include a range of projects targeting prevention, transparency, accountability and integrity in the private and public sectors, in line with the measures contained in the UNCAC. "The aim is to put in place the legal framework and build capacity to deter corruption at all levels of government, improve internal and external oversight, and strengthen anti-corruption law enforcement", said UNDP Country Director Mr. Paolo Lembo. Resources from the UNDG ITF will support some of the projects implemented under the programme.

3. Features

UNEP Pilot Helps to Restore and Manage the Iraqi Marshlands



With funding through UNDG ITF, contributed by the Government of Japan, in 2004 the United Nations Environmental Programme’s (UNEP) in close cooperation with Ministries of Environment, Water Resources, and Municipalities and Public Works, as well as governorate, local, and academic institutions developed Phase I of project A5-11 “Support for EST Applications in the Iraqi Marshlands.” With subsequent bilateral funding Phase II and III were implemented.

The project supported the use of Environmentally Sound Technology (EST) options in the sustainable management and restoration of the Iraqi Marshlands, by facilitating strategy formulation, monitoring marsh conditions, raising capacity of Iraqi decision makers, and providing water, sanitation, and wetland management options on a pilot basis. The pilot, for the provision of drinking water, was established in six villages in Al-Kirmashiya, Badir Al-Rumaidh, Al-Masahab, Al-Jeweber, Al-Hadam and Al-Sewelmat.

The project was recently completed and an independent review of the six pilot communities indicated that it had improvement of living and health conditions through the provision of access to safe water in the communities. The review noted the following achievements:

- The completion of water treatment facilities that has the capacity to serve up to 22,000 residents in the Marshlands with 23km distribution network.
- The transfer of management and ownership to the Iraqi Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works in June 2007, following a one-year (March 2006 to April 2007) hand-over period that built the capacity of Iraqi counterparts through the provision of operations and management training support as well as spare parts, chemicals, detailed designs, and operations and management data.
- The monitoring and evaluation of the Facilities was carried out by a third party through on-site assessments. The final evaluation report concluded that the project had contributed in building confidence of the communities in rebuilding their livelihoods.

The achievements and lessons learned will enable Iraqi to develop a strategy for marshland management and a master plan for the Iraqi Marshlands. Additional information about the project is available at: <http://marshlands.unep.or.jp/>

Commemoration Ceremony Honored UN Colleagues



The United Nations honored its staff killed and injured five years ago in commemoration ceremonies held at UN headquarters in New York, Geneva and Baghdad. The bombing of the Canal Hotel in Baghdad on 19 August 2003 claimed the lives of 22, including the top UN envoy in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and wounded more than 150.

The attack robbed the UN of “some of its best and bravest staff members,” said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. “They were true heroes,” he added, noting that UN has continued to help the people of Iraq – including by helping organize historic elections, draft a new constitution and aided Iraqi refugees.

UNEP-UNESCO

Initiative to List Iraq Marshlands as World Heritage Site



An initiative supported by the UNEP and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was unveiled on 5 September to list the Fertile Crescent as a World Heritage Site.

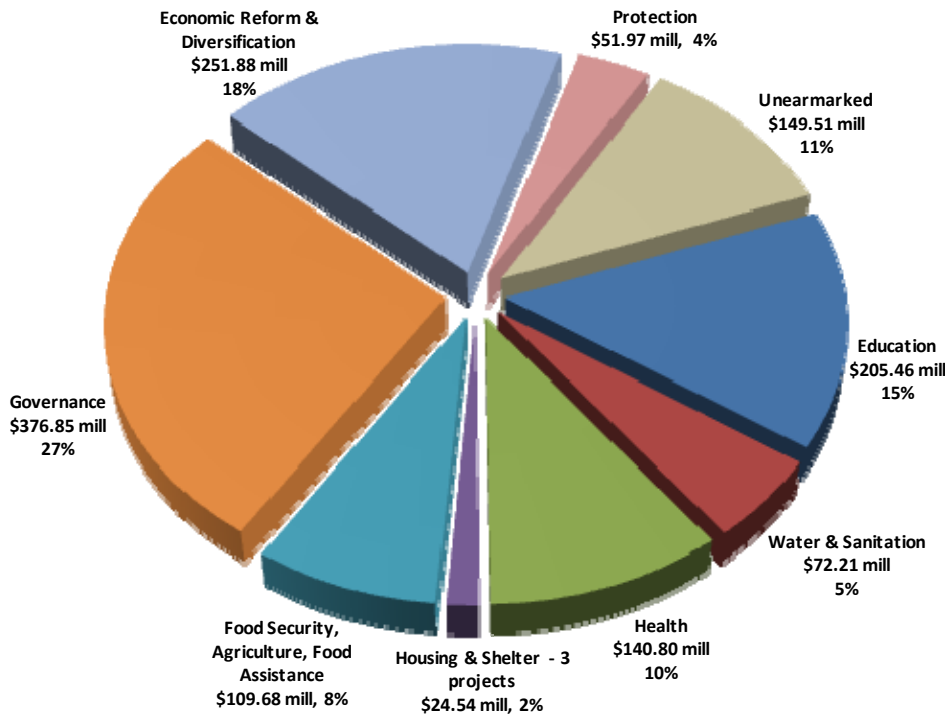
The Marshlands of the Tigris and Euphrates delta were almost totally drained and destroyed during the 1990s and early 21st century. By 2002 the 9,000 square km of permanent wetlands had dwindled to just 760 square km. UNEP estimated then that these wetlands would be completely lost within three to five years unless urgent action was taken.

The proposal follows a four-year, \$14 million UNEP Marshland management project to restore the ecological viability of the site and sustainable livelihoods in the Marshlands funded through the UNDG ITF including support of the Governments of Japan and Italy.

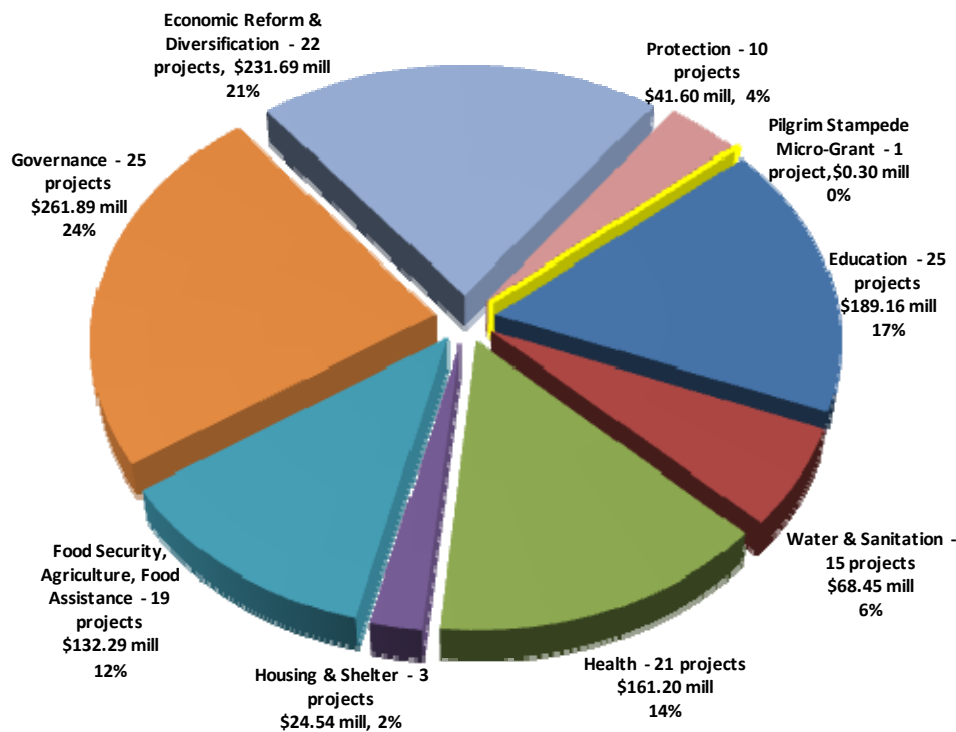
Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNEP Executive Director, said “He looked forward to working with the Iraqi government and cooperating with UNESCO on developing a comprehensive management plan en route to securing a World Heritage Site listing.”

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

4.1 Donor Deposits, (including Earned Interest), breakdown by Sector Outcome Team and by Donor (\$US mill)



4.2 Funds Transferred by Sector Outcome and by Participating UN Organization (\$US mill)



Donor	Gross Deposit (US\$ mill)
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	568.37
JAPAN	360.95
SPAIN	93.17
CANADA	63.79
UK	55.54
AUSTRALIA	31.66
ITALY	29.78
KOREA	21.00
SWEDEN	13.66
DENMARK	12.41
GERMANY	10.00
TURKEY	9.00
FINLAND	7.70
NORWAY	7.01
NETHERLANDS	6.70
INDIA	5.00
KUWAIT	5.00
QATAR	5.00
USA	5.00
GREECE	3.63
NEW ZEALAND	3.36
LUXEMBOURG	2.32
BELGIUM	1.32
IRELAND	1.23
ICELAND	0.50
TOTAL Deposits	1,323.10
EARNED INTEREST	59.90
TOTAL	1,383.00

Participating UN Organization	Approved Funding (US\$ mill)	No. of Projects
UNDP	301.91	30
UNOPS	196.85	29
UNICEF	154.11	21
WHO	109.04	19
FAO	92.57	12
UN-HABITAT	77.92	14
UNESCO	57.72	19
UNIDO	32.54	10
UNEP	16.61	3
WFP	16.37	4
UNHCR	13.42	4
UNFPA	12.60	1
ESCWA	10.38	5
UN DPA/EAD	7.80	1
UNIFEM	5.73	4
ILO	5.56	4
TOTAL	1,111.12	180

Notes: Donor Deposits pie chart does not include Earned Interest of \$5.53million, and the Un-Earmarked portion includes \$21.49 allocated to funding in the Governance/Decentralization Programmes sub-sector.

A new UNCT Coordination Structure introduced in 2008 replaced the "Cluster" structure with Policy Group/Sector Outcome Teams (SOT).

Projects shown by SOT will be less than the number of projects shown by Participating UN Organization since a joint programme implemented by two or more agencies, while counting as one programme under a SOT, is reported separately by each participating UN organization, thereby accounting for more than one project.

5. PROJECT COMMITMENTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Implementing UN agencies have to date **legally committed \$929 million** and **disbursed \$812 million of total funds transferred (which amounts to \$1,111 mill for the implementation of 141 joint programmes)**. Tables 5.1 and 5.2 provide a summary of project commitments and disbursements by Sector Outcome and by Participating UN Organization, respectively. Figures for the period to end September 2008 are based on the latest available information from various operational units of the Iraq UN Country Team and provide informal updates on the progress made in 2008. **As of end September 2008, Participating UN Organizations' average commitment and disbursement rates amount to 84% and 73% of funds transferred, respectively.**

Table 5.1 Commitments and Disbursements Summary by Sector Outcome Teams (US\$ 000s)

Policy Group	Sector Outcome Team	Sub-sector	Funds Transferred (US\$000s)	2004 - 2007		2008		TOTAL	
				July 2004 to End December 2007		January 2008 -End September 2008		July 2004 - End September 2008	
				COM ^A	DISB ^B	COM ^C	DISB ^D	COM	DISB
Essential Social Services			575,638	425,049	342,617	69,481	60,218	494,530	402,836
								86%	70%
	Education		189,159	142,097	118,290	19,025	13,268	161,122	131,558
								85%	70%
	Water and Sanitation		68,451	49,548	38,384	9,174	8,099	58,722	46,484
								86%	68%
	Health		161,200	116,841	92,507	26,386	14,344	143,226	106,851
								89%	66%
	Housing & Shelter		24,541	24,541	19,664	-	2,404	24,541	22,068
								100%	90%
	Food Security, Agriculture, Food Assistance		132,287	92,022	73,772	14,896	22,103	106,919	95,875
								81%	72%
		Agriculture & Water Resources	77,257	71,434	59,813	2,435	11,272	73,869	71,085
		Rural Development	44,813	10,718	5,035	12,116	9,974	22,834	15,008
		Food Security	10,217	9,871	8,924	345	858	10,215	9,781
Protection			41,605	30,871	29,993	1,298	2,017	32,169	32,010
								77%	77%
	Protection	Protection	28,915	23,151	22,404	357	285	23,508	22,689
		Mine Action	12,690	7,720	7,590	941	1,732	8,661	9,321
Governance			261,889	209,407	204,917	17,729	19,114	227,136	224,031
								87%	86%
	Governance	Democratic Process (National Reconciliation / Rule of Law)	60,349	39,650	37,463	3,988	7,001	43,638	44,464
		Culture	2,092	1,966	1,960	0	0	1,966	1,960
		Public Sector Reform	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Decentralization Programmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Support to Electoral Process	199,448	167,791	165,493	13,741	12,113	181,532	177,607
Economic Development			231,692	155,785	131,414	18,664	21,199	174,448	152,612
								75%	66%
	Economic Development: Economic Reform & Diversification		27,715	25,864	23,983	747	583	26,611	24,566
		Infrastructure Electricity	133,724	102,953	86,148	10,236	10,468	113,189	96,616
		Poverty Reduction & Human Development	54,553	11,236	7,527	7,683	8,410	18,919	15,937
		Environment	15,700	15,731	13,756	(1)	1,737	15,730	15,492
Emergency Response Project*			300	295	282	-	-	295	282
								98%	94%
TOTAL			1,111,124	821,406	709,224	107,172	102,548	928,578	811,772
								84%	73%

* Humanitarian Emergency Project funded from Fund Earned Interest

NOTES:

^A Legally binding contracts signed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 (including multi-year commitments which may be disbursed in future years)

^B Disbursements made in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007

^C New legally binding contracts signed in 2008

^D Disbursements made in 2008 (including disbursements made against outstanding 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 commitments)

Table 5.2 Commitments and Disbursements Summary by Participating UN Organization (US\$ 000s)

Participating UN Organization	Funds Transferred	2004-2007		2008		TOTAL	
		July 2004 - End December 2007 ACTUALS		January 2008 -End September 2008 ACTUALS		July 2004 - End September 2008 ACTUALS	
		COM ^A	DISB ^B	COM ^C	DISB ^D	COM	DISB
ESCWA	10,378	7,069	6,176	1,279	1,270	8,348	7,445
						80%	72%
FAO	92,565	67,788	52,359	11,124	17,221	78,912	69,580
						85%	75%
ILO	5,560	491	488	1,326	902	1,818	1,390
						33%	25%
UNDP	301,908	213,867	188,252	24,149	20,575	238,016	208,827
						79%	69%
UN DPA/EAD	7,802	7,414	6,014	92	1,364	7,505	7,377
						96%	95%
UNEP	16,605	16,636	14,650	-1	1,737	16,634	16,387
						100%	99%
UNESCO	57,718	37,524	30,773	6,619	6,141	44,144	36,914
						76%	64%
UNFPA	12,603	10,084	7,207	928	989	11,012	8,196
						87%	65%
UN-HABITAT	77,925	56,959	50,685	4,670	5,742	61,629	56,427
						79%	72%
UNHCR	13,423	13,292	13,237	131	57	13,423	13,294
						100%	99%
UNICEF	154,111	122,163	91,744	13,616	11,868	135,780	103,613
						88%	67%
UNIDO	32,535	13,846	10,655	5,046	5,715	18,893	16,370
						58%	50%
UNIFEM	5,726	3,985	3,985	1,193	1,131	5,178	5,116
						90%	89%
UNOPS*	196,852	147,811	141,333	24,523	18,872	172,333	160,205
						88%	81%
WFP	16,368	14,659	13,699	556	1,082	15,215	14,781
						93%	90%
WHO	109,045	87,819	77,969	11,922	7,883	99,741	85,851
						91%	79%
TOTAL	1,111,124	821,406	709,224	107,172	102,548	928,578	811,772
						84%	73%

* includes Humanitarian Emergency Project funded from Fund Earned Interest

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6. CONTRACT AWARDS UNDER UNDG ITF-FUNDED PROJECTS POSTED ON UNDG ITF/IRFFI WEBSITE AT www.irffi.org

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 Details: www.irffi.org



Table 6.1 Value and Number of Awards by Country US\$ (as of 10 October 2008)

VALUE AND NUMBER OF AWARDS BY COUNTRY												
Country of Origin	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		Total # Awards	Total Amount
	# of Awards	Amount of Award	# of Awards	Amount of Award	# of Awards	Amount of Award	# of Awards	Amount of Award	# of Awards	Amount of Award		
Australia	1	15,664	2	473,222							3	488,886
Austria	4	641,557	13	4,469,176	5	425,416	4	150,272			26	5,686,421
Bahrain			7	2,337,656							7	2,337,656
Belgium	1	22,500,000									1	22,500,000
Canada			4	187,228	1	12,000					5	199,228
China	20	34,872,695	10	13,509,110							30	48,381,804
Croatia			1	11,780			3	14,103			4	25,883
Cyprus			3	219,835	1	2,008	1	8,336			5	230,179
Czech Republic	1	287,522	2	5,980,425	1	23,681	5	1,173,680			9	7,465,307
Denmark	8	11,118,139	17	20,572,443	17	995,413	19	483,562	2	89,781	63	33,259,338
Egypt	10	177,364	23	895,763	4	54,927	4	61,820			41	1,189,874
Egypt					1	5,112			1	5,816	2	10,928
Finland			2	211,154							2	211,154
Finland									2	648,371	2	648,371
France	4	210,377	20	1,833,391	3	654,094	3	110,881	1	87,980	31	2,896,723
Germany	9	1,473,443	60	6,504,379	19	11,482,237	14	1,904,624	23	580,228	125	21,944,911
India	1	26,496	10	1,859,428			9	615,068	1	17,294	21	2,518,286
Indonesia			1	112,000	1	2,948					2	114,948
Iran	1	56,980	3	55,635							4	112,615
Iraq	78	8,128,524	457	48,974,321	193	29,047,846	219	36,801,601	66	4,572,995	1,013	127,525,287
Ireland			2	79,696			2	110,473			4	190,169
Istanbul							1	30,000			1	30,000
Italy	6	1,603,691	30	7,459,626	5	174,317	23	1,009,206	3	250,899	67	10,497,739
Italy									1	87,500	1	87,500
Japan	3	16,987,896	19	51,981,896	6	342,219			2	2,495	30	69,314,507
Jordan	52	6,316,590	129	12,595,069	113	1,312,841	53	1,072,665	14	2,281,417	361	23,578,583
Kenya			1	284,457							1	284,457
Kuwait	1	304,750	13	3,623,003							14	3,927,753
Lebanon	3	2,626,192	25	2,455,757	35	1,479,768	22	893,078	5	1,020,194	90	8,474,989
Lebanon					2	63,220	2	26,336	1	8,087	5	97,643
Leichtenstein	1	22,700,000									1	22,700,000
Morocco			1	16,400			1	94,000	1	94,369	3	204,769
Netherlands	10	1,784,903	21	4,100,272	5	975,210	3	625,867	2	12,566	41	7,498,819
New Zealand	1	160,997									1	160,997
Norway	1	41,000			1	4,962					2	45,962
Oman	4	493,485	6	1,457,456	4	489,610			1	54,950	15	2,495,501
Pakistan			1	15,062					1	32,331	2	47,393
Saudi Arabia			4	314,019	1	153,000					5	467,019
Slovenia			2	380,980							2	380,980
South Africa			3	42,188	1	6,700					4	48,888
Spain			2	150,595	1	24,623	2	115,293	1	63,361	6	353,872
Sudan			1	78,975							1	78,975
Sweden	2	12,680,046	3	106,731	4	166,529	1	1,211			10	12,954,517
Switzerland	4	150,857	22	2,827,754	1	27,660					27	3,006,271
Syria			3	463,061							3	463,061
Thailand	1	8,221	1	43,836							2	52,057
Tunisia	1	3,000	2	47,340							3	50,340
Turkey	6	2,446,956	1	452,500			4	6,531,579	1	15,580	12	9,446,614
UAE	1	32,500	7	41,390,975	5	100,142	5	227,005	2	141,345	20	41,891,967
UK	22	14,567,065	55	37,366,022	26	2,285,875	23	1,039,066	9	654,200	135	55,912,228
USA	7	1,467,602	27	8,077,906	14	1,590,627	7	805,955	16	637,305	71	12,579,396
Grand Total	264	163,884,513	1,016	284,018,521	470	51,902,984	430	53,905,683	156	11,359,062	2,336	565,152,937

For more details about the Multi-Donor Trust Fund Office visit:
www.undp.org/mdtf/overview.shtml

The screenshot shows the UNDP website's overview page for Multi-Donor Trust Funds & Joint Programmes. The page includes a navigation menu, a sidebar with links to various sections, and a main content area with an overview text and a table of statistics. A 'Key Figures' box on the right provides a summary of the portfolio's financials.

Overview
 Multi-Donor Trust Funds | Joint Programmes | UNDP MDTF Office

In the context of growing efforts of the UN system towards enhanced coherence and efficiency at the country level and increasing joint UN activities, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is often called upon to play the role of **Administrative Agent for Multi-Donor Trust Funds (MDTFs) and Joint Programmes (JPs)** established by the UN system, national authorities and donors fund management mechanism.

The increasing use of MDTFs and JPs is a direct application of the aid effectiveness agenda and UN reform initiatives, and the need to provide flexible, coordinated and predictable funding to support the achievement of national priorities. In their governance structure and operations, MDTFs and JPs are consistent with the **Paris Declaration**, including national ownership, alignment with national priorities, harmonization and coordination.

MDTFs and JPs usually use the pass-through fund management modality. Under this arrangement, **Participating UN Organizations** appoint an Administrative Agent (AA) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as their administrative interface with donors. The AA subsequently signs a Standard Administrative Arrangement (formerly known as a Letter of Agreement (LOA)) with donors, and receives and administers donor-funds and transfers to Participating UN Organizations in accordance with the MOU and SAA. Participating UN Organizations assume full programmatic and financial accountability for the funds received from the AA, operating under their own individual financial regulations and rules.

When UNDP is selected as the AA, the accountability for UNDP's function as AA in MDTFs and JPs using pass-through arrangements has been delegated to the Executive Coordinator of the MDTF Office, reporting to the Assistant Administrator and Director of the Partnerships Bureau, in accordance with the policy governing "UNDP's Accountability when acting as Administrative Agent in MDTFs and/or UN Joint Programmes using the pass-through fund management modality."

For information about UNDP's dual role in multi-donor trust funds and joint programmes, click [here](#).

UNDP-administered MDTFs and JPs as of 30 September 2008				
MDTFs	Pledges (USD)	Commitments (USD)	Deposits (USD)	Transfers to Part. Orgs. (USD)
Darfur Community Peace and	38,532,776	14,577,644	3,003,826	2,132,519

Key Figures:
 Total Portfolio \$: 3,486,610,452
 Total Pledges \$: 192,784,539
 Total Commitments \$: 3,293,825,913
 Total Deposits \$: 2,710,332,946
 Approved for funding \$: 2,172,964,341
 Transfers to Part. Orgs \$: 2,053,578,065
 Number of donors: 49
 Participating Organizations: 39
 Countries of operation: 74

For more details about the UNDG ITF visit:
www.undp.org/mdtf/undg-itf/overview.shtml

The screenshot shows the UNDP website's overview page for the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund. The page includes a navigation menu, a sidebar, and a main content area with an overview text and a table of statistics. A 'Key Figures' box on the right provides a summary of the fund's financials.

Overview

The United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund (UNDG ITF) was established in 2004 as one of two trust funds of the international Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI). The IRFFI was designed in close consultation with the Iraqi authorities and endorsed by the World Bank and the United Nations in response to international requests to create a mechanism to enable donors to channel their resources and coordinate their support for reconstruction and development activities in Iraq. A total of 25 donors have signed a **Letter of Agreement** with the UNDP Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) Office, as Administrative Agent of the UNDG ITF.

The UNDG ITF is the first MDTF to be administered by the United Nations in joint partnership with the World Bank, and to provide donors with a single channel for funding thereby reducing donors' transaction costs. It was also the first time that the UNDG organizations adopted common planning, funding, coordinated implementation and reporting arrangements through a thematic 'cluster' framework.

The UNDG ITF is administered by the UNDP MDTF Office as Administrative Agent on behalf of the Participating UN Organizations. This arrangement has been formalized through the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between the Participating UN Organization and the UNDP MDTF Office, as the Administrative Agent. A total of 21 Participating UN Organizations have signed the MOU with the Administrative Agent, which sets out the duties and responsibilities of each Participating UN Organization, which assumes full programmatic and financial accountability for the funds disbursed to it.

The IRFFI structure is designed to ensure that activities financed by the WB ITF and the UNDG ITF are aligned with the Government of Iraq's priorities as outlined in the **IRFFI Terms of Reference (TOR)**. The strategic documents that provide the scope and parameters for identifying and formulating projects include the Iraq National Development Strategy (NDS), International Compact with Iraq (ICI), Iraq Millennium Development Goals (IMDGs), and UN Security Council Resolutions 1546 and 1770 (2007) and UN Assistance Strategy for Iraq.

Further information about the IRFFI and the UNDG ITF, including updated **narrative and financial reports** and a complete list of projects support by the UNDG ITF, are available on IRFFI main website at: www.irffi.org

For specific queries related to the UNDG ITF, please go to **contacts**.

UNDG ITF Figures
 Total Portfolio USD: 1,358,096,513
 Total Commitments USD: 1,358,096,513
 Total Deposits USD: 1,323,098,450
 Transfers to Part. Orgs USD: 1,111,124,499
 No. of Participating Orgs: 21
 No of Donors: 25
 Approved Projects & Joint Programmes: 141