Rehabilitation of the Iraqi specialized institute for engineering industries

Context
This UNIDO project intends to assist Iraq in its endeavours for the reconstruction of its economic infrastructure. It will particularly provide support for the rehabilitation of the Specialized Institute for Engineering Industries (SIEI), which due to the war and subsequent sanctions has suffered extensive damage.

Strategy
Assistance will be provided to rebuild the capacity of the SIEI to assist the Iraqi industries with the application of national standards and adaptation of international standards to their needs. The project will provide assistance in:

- training a substantial number of SIEI managerial and technical staff on standardization, quality assurance and conformity assessment;
- acquiring appropriate instrumentation, equipment and reference materials for its testing/calibration laboratories; and
- initiating testing and other product quality assurance activities for the local manufacturing industry, service sector and consumers.

Current Status
- Twenty-one technical and administrative/management skills upgrading training courses have been conducted outside and inside Iraq with a total of 121 beneficiaries (65 men and 56 women).
- Thirty two equipments for testing production workshop have been ordered (partly delivered) New laboratories Furniture delivered and installed.
- Commencement of the Construction work for extension of the laboratories building.
- Progress on selected laboratories international accreditation is on-going.

Impact / Outlook
The SIEI project is enhancing the capacity of the SIEI/Ministry of Industry to respond to the needs of the manufacturing industry, service sector and consumers and facilitate industrial development in Iraq.

At a glance

OVERALL GOALS: Support the rehabilitation of the SIEI
MDGs:  
- Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
- Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability.
- Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

THEMATIC AREA: Agro-industrial development
DONOR: UNDG-ITF, Italian Government
PARTNERS: Ministry of Industry and Minerals

Establishment of Environmental Management System is on-going.
Establishment of a technical Library (furniture, books, It equipments) is on-going. Issued the Laboratory services specific promotional technical brochures. English and Arabic versions.