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## ACRONYMS

CCA	Common Country Assessment
CEDAW	United Nations Convention for Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
COSIT	Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child (United Nations)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GLTN	Global Land Tool Network (UN-Habitat)
HCPD	Habitat Country Programme Document
ICI	International Compact with Iraq
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
ILO	International Labour Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IRFFI	International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq
ITF	Iraq Trust Fund
KRG	Kurdistan Regional Government
LADP	Local Area Development Plans
MDTF	Multi-Donor Trust Fund
MTSIP	Medium-Term Strategic and Institutional Plan (UN-Habitat)
ROAAS	Regional Office for Africa and Arab States
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
UNAMI	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance programme
UNDG-ITF	United Nations Development Group-Iraq Trust Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEG	United Nations Evaluation Group
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCWA	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	UN Women (new name)
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
USD	United States Dollar
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



A child in an Erbil Neighbourhood/Kurdistan Regional Governorate. © UN-Habitat

### I. INTRODUCTION

The evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements (UN-Habitat) Iraq Urban Programme from 2004 to date was initiated by UN-Habitat to provide its governing bodies, staff, donors, government counterparts and development partners with a forward-looking assessment of UN-Habitat's operational experience, achievements and challenges in the country.

Since 2004, the United Nations Development Group under the Multi-Donor Trust Fund in Iraq has become the largest post-war single programme—in size and scope—worth USD 1.6 billion and implemented by 17 United Nations resident and four

tions operations in Iraq. Alongside the closure of the Iraq Trust Fund the Multi-Donor Trust Fund, and a new development phase in the country with the Iraq United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) Fund framework, the Iraq Programme faces complex challenges.

The objectives of the evaluation were to assess the contributions of the Iraq Programme, the relevance of its programmatic focus, the appropriateness of its institutional arrangements and partnerships in responding to Iraq's developmental needs and priorities. In addition, the purpose of the evaluation was to assess the added value of UN-Habitat within the context of joint programmes, and draw lessons toward improving UN-Habitat's future contributions.

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