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Quick Facts

Countries	Iraq
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-10-30
Borrower	Government of Iraq
Sectors	Finance, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 17.63 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project development objective is to strengthen institutions and mechanisms of fiscal accountability and oversight at federal and regional levels. The project has three components:

1. Enhancing Fiscal Accountability. This component supports specific Government reform commitments to enhance;1) payroll reporting and oversight;2) public procurement;3) fiscal oversight over the budget and nonfinancial SOEs.
    i. Subcomponent 1.1: Strengthening Payroll Reporting and Oversight (Recipient-executed activities). This subcomponent aims to assist the GoI in creating a prototype Central Payroll Management Information System (CPMIS) in 2017 to institutionalize a robust payroll reporting mechanism for government spending units, providing a centralized source of information for central authorities to track payees and wage expenditures.
    ii. Sub-component I.2: Enhancing Efficiency and Accountability in Public Procurement (Recipient-executed activities). This subcomponent will support the Federal Ministry of Planning in modernizing the public procurement system through technological enablement, as well as by promoting business conduct by public officials and private sector participants in the procurement process.
    iii. Sub-component I.3.: Enhancing Fiscal Oversight over the Budget and Non-financial SOEs and the reform and restructuring (Bank-executed activities on behalf of the Recipient). This subcomponent aims at strengthening mechanisms to ensure oversight and accountability in the use and management of public financial resources in the Federal Government of Iraq and in the regions by strengthening external auditing, legislative oversight and financial oversight of non-financial SOEs.
2. Transparency, Integrity and Legal Certainty. This component supports specific Government reform commitments to 1) enhance fiscal transparency; 2) mitigate the risk of corruption and 3) improve legal certainty. It consists for three subcomponents.
    i. Sub-component 2.1: Fiscal Transparency (Recipient-executed activities). This subcomponent will seek to enhance fiscal reporting and transparency, as well as improve public participation and awareness of the budget process in Iraq.
    ii. Sub-component 2.2.: Mitigating the Risk of Corruption (Bank-executed activities on behalf of the Recipient). This subcomponent proposes two main objectives 1) to strengthen the existing system of financial interest and asset Declaration by public officials; and 2) to mitigate the risk of corruption in capital investment, including in reconstruction programs funded by the Reconstruction Fund for Areas Affected by Terrorist Operations (REFAATO).
    iii. Sub-component 2.3. Improving Legal Certainty (Bank-executed activities on behalf of the Recipient). This subcomponent aims to improve legal certainty in Iraq and to strengthen the effectiveness of the Federal State Council and the Kurdish Regional Shura Council both for legal review and advice and as apex administrative courts at regional and federal level.
3. Project Management and Implementation Support (Recipient-Executed activities). This component supports project management and its coordination with other PFM reforms. Project coordination and overall management will be vested with the Prime Minister's Office at federal level which will convene implementing and beneficiary agencies in a steering committee. In KRG, it will be vested with MOP under the supervision of the
International Reform Coordination Task Force (IRCTF). Both the project coordination unit at federal and KRG levels will also contribute to the coordination of the project with other PFM reform programs. This component will also build their capacity for that broader purpose.

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