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Current Humanitarian and Reconstruction Situation (**updated** once a week)

**Sector Updates**

*Electricity*

- On August 5, peak country-wide power generation totaled 3,140 megawatts (MW), 71% of the pre-war totals of 4,400 MW. Baghdad consumption peaked at 1,150 MW.
- The Commission of Electricity (COE) reported that suspected power line sabotage has virtually isolated southern Iraq's power sector, limiting exportation of power to the rest of the country; however, many areas in the south are receiving 24 hour coverage.
- According to the COE Commissioner, the COE has initiated a rapid and comprehensive planning effort aimed at creating a three-year electricity sector strategy that accurately anticipates needs and effectively allocates budgeted resources and phase-in work.

*Education*

- Primary, secondary, and vocational final exams were successfully completed at the end of July through UNICEF support to the Ministry of Education. There will be a make up exam in late-August/early September for those who were unable to take or pass the July exams.

*Food*

Public Distribution System (PDS)

- On July 30, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) reported that the August PDS ration will include the full powdered milk ration (.5 kg) for the first time since the recent conflict, as well as an increase in vegetable oil. Stock positions in the four lower, southern governorates for the upcoming distribution are sufficient, with the exception of small shortages of detergent, sugar, tea, and infant formula in some governorates. While most of the commodities are expected to arrive during August, the late arrivals may force some food agents to make multiple trips to the warehouse
- In Al Basrah, the June wheat flour distribution is only 84 percent complete, due to transportation difficulties between warehouses, mills, and flour agents which are in turn due to the fuel shortage. WFP reports that the fuel shortage delayed completion of the July food distribution until early August, and the lack of fuel threatens August food distribution.
- On July 29 and July 30, the first meetings of the newly created Arbil and As Sulaymaniyah Governorate Sub-Task Forces, charged with managing the transition of the Public Distribution System (PDS) WFP to Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) administration in the governorates following the end of the Oil-for-Food (OFF) program in November, took place. KRG and WFP representatives attending the meetings.
- The CPA and Ministry of Trade (MOT) reported that a large amount of grain testing equipment donated by the Australian Government has been received by all the lower, southern governorates that placed their orders through the Iraq Grain Board Central Laboratory in Taji (north of Baghdad). The equipment includes dividers, probes, sieves, moisture meters, scoops, and brooms. The donated equipment will increase testing standards and consistency for future harvest purchases. .

*Fuel Shortage*

- Growing fuel shortages for cars, propane, and kerosene in Al Basrah Governorate and other parts of the lower south are threatening security and some humanitarian operations. The shortages are endangering hospital patients as hospitals that are dependent on generators for large portions of the day are running out of fuel. Cold storage for medicines and vaccination programs are also affected. Reasons for the fuel shortages include a shutdown of the Al Basrah refinery operations the week of July 28 due to electricity shortages from sabotage to local transmission lines, illegal smuggling of fuel, confiscation of tanker trucks, and the majority of fuel going to Baghdad.

*Health*

- In the four southern governorates of Al Muthanna, Al Basrah, Dhi Qar, and Maysan, immunization rates have dropped from last year's average of 85 percent to a low of 60 percent in some areas. This decrease resulted from limited access to health facilities due to insecurity. This has resulted in immunization-preventable outbreaks, with 491 diagnosed cases of whooping cough and two cases of polio. The Directorates of Health from each of the four governorates, The World Health Organization (WHO), The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), and USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance's (USAID/OFDA) partners GOAL and

IMC are working to get the immunization program on track. Dhi Qar Governorate shows the most vulnerable health status of the four lower governorates with nearly double the cases of under-five illnesses such as diarrhea and respiratory illness.

- Major donors to Iraq's health sector have established a Health Donors Coordination Committee, which convenes each Saturday in Baghdad to discuss health sector issues. Plans, implementation strategies, and new initiatives are addressed, as are ways to create synergies and avoid duplication among health sector donors. The group is headed by a revolving chair, with the chair deciding the technical issues to be discussed at each group meeting. The previously established International Medical Advisory Committee (IMAC) will continue to meet weekly to vet applications from organizations sending medical supplies and equipment.

#### *Security*

- Coalition forces have recently placed armed Iraqi guards at many water treatment facilities in Al Basrah Governorate. Water treatment facility managers welcome this protection, and are grateful that these facilities are being recognized as important to the reconstruction effort.
- On July 29, Iraqi railways were hit by two acts of sabotage. One bomb damaged railway tracks 153 kilometers north of Baghdad while the second took out a section of track 43 km south of the capital. These events occurred following a statement from the Iraqi Railway authorities that services between Syria and Iraq will resume with the first Syrian train scheduled to arrive in Baghdad in the middle of the week of August 4.
- On August 3 the main road from the city of Baghdad to Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) was closed due to the explosion of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). A local Iraqi driver was killed.

### **U.S. Government Response** (New information is underlined.)

#### **Emergency Relief, Transition, and Reconstruction Initiatives**

- USAID's Office of U. S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) is supporting U.N. and NGO emergency assistance activities through quick-impact projects and IDP support. USAID/OFDA supports projects in the sectors of food security, health, logistics, nutrition, shelter, and water and sanitation.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) is providing emergency food commodities through the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) and P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to WFP for distribution to food insecure Iraqis. WFP also received a cash contribution from USAID/FFP for the purchase of commodities in the region.
- The Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) contributed assistance for the pre-positioning and emergency response activities of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- USAID/OTI is supporting the implementation of the Iraq Transition Initiative (ITI). The ITI program supports the process of political stabilization and community recovery in post-conflict Iraq by providing small grants designed to build confidence among Iraq's diverse ethnic groups, increase citizen participation in decision-making, and rapidly respond to community needs, while establishing and building trust for long term reconstruction efforts. The ITI program is implemented through USAID/OTI implementing partners Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and IOM. In addition, USAID/OTI works with the Broadcasting Board of Governors to enhance the capacity of Radio SAWA to broadcast humanitarian and reconstruction reporting.
- In addition to the emergency relief assistance provided by USAID through the DART and the Department of State, USAID's Asia and Near East Bureau (USAID/ANE) has provided timely assistance for reconstruction activities in Iraq in a broad range of sectors. USAID supports reconstruction projects in education, governance, health, infrastructure, and economic governance.

#### Abuse Prevention Unit (APU)

- USAID/OTI approved a grant to increase the capacity of the Iraqi Institute for Human Rights, based in Kirkuk. The institute is a new organization dedicated to the promotion and defense of human rights in Iraq. The grant will assist in the development of the organization by providing office equipment and furniture. USAID/OTI will also provide sewing machines to support the institute's income generation program for local widows whose husbands and sons disappeared during the former regime.
- USAID/OTI approved a grant for the Human Rights Association of Babylon. Established on April 10, the Association focuses on collection of evidence and documentation of mass graves and missing persons, as well as media and educational campaigns about human rights and democracy. It actively investigates abuses by the former regime, collects evidence of torture, execution, and missing persons, and documents remains found at mass graves. The grant is for a back-up generator and internet services, which will enable the organization to link with other human rights organizations in Iraq and the international community, and access international human rights documents, resources, and funding.

- USAID/OTI recently worked with the emerging Iraqi Network for the Empowerment of Women (NEW), a group of representatives from several Kurdistan-based women's NGOs and unions. Representatives from NEW presented the organization's goals to the interim Mayor of Kirkuk at a meeting attended by USAID/OTI. The Mayor approved efforts by NEW to acquire a legal license to operate in Kirkuk and expressed full support of women's empowerment efforts as well as his intent to do whatever possible to facilitate NEW's work.
- USAID/OTI chaired the weekly human rights meeting held at the Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC) Kirkuk, which was attended by several NEW representatives and other local human rights organizations. The meeting focused on NEW coordination and an initiative to build a women's shelter in Kirkuk. The group expressed interest in building NEW into a national, multiethnic network that includes multiple religions.
- USAID/OTI provided office equipment and supplies to the Karbala Human Rights Watch to assist the organization to continue collecting and researching information on missing persons and mass graves. To date, the organization has over 1,300 records on missing persons and mass graves.

#### Community Action

- USAID is supporting the establishment of the Iraqi Handicap Association (IHA) in Baghdad through a grant provided by USAID partner International Relief and Development, Inc. (IRD) under the Iraq Community Action Program (ICAP). The IHA was founded to address the needs of Baghdad's disabled population. Previously, the government assisted only war veterans, but with the backing of several volunteers in the community, including a local businesswoman who is supplying office space and a psychiatrist specializing in war trauma, IHA now conducts regular community outreach meetings in Baghdad. IHA hopes to become a place where the disabled can find jobs, receive job training, and participate in food and medical programs. IRD has contributed to this effort by repairing IHA office space and supplying a computer, air conditioning, a generator, and furniture. Currently, there are 2,500 disabled persons registered with IHA, including 150 women and 100 children.
- USAID implementing partner ACDI/VOCA opened a field office in the northern city of As Sulaymaniyah on July 26. Twenty communities will be served from this new office, including communities located in Diyala Governorate. Coordinated efforts between ACDI/VOCA and Coalition forces in the region have resulted in the identification of high priority infrastructure projects in both Kirkuk and As Sulaymaniyah, and ACDI/VOCA engineers participating in community development town meetings are reviewing the viability of these projects.
- CHF is implementing 25 community projects in the southern governorates of Babil, Karbala', and An Najaf. Priority projects include sewage treatment facility rehabilitation, medical facility renovation, neighborhood cleanup, road repair, school renovation, and water and sanitation education. Since June 23, CHF has made contact with 80 communities in southern Iraq, leading to 65 community-wide meetings. From these meetings, 64 representative community associations were elected to work with CHF in identifying, prioritizing, and selecting community projects for implementation. To date, CHF has employed 118 full-time Iraqi citizens in the governorates of Babylon, Karbala, and An Najaf. The total dollar value of projects currently being implemented exceeds \$1,600,000.
- USAID partner International Relief and Development (IRD) launched nineteen new projects in the Baghdad area. These projects include: nine school rehabilitations, four trash removal projects that will later be integrated into a trash collection system and educational component, a health center, a women's forum, and four sewage repair projects. Together with the previously reported reconstruction of the Nissan 9 Market, these projects total approximately \$550,000 and will impact the lives of over one million citizens in Baghdad. IRD expanded its operations to Baghdad's Al Mansour and Al Adamiya districts and is now active in four Baghdad districts.

#### Economic Governance

- The first BearingPoint team deployed to Iraq on August 4 to begin economic governance activities.

#### Education

- On July 31, USAID private sector partner Creative Associates International (CAII) awarded a grant to the office of the Director General of Education, Babil Governorate. As part of the Revitalization of Iraqi Schools and Stabilization of Education (RISE) Program, CAII is charged with refurbishing all of Iraq's 18 Director General of Education offices by October 1.
- CAII officially completed the inventory of secondary schools on August 2. The work, a planned activity under USAID's RISE program, was performed by a team of professionals from American University, The Iraq Foundation, and the American Islamic Congress.
- RISE recently held a two-day grants workshop in Baghdad. Area grants managers attended the meeting, which addressed issues such as methodologies, grants monitoring, accountability, transference of funds, and strategies.
- USAID private sector partner Bechtel awarded subcontracts to immediately begin rehabilitation of 200 Baghdad schools.
- RTI furthered its technical assistance to civil society organizations through the provision of administrative guidance to the Teacher's Union and Parent-Teacher Committees of the Al Basrah Governorate's Directorate of Education. Both organizations were founded under the previous regime, and RTI is contributing to improving functions at both organizations.

- On July 30, RTI assisted teachers in Al Basrah Governorate in developing lesson plans and artistic storybooks on personal hygiene. The first of five storybooks has been completed and will be used in community involvement and awareness workshops. The first lesson, conducted in two workshop sessions, will be held during the first week of August.

#### Food

##### Public Distribution System (PDS)

- On August 3, Bechtel reported that the silo complex in Umm Qasr is now capable of receiving 30,000 MT of bulk wheat into the silo. Bechtel expects that storage at full capacity (60,000 MT), will be completed by the end of August. Bechtel has developed a training packet for silo staff on fumigation procedures as well as a schedule of required maintenance.
- USAID/FFP reported that registration problems continue in Al Basrah Governorate due to poor conditions at the main Ration Registration Center (RRC) in Basrah. USAID is working with RRC, CPA, and IOM to address the registration problem. In June USAID/OTI, through IOM, funded repair of a separate facility that now houses RRC managers as well as computer equipment and staff to facilitate emergency operations.

#### Health

- USAID/OFDA partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) has re-equipped four health centers in Karbala' Governorate serving a population of 153,000 and has begun work on two of eight planned clinic rehabilitation/restocking projects in An Najaf Governorate.
- USAID/OFDA partners GOAL, IMC, and Save the Children/US (SCF/US) are scheduled to conduct nutritional surveys in their areas of responsibility over the next month. USAID's Al Basrah office will host a meeting with the three NGOs to reach agreement on desired outcomes and methodology so that the results can be compared. The objective is to help reach common ground on the ongoing debate among the U.N., its agencies, and NGOs over the global malnutrition rate in under-five children in southern Iraq. As the PDS transition evolves, the accurate rate of malnutrition is crucial in planning a safety net for vulnerable children.
- The Supplementary Feeding Working Group in Al Basrah, which is tasked with restarting supplemental feeding programs in the lower southern region, convened for the first time on August 1. USAID/FFP participated along with representatives from WFP, UNICEF, Intersos, USAID/OFDA partner SCF/US, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), and the Ministries of Health (Al Basrah, Al Muthanna, and Dhi Qar). Topics of discussion included criteria for determining malnourished children and micronutrient deficiency, providing supplementary feeding to malnourished handicapped children over five years old, providing supplementary feeding to mildly malnourished children, school feeding for primary and secondary schools, reaching beneficiaries in remote areas, supplementary feeding for returnees, and a supplementary feeding awareness campaign. Currently UNICEF is distributing high protein biscuits to malnourished children under five, and pregnant and lactating women. In August, WFP will provide supplementary commodities for distribution by UNICEF and NGO to approximately 218,000 children under five, 122,000 lactating women, and 122,000 pregnant women in the four lower southern governorates.
- On August 1, USAID/OFDA partner World Vision reported that it had provided approximately 2,000 children and staff in six Al Rutbah schools with hygiene and water management education. World Vision is working to mitigate or avert epidemic and deteriorating health conditions among 20,000 vulnerable households (approximately 100,000 people) and 10,000 children and youth throughout Iraq. In addition to health education, World Vision is distributing medical supplies and essential pharmaceuticals to community health centers and hospitals as well as establishing child and youth friendly spaces to address the psychosocial needs of war-affected children and youth.
- In July, USAID/OFDA partner CARE distributed 30,000 blankets and 15,000 hygiene kits throughout 13 governorates in central and southern Iraq. Smaller hospitals with approximately 50 to 100 beds received 50 hygiene kits while larger hospitals and maternity/pediatric hospitals received on average 250-500 hygiene kits. The kits included hygiene awareness pamphlets to help promote hygiene habits and breast examination information.

#### Infrastructure

##### Airports

- On August 1, USAID approved a job order to provide runway, taxiway, and apron markings at Basrah International Airport (BIA), located in Al Basrah Governorate. The new pavement markings and temporary reflective markings, in accordance with Federal Aviation Authority standards, will allow for daylight operations at BIA and meet International Civil Aviation Organization standards.

##### Bridges

- On August 1, USAID approved a job order to demolish and reconstruct the Tikrit Bridge, located in northern Iraq between Tikrit and Tuz Khurmatu. The Tikrit Bridge is an important link in the highway system for aid and commerce over the Tigris River and provides local residents with vehicle and pedestrian access. At present, traffic continues to flow over the structure on temporary bridges placed across collapsed spans. The Tikrit Bridge is an intermediate term, high-priority bridge.

- On August 4, USAID partner the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) conducted an on-site assessment of the Al Mat Highway Bridge, located near the village of Ar Rutbah, Al Anbar Governorate. The Al Mat Highway Bridge's deck, beams, and piers were heavily damaged by the recent conflict. A temporary road bypass currently allows for transportation through the area; however, the bridge is a high priority project.

#### Umm Qasr Port

- On July 30, USACE conducted a site visit at the Port of Umm Qasr Grain Facility. The grain facility employs 20 Iraqis full-time and is capable of unloading and processing about 350 MT of grain per hour. Following rehabilitation and operating at full capacity, the facility will be capable of off-loading and processing approximately 600 MT of grain per hour and will employ 300 workers. The grain facility rehabilitation project, which was started 10 weeks ago, is ahead of schedule.
- Bechtel successfully completed removal of the Al Muhalla barge, located at Berth 13 of the Port of Umm Qasr on August 3.
- USAID approved a Bechtel job order to redeploy two existing Iraqi dredgers at the Port. The Ram Allah suction dredger and the Saif Saad cutter suction dredger will be evaluated and repaired as necessary.
- USAID approved a Bechtel job order to repair, restore, and reconstruct electrical systems and associated peripherals at the port substations. This will help restore power to essential buildings including a warehouse at the old port facility and the administration building at the new port facility.
- On August 1, Bechtel received a job order to rehabilitate the Umm Qasr Port administration building. The building will be refurbished and repaired to make it functional. The project will be carried out in phases in order to limit interference with the day-to-day operations of the port.
- On August 1, USAID partner Stevedoring Services of Marine (SSA) conducted a review of matters related to operations at the Port Of Umm Qasr. Principle topics discussed included port tariff justification and comparison, current security efforts, capital expenditures and port revenues, a request by Coalition Forces for increased handling of cargo, proposed Ministry of Oil operations, and the securing of Iraqi national port labor.

#### Local Governance

- USAID/OTI worked with the Washington Kurdish Institute (WKI) in As Sulaymaniyah regarding grants to support media outreach efforts of women's unions in Arbil and As Sulaymaniyah. USAID/OTI will fund WKI to help the unions develop two hours per week of radio programming covering a variety of women's rights, and health and awareness issues in call-in and panel formats. The grant will include funding for women interns from the university media programs in Arbil and As Sulaymaniyah to work with the unions in developing program content. This initiative will also provide funding to expand the unions' newspapers from bi-monthly to weekly distribution, and funding for print media interns from the university to aid in copy development.
- Work began on the USAID/OTI-supported An Najaf University Press project the week of July 28. Support includes pre-press equipment and the provision of local printing for newspapers and magazines that are currently sent to Baghdad and printed sporadically.
- Rehabilitation of the An Najaf Courthouse, managed by USAID/OTI and IOM, is scheduled to begin on August 6 and last 90 days. The courthouse, which contained over 20,000 records, was completely burned and looted following the recent conflict.
- USAID/OTI recently approved a grant to support efforts by the Asuda Organization to increase awareness of the rights of women and children in the area of Hawraman (southeast of As Sulaymaniyah near the Iranian border). The Asuda Organization is a local NGO operating an extensive program to improve the quality of women's lives and strengthen civil society through gender equality initiatives. The grant will support the efforts of women in local villages to exercise the rights afforded them by international law, and will support awareness workshops in Hawraman, including publishing materials, supplies, and technical assistance.
- USAID/OTI recently worked with U.S. Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC) and the Governorate Support Team (GST) in Ad Diwaniyah on a proposed women's center. USAID/OTI is working on a grant to fund equipment, furniture and computers to establish internet services, literacy classes, social services, and an auditorium for job skills training. The GST will fund the rehabilitation of the center. USAID/OTI and the GST conducted a site visit to Uday Hussein's former Olympic Center, which could serve as the center's location.
- On August 3, DAI delivered a "Ministry in a Box" kit of furniture and equipment to the Al Thawra municipality in Baghdad. The municipality is one of nine that directs and provides specific urban services including police, fire, garbage collection, sewer maintenance, and repairs. Eight municipalities have received basic furniture, equipment and office supplies under this program, with Saban Nissan municipality scheduled to receive their kit in the next few weeks.
- USAID/OTI approved two grants on August 4 that will fund the renovation of a district council and community center in the Al Waziriyah and Al Maghrib neighborhoods of Ad Hamiyah District in Baghdad. The community center building grounds will provide sports facilities such as a basketball court, soccer field, and playground equipment for children and a meeting space for community residents. The two buildings are the first of nine centers scheduled for renovation.

- USAID/OTI signed a grant agreement to refurbish Arbil's Aqrah Sports Stadium. The grant will provide a recreational facility for community members and foster inter-ethnic friendship in Aqrah and the surrounding villages. The grant will provide repairs and needed sports equipment and will fund track resurfacing, fence and irrigation repair, and basketball and volleyball court renovation.
- USAID/OTI signed a grant to support vulnerable populations in Shosh Village in the Aqrah area of Arbil. The Ministry of Reconstruction and Development will assist in this grant by providing staff, experts, labor, and surveying in an attempt to solve the water crisis in Shosh Village. The village's sole source of water, a small, unclean spring, is used for drinking water, cleaning, and irrigation. The spring's flow capacity decreases significantly during the summer months. The water project will provide the village with a new well, turbine pump, and holding tank.
- On August 1, DAI met with tribal members and youth groups in Fallujah. Many of the youth representatives come from a neighborhood soccer league (that covers Fallujah and outlying neighborhoods and villages). DAI intends to support them through the refurbishment of neighborhood soccer fields and soccer equipment for the teams (outfits, cleats, and soccer balls). This will be the first USAID small grant activity in this town.
- On August 2, USAID/OTI signed a political transition grant for the Iraq Center for Research and Strategic Studies (ICRSS) to conduct three public opinion surveys. The objective of the project is to measure public opinion among Iraqi citizens through personal interviews (with a series of three samples) of approximately 2,600 adults, ages 18 and older, in the cities of Al Basrah, An Najaf, Baghdad, As Sulaymaniyah, Fallujah, Ar Ramadi, and Arbil. ICRSS will conduct three surveys with one survey completed per month in August, September, and October 2003. The questionnaire for each poll will include approximately seven questions and seven demographic variables. The questions and technical support for this grant are being provided by the U.S. Department of State's Office of Research in collaboration with CPA.
- On August 1, USAID representatives visited the town of Balad in Salah ad Din Governorate, at the invitation of Civil Affairs and the Balad District Council. The team met with the District Council, which identified needs for the district including activities in water, sewage, and clinic rehabilitation and support (Civil Affairs has concurred with its own assessments). OFDA is undergoing discussions with non-governmental organizations including ACTED and International Medical Corps (IMC) for potential health and water projects to serve this area. In addition, OTI began planning to identify projects that jointly target Balad, which is Shi'ite, and surrounding Sunni villages.
- RTI continues local governance activities throughout Iraq. On July 30, RTI advised the head of Kirkuk's Department of Water on establishing a public relations program aimed at improving the image and services of the department, including the use of a complaint hotline. On July 31, RTI facilitated a presentation for women by the Baghdad Interim City Advisory Council on the role of the citizen's advisory councils and the civil participation initiative. RTI also recently assisted Civil Affairs (CA) units to prepare fiscal year 2004 budgets for the city of Mosul.
- RTI conducted a health and sanitation community workshop for children and their mothers in Basrah's Al Abassyia neighborhood. These workshops, part of RTI's civil society efforts, will sensitize individuals about waste management and are conducted in the poorest communities. Such workshops lay the foundation for community support and participation, in this case, with respect to solid waste systems.

#### Water and Sanitation

- USACE reports that work on the Safwan Pumping Station, located near the city of Al Basrah, is approximately 30 percent complete and on schedule for an early September completion. Specific work includes the installation of the first of three pumps in the pumping house, fabricating new supply and discharge lines to the pump house, and repairing the chloride purification building. The Safwan Pumping station provides a potable water supply to approximately 40,000 people in the southern Al Basrah governorate. The Bechtel subcontractor performing the work is employing 19 local workers.
- Bechtel is constructing an addition to the Saba Nissan Water Treatment Plant in Baghdad. The project will include the design, procurement, and construction of a 200-million liter-per-day, water coagulation and filtration plant. The addition will be used to supplement production at the existing plant.
- Bechtel has begun work on the Al Hillah Sewage Treatment Plant, located in the city of Al Hillah, Babil Governorate, in order to provide the 53,000 people served by the Al Hillah Sewage Treatment Plant an effective sewage treatment facility.
- RTI presented the Director of Shatra Municipality with a plan to improve solid waste collection and street drainage in An Nasiriyah. The plan will improve sanitary conditions for 560,000 Iraqis.
- RTI is working with the city of Mosul's Directorate of Municipalities on the identification of problems affecting solid waste collection in Mosul and strategies for resolving these issues. Approximately 80 percent of the Directorate's solid waste collection vehicles were looted, and according to the director, 80 vehicles are currently needed for solid waste collection. RTI is coordinating this request with Coalition forces and donor agencies in order to ensure that proper action is taken and duplication of efforts is avoided.

## **Background**

- Since 1991, the Iraqi population has subsisted on the brink of a humanitarian disaster due to the lingering effects of war, sanctions, and drought. Between 1991 and 1996, the USG provided nearly \$794 million in humanitarian assistance to IDPs in northern Iraq.
- In 1996, the Government of Iraq accepted the OFFP, after which humanitarian conditions improved. Revenues from the OFFP provided food, medicine, and other civilian goods to assist vulnerable Iraqis through the PDS. However, widespread corruption by Iraqi officials limited the effectiveness of the OFFP program.
- On March 20, 2003, Coalition forces began military operations in Iraq. On May 1, 2003, 42 days after the conflict began, U.S. President George W. Bush announced that major combat operations in Iraq had ended. Subsequent disorder has exacerbated the Iraqi population's vulnerability.
- In March 2003, the USG deployed a multi-agency DART to the region to assess and respond to humanitarian needs and to help coordinate the emergency relief effort. In addition, a number of staff was deployed to prepare for immediate reconstruction requirements. The DART established offices in Arbil, Baghdad, Al Hillah, and Al Basrah. In addition, DART members were also located in Kuwait and Cyprus, and worked closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs personnel. On July 27, at USAID offices in Baghdad, USAID Mission Director Lewis Lucke officially announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq. On August 1, the DART in Iraq officially ended, and the USAID Mission in Baghdad now coordinates all USAID programs in Iraq.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Regions</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>FY 2003</b>				
<b>EMERGENCY RELIEF</b>				
<b>USAID/OFDA .....</b>				<b>\$55,465,961</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$4,061,957
	AirServ	Logistics	Countrywide	\$2,151,585
	ARC	Capacity building, Disaster support	Al Basrah	\$537,746
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Countrywide	\$40,260
	GOAL	Coordination, Nutrition	Al Muthanna	\$1,507,900
	International Dispensary Association	Health	Countrywide	\$1,283,772
	InterAction	Coordination	Kuwait City	\$92,860
	IOM	IDP programs	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
	IMC	Capacity building	Countrywide	\$202,900
	Logistics	Commodities and DART support	Countrywide	\$8,003,850
	SCF/US	NGO Consortium	Countrywide	\$883,131
	UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water/sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
	WFP	Logistics and pre-positioning of food	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>				
	IMC	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, Wasit, Kirkuk, At' Tamin	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk, Karbala', Najaf	
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
		Water/Sanitation	Diyala, Al Kut, Khanaqin	
		Water/Sanitation	Wasit	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
	SCF/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Nutrition	Mosul	
		Health, Transportation	Mosul	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
		Health	Mosul	
		Health	Baghdad	
		Nutrition	Baghdad	
		Water/Sanitation, Health	Al Basrah	
	IDP Support	Al Basrah		
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
		Water/Sanitation	Al Anbar	
		Hospital Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Water/Sanitation	Mosul	
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	

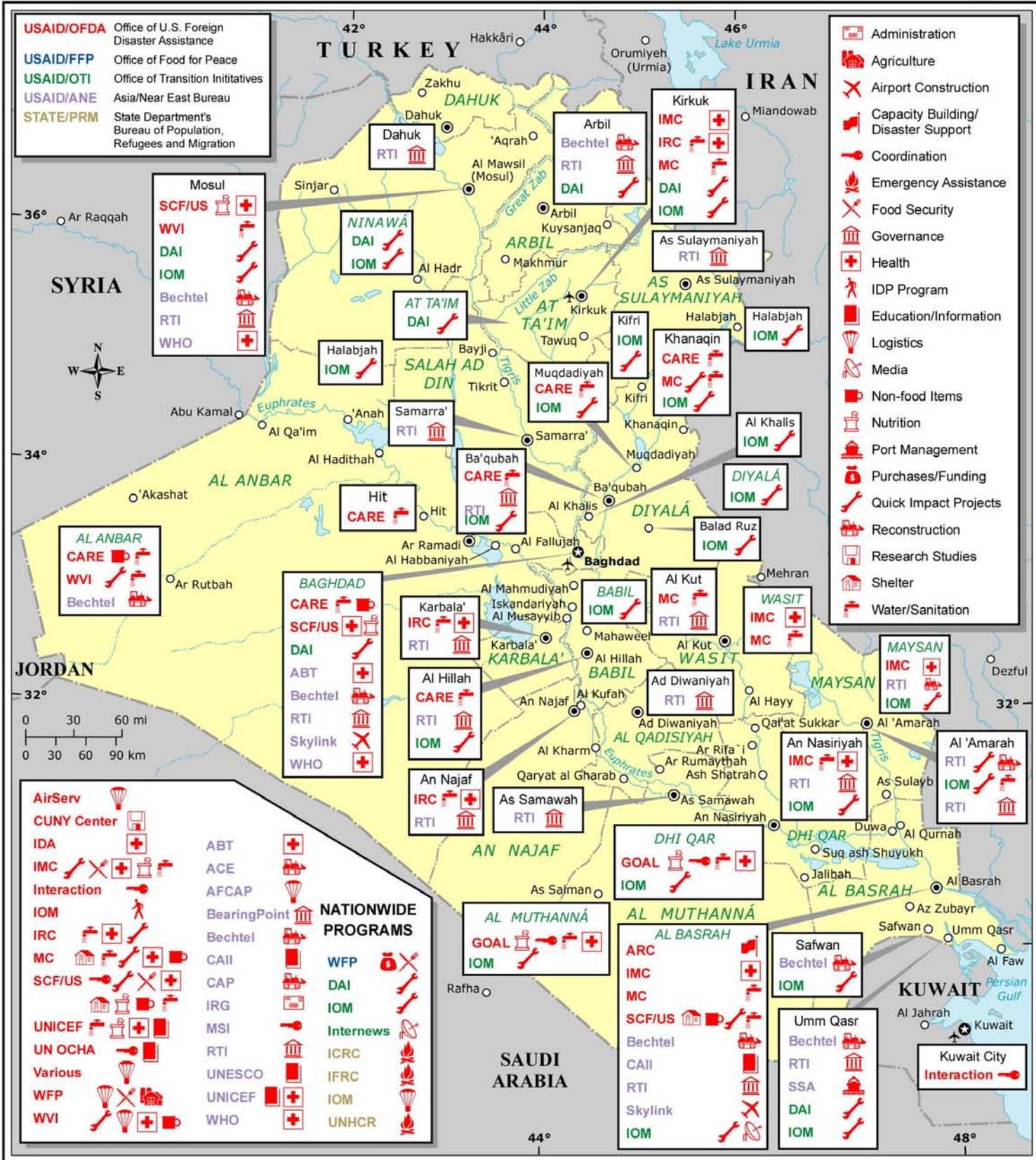
**U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance to Iraq\***

<b>USAID/FFP.....</b>				<b>\$389,333,000</b>
	WFP	Operations	Countrywide	\$55,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 81,500 MT	Countrywide	\$45,633,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 105,300 MT	Countrywide	\$88,700,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
<b>STATE/PRM.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</b>
	UNHCR	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$21,000,000
	ICRC	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	IFRC	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	IOM	TCN – transportation assistance	Countrywide	\$3,630,000
<b>RECONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>USAID/ANE.....</b>				<b>\$674,064,094</b>
	Abt Associates	Health	Countrywide	\$11,995,000
	AFCAP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$8,500,000
	Army Corps of Engineers	Architecture and Engineering services	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	BearingPoint	Economic Governance	Countrywide	\$9,000,000
	Bechtel	Airports, buildings, emergency communications, power, railroads, roads and bridges, Umm Qasr seaport, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$482,000,000
	Community Action Program	Grassroots Development	Countrywide	\$35,000,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support	Countrywide	\$9,786,094
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<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,148,464,245</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,186,094,245</b>

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# USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ



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***Iraq – Humanitarian and Reconstruction  
Assistance***

Fact Sheet #60, Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

August 14, 2003

Current Situation (**updated** once a week)

**Sector Updates**

*Electricity*

- From August 9 to August 10, nationwide power generation improved to 3,285 megawatts. The city of Baghdad continues to operate at three hours on and three hours off.

*Education*

- On August 6, the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) issued the first contract to a local Baghdad printing firm for the production of textbooks. To date, the committee has reviewed 21 math and 27 science books written in Arabic. From these 48 books, UNESCO certified 26 books for publication, with another 22 books still under review. UNESCO is in the northern part of Iraq undertaking a review of 94 math and science textbooks printed in Kurdish, Syriac, and Turkmani.

*Food*

*Pipeline*

- According to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), as of August 6, a total of 39,821 metric tons (MT) of mixed commodities have entered Iraq so far during the month of August. The cumulative quantity dispatched since the beginning of the WFP operation totals 1,716,294 MT, of which 77 percent entered Iraq through the Turkish, Syrian, and Jordanian corridors.

*Public Distribution System (PDS)*

- WFP continues to work with the Ministry of Trade (MOT) and the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) to ensure that the PDS operation continues smoothly. WFP, MOT, and CPA are addressing the need for printing new PDS ration cards, as the current ones will expire by the end of 2003.

*Health*

- The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that all cases of suspected polio in southern Iraq, as previously reported on August 6, were in fact acute flaccid paralysis and not polio. Iraq has remained free of polio for over three years.

**U.S. Government Response**

- USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) is supporting U.N. and non-governmental organizations (NGO) emergency assistance activities through quick-impact projects and internally displaced persons (IDP) support. USAID/OFDA supports projects in the sectors of food security, health, logistics, nutrition, shelter, and water and sanitation.
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**Emergency Relief, Transition, and Reconstruction Initiatives (updated once a week)**

*Abuse Prevention Unit (APU)*

- USAID/OTI's Abuse Prevention Unit (APU) delivered 5,000 copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Arabic to an Iraqi student human rights group known as Just Read. Just Read requested the declaration as part of a campaign to prepare Iraq for the transition to democracy. Just Read will first distribute the declaration to other students and professionals and then throughout neighborhoods in Baghdad.
- The APU awarded a grant to Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) to train mental health professionals in how to campaign and inform the public about the trauma associated with the search and recovery of missing persons. The training is intended to provide participants with necessary skills to work with families in the missing persons, exhumation, and identification process.

*Community Action*

- USAID Community Action Program (CAP) partner Mercy Corps is working with an Iraqi firm to provide structural work, specialized equipment, and electric/telephone installations for the Society for the Welfare of the Disabled, based in Baghdad. The program is expected to benefit 15,000 people.
- Mercy Corps completed a project providing assistance to the Al Kut University with the administration of exams to the 4,000 students of the university. Mercy Corps provided fuel for six university vehicles; truck rental and loading/unloading services for the delivery of tables and chairs to the examination sites; repairs to toilets, doors, and electric services within the university; supplies and materials including stationery and drinking water; and fees for examination monitors.
- USAID CAP partner Save the Children (SC) is working with donor agencies to design and construct 10 playgrounds and parks in neighborhoods in the city of Al Basrah as part of a pilot program to involve community action groups in sharing responsibility for maintaining these spaces.

*Economic Governance*

- USAID/OTI partner DAI helped fund the Baghdad Business Center's symposium "A Woman's Meeting Place" sponsored by the Civil Affairs Economics and Commerce Team and held at the Baghdad Convention Center on August 6 and attended by over 150 Iraqi women. The symposium targeted businesswomen and female entrepreneurs and explored ways women can start businesses, meet new employers, exchange ideas, and discuss micro enterprise, small finance, and lending programs for existing and startup businesses.
- The program known as "Economic Recovery, Reform and Sustained Growth in Iraq" began in Baghdad this week with the arrival of USAID private sector partner BearingPoint (BP). This program will foster economic growth and reform by stimulating Iraq's international trade and employment.

*Health*

- As of August 10, USAID/OFDA NGO partner GOAL has completed the rehabilitation of 25 health facilities, including hospitals, laboratories, primary health care (PHC) clinics, and Directorate offices, in Dhi Qar and Al Muthanna' Governorates. GOAL distributed 455,000 chlorine tablets to the central pharmacies in both governorates that will be sent onward for distribution to rural PHC clinics. In addition, targeted nutrition program (TNP) training has been completed or is scheduled in four of the five districts in Dhi Qar Governorate.
- Since July 27, the Kimadia Pharmaceutical warehouse delivered over 700 MT of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies. CPA and the Ministry of Health (MOH) advisory teams are assisting members of Kimadia in the distributions.
- USAID, along with partners Abt Associates, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WHO, contributed to the MOH's approved interim list of standardized equipment for PHC clinics in Iraq. These interim standards will be used until the MOH and other health partners establish a nationwide policy detailing which health services will be standard services in all MOH PHC clinics. USAID partner Abt Associates is ordering equipment for the first 200 of these clinics.
- The MOH designated USAID as the lead agency for food fortification to address significant iron deficiency among children and pregnant and nursing mothers.
- Abt Associates will set up field offices in the cities of Al Basrah, Al Hillah, and Mosul by the end of August to coordinate small grants to local NGOs and supervise training of MOH PHC clinic staff.
- USAID/OFDA partner International Medical Corps (IMC) completed rehabilitation of 38 health facilities in An Nasiriyah and Al 'Amarah. IMC has provided 29 medical kits to PHC facilities throughout Iraq including some in Dhi Qar, At' Tamim, and Maysan Governorates. In addition, IMC trained or facilitated the training of more than 300 health professionals and auxiliary staff in An Nasiriyah and organized the training of 143 nurses in Al 'Amarah. IMC also reported that rehabilitation of four Kirkuk clinics is underway, serving 95,000 people.

*Infrastructure*

- On August 4, Bechtel awarded a subcontract to an Iraqi firm for the rehabilitation of twenty schools in Al Hillah and twenty schools in Karbala'.

- On August 11, Bechtel began plans to rehabilitate one unit of the Baiji Thermal Power Plant, located in Salah ad Din Governorate. The units are not operating at design output capacity due to deterioration in the boiler and limitations created by the condition of the turbines and auxiliaries.
- On August 11, Bechtel submitted plans to rehabilitate southern Iraq's Hartha, Shuwaibah, An Najibiyah, and Khor Zubayr Generating Stations. Over 50 percent of the internal tubes of the heat exchangers are plugged, restricting operational capability and negatively impacting the ability of the plants to function in hot weather.
- The first of 308 rehabilitated schools in Baghdad are scheduled to be completed next week. On August 12, Bechtel agreed to the process of documenting pre-final inspection work on these schools, resolving deficiencies and scheduling schools for release to the communities.

#### Airports

- Bechtel is working to complete emergency repairs to the Al Basrah International Airport (BIA), including the replacement of area lighting, glass doors, and plumbing fixtures; repairs to walkways; the installation of temporary passenger flow screens; and the installation of a power supply to passenger screening facilities. Bechtel is also installing perimeter and security fencing that will include ten vehicle gates.

#### Umm Qasr Port

- Bechtel is organizing repairs to washroom facilities at the Port of Umm Qasr, including repairs to the sewage system, waste matter tanks, and piping.
- On August 11, Bechtel began rehabilitation of the Umm Qasr Port's Brackish Water System. The project consists of using filtered ground water to provide sanitary water for the port. Brackish water, while not suitable for drinking, is acceptable for other purposes until an alternative fresh water supply is restored. Due to damage on the Al Basrah to Umm Qasr section of the water supply line, there is currently no fresh water at the port.

#### Local Governance

- USAID partner Research Triangle Institute (RTI), in conjunction with Coalition forces Civil Affairs units and staff from the Ad Diwaniyah Department of Electricity, inaugurated an electrical substation in the village of Al Ghammas in Al Qadisiyah Governorate. The substation was damaged in recent looting and was refurbished through an RTI Rapid Response Grant, restoring power to 25,000 Iraqi citizens.
- RTI is helping the Mosul Directorate of Municipalities initiate traffic studies to resolve extreme traffic congestion problems in the city. RTI will also provide assistance to the directorate by identifying traffic engineers working with Civil Affairs units.
- RTI staff in Al Basrah facilitated a community teaching and art workshop for children, inviting four teachers from low income, service-deprived areas and training them so that workshops can be replicated in other areas.
- On August 5, RTI coordinated with the NGO ACT International on the delivery of water by tanker trucks to one of the poorest areas of Al Basrah known as the Shia Flats. Currently there are nine tankers scheduled daily for a population that requires 27 tankers. RTI is coordinating with Coalition forces to develop a plan to service the area with sufficient water.
- On August 6, RTI and Coalition forces personnel organized a training session for employees of the new Citizens' Bureau in Kirkuk in At' Tamim Governorate that introduced approaches to handle citizen's complaints, issues, and problems.
- On August 10, RTI conducted a workshop in Al Hillah for 54 Babil Governorate department heads to develop a capital investment budget, with each department providing an individual budget planning strategy.
- On August 10, RTI coordinated citizens' interim advisory council meetings in the Nadir 2 and Nadir 3 neighborhoods of Al Hillah, Babil Governorate. During these council meetings participants agreed to solicit problems and concerns from neighborhood residents for council resolution. By the end of August, RTI plans to establish 20 neighborhood citizens' advisory councils in Al Hillah, with councils located in neighborhoods where USAID is refurbishing schools.
- On August 10, RTI worked with the Yezidi Cultural Association, in Mosul in Ninawa' Governorate, on further developing the organization's community service program and helping the Yezidi's integrate into society and gain employment. The Yezidis live in extreme poverty, and Yezidi homes are often deficient in running water and electricity delivery systems. Many Yezidis lack formal education, hindering the process of social integration and civic participation.
- USAID/OTI partner DAI awarded a grant to the Ala Culture and Youth Center in Arbil to continue providing a valuable social and educational service to the citizens of Arbil. The center promotes inter-ethnic solidarity and is used by youth from all ethnic groups.
- As of August 3, USAID/OTI working with DAI completed a total of 21 "Ministry-in-a-Box" (MIB) projects, totaling \$1.8 million. Another 16 MIB projects valued at \$2 million are pending, bringing the overall MIB program total amount to \$3.8 million. These kits include basic office furniture and equipment, allowing at least 100 employees per Ministry to return to work.
- DAI also awarded grants to fund MIB programs to the Diyala' Iraqi Media Network station, the Ministry of Planning, and the Ministry of Agriculture.

- DAI awarded a grant to the Ministry of Youth and Sports to fund the shipment of 54,000 soccer balls for distribution throughout Iraq. The soccer balls will be distributed by military units to youth centers, schools, and athletic facilities. The grant will allow approximately 27,000 teams to engage in Iraq's most popular sport.
- USAID/OTI awarded a grant to the Ministry of Oil in Al Hillah to enable the Ministry to track the distribution of liquid propane gas (LPG) in the south central sector by providing satellite phones for communications. Better communications also help ensure logistics, dispatching, and supply of LPG can be more efficiently addressed.
- On August 9, USAID/OTI collaborated with the German NGO WADI on a proposal for a Women's Center in Kirkuk that would act as a research and communication center for the promotion and protection of the fundamental rights of women, as well as a protection center for women in distress.
- On August 11, DAI delivered additional office equipment and furniture to the Governing Council of Iraq in Baghdad as part of the MIB program.
- On August 12, DAI awarded grants to the following ministries under the MIB grant program: the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Public Works, and the Ministry of Culture.

#### *Water and Sanitation*

- Bechtel has completed inspections on all water treatment and pumping facilities in Baghdad.
- The Safwan Water Pumping Station project has completed 2,300 job hours without any lost-time incidents. Bechtel has performed restoration of the main water tower, installation of three pumps, electrical systems, and minor building repairs. An underground reservoir has also been completed, while the pumping station is 70 percent complete and a chlorinator room 40 percent complete. Once restoration of the Safwan Water Pumping Station is finished, drinking water will be restored to over 40,000 people in the Safwan region.
- USAID/OTI partner IOM awarded a grant for a sewage network clearance project in the "Old City" neighborhood in Mosul expected to benefit more than 20,000 residents. The United Nations Development Program's (UNDP) Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program through the Mosul Directorate of Sewage will implement the project. The grant will fund the purchase or rental of the necessary materials and provide transport equipment as well as the labor force.
- USAID/OFDA partner the International Rescue Committee (IRC) reported that as of August 4, eight compact water treatment plants (CWTPs) in Karbala' Governorate have been completed to operational levels.
- IRC has equipped six health clinics in Karbala' Governorate and provided 88 community health promoters with training courses in hygiene promotion, basic sanitation, and referral.
- IRC completed six CWTPs in An Najaf Governorate during the week of July 28. As of August 4, IRC has repaired 31 CWTPs in An Najaf, serving over 40,000 families.

#### **Background on USG Response in Iraq**

- Since 1991, the Iraqi population has subsisted on the brink of a humanitarian disaster due to the lingering effects of war, sanctions, and drought. Between 1991 and 1996, the USG provided nearly \$794 million in humanitarian assistance to IDPs in northern Iraq.
- In 1996, the Government of Iraq accepted the OFFP, after which humanitarian conditions improved. Revenues from the OFFP provided food, medicine, and other civilian goods to assist vulnerable Iraqis through the PDS. However, widespread corruption by Iraqi officials limited the effectiveness of the OFFP program.
- On March 20, 2003, Coalition forces began military operations in Iraq. On May 1, 2003, 42 days after the conflict began, U.S. President George W. Bush announced that major combat operations in Iraq had ended.
- While a major humanitarian crisis did not materialize in Iraq, looting and sabotage of infrastructure as well as security issues during and after the recent conflict has created additional challenges for reconstruction efforts aimed at restoring the country's essential services.
- In March 2003, the USG deployed a multi-agency Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to the region to assess and respond to humanitarian needs and to help coordinate the emergency relief effort. In addition, the USAID Asia and Near East Bureau sent a number of technical staff to prepare for immediate reconstruction requirements. The DART established offices in Arbil, Baghdad, Al Hillah, and Al Basrah. In addition, DART members were also located in Kuwait, Doha, Amman, and Cyprus. USAID personnel deployed to Baghdad, Al Basrah, Al Hillah, and Arbil have worked closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs personnel. On July 27, at the USAID office in Baghdad, USAID Mission Director Lewis Lucke officially announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq. On August 1, the DART in Iraq officially ended, and the USAID Mission in Baghdad now coordinates all USAID programs.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Regions</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>FY 2003</b>				
<b>EMERGENCY RELIEF</b>				
<b>USAID/OFDA .....</b>				<b>\$55,465,961</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$4,061,957
	AirServ	Logistics	Countrywide	\$2,151,585
	ARC	Capacity building, Disaster support	Al Basrah	\$537,746
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Countrywide	\$40,260
	GOAL	Coordination, Nutrition	Al Muthanna'	\$1,507,900
	International Dispensary Association	Health	Countrywide	\$1,283,772
	InterAction	Coordination	Kuwait City	\$92,860
	IOM	IDP programs	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
	IMC	Capacity building	Countrywide	\$202,900
	Logistics	Commodities and DART support	Countrywide	\$8,003,850
	SCF/US	NGO Consortium	Countrywide	\$883,131
	UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water/sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
	WFP	Logistics and pre-positioning of food	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>				
	IMC	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, Wasit, Kirkuk, At' Tamin	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk, Karbala', Najaf	
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
		Water/Sanitation	Diyala', Al Kut, Khanaqin	
		Water/Sanitation	Wasit	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
	SCF/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Nutrition	Mosul	
		Health, Transportation	Mosul	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
		Health	Mosul	
		Health	Baghdad	
		Nutrition	Baghdad	
		Water/Sanitation, Health	Al Basrah	
	IDP Support	Al Basrah		
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
		Water/Sanitation	Al Anbar	
		Hospital Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Water/Sanitation	Mosul	
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	

**U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance to Iraq\***

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***Iraq – Humanitarian and Reconstruction  
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Fact Sheet #61, Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

August 20, 2003

**Current Situation** (updated once a week)

**Sector Updates**

*Electricity*

- On August 17, countrywide power generation was 3,307 megawatts, approximately 75 percent of pre-conflict levels.
- Power-sharing continues in neighborhoods throughout most of the country, on a three-hours-on, three-hours-off basis.

*Food*

*Pipeline*

- As of August 12, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reports that the dispatch of commodities into Iraq reached approximately 64,475 metric tons (MT) for August. Overall dispatches since the beginning of the operation in April total 1.74 million MT.

*Public Distribution System (PDS)*

- According to WFP, the August PDS distributions are ongoing and proceeding smoothly in all governorates, except in isolated areas where security is affecting timely implementation.

*Health*

- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the incidence of hepatitis in Iraq has increased. A total of 1,788 cases were reported in May 2003, compared to 793 cases reported in the same month last year. The Ministry of Health (MOH) is investigating the nature and cause of the increase.

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**Emergency Relief, Transition, and Reconstruction Initiatives** (updated once a week)

*Community Action*

- USAID partner Cooperative Housing Foundation International (CHF) is working in the rural community of Annaneh, located northwest of the city of Al Hillah in Babil Governorate. Like most Shiite communities in south central Iraq, unemployment in Annaneh is pervasive, basic services are lacking, and the village's

infrastructure—particularly schools—are crumbling. CHF facilitated selection of a six-member community association that identified a local primary school for rehabilitation. A CHF-funded local construction firm is working on the rehabilitation, and community members remain actively involved in the process. The school is scheduled for completion in September 2003.

- USAID partner Save the Children/US (SC/US) facilitated the formation of elected Community Action Groups (CAGs) in 25 communities of Al Basrah. In the governorates of Dhi Qar and Al Muthanna', SC/US is working to form an additional 25 CAGs. The CAGs will promote local conflict resolution and assist communities in gaining access to reconstruction benefits.

#### *Economic Governance*

- USAID, the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), and USAID partner BearingPoint have preliminarily identified the following areas as priorities for economic governance initiatives: implementation of a new currency, establishment of an inter-bank payments system, targeted privatization of some state-owned enterprises, development of microfinance institutions, revision of commercial law policies to improve the investment climate in Iraq, implementation of a public works program to generate jobs, and assessment of state-owned insurance agencies.

#### *Education*

- On August 12, USAID partner Bechtel contracted an Iraqi firm to rehabilitate 100 schools in Baghdad. Construction on 27 schools began August 13, bringing the number of schools under construction to 80.
- USAID partner Creative Associates International, Inc. (CAII) has finalized a plan to distribute school and student kits to secondary schools nationwide as part of the Revitalization of Iraqi Schools and Stabilization of Education (RISE) program. Under RISE, 1.2 million student kits and 3,900 school kits will be distributed prior to the start of the new school year on October 1.
- USAID/OTI partner DAI is renovating the Allayi Primary School in Allayi, As Sulaymaniyah Governorate.
- USAID partner Mercy Corps provided transportation for teachers to and from school throughout Wasit Governorate during July. As municipal services have not yet been restored, schools would have been unable to complete end-of-year exams without transportation assistance.

#### *Food*

- USAID/FFP is serving as the food sector advisor on the CPA Oil-for-Food (OFF) Transition Team by working with U.N. agencies and the Kurdish Regional Government to review OFF programs administered by the U.N. The CPA team is preparing for the end of the OFF Program in November as called for by U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483. The team is working to inventory and review the U.N. programs and to identify which programs should be continued after November.

#### *Health*

- USAID is working to conduct nutrition surveys in collaboration with the MOH and NGO partners GOAL, SC/US, and the International Medical Corps (IMC). The surveys aim to gather nutrition statistics and collect health and water information to better understand the causes and incidence rate of malnutrition.
- On August 13, USAID and the MOH facilitated a strategy session with donor agencies to plan for iron fortification of wheat flour, as iron deficiency anemia contributes to many health problems in Iraq. Representatives from the MOH, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), WHO, WFP, Abt Associates, and USAID worked to coordinate technical, legal, educational, and financial issues.
- On August 19, USAID/OFDA approved a new implementation plan under a cooperative agreement with CARE. Under the plan, CARE—in close coordination with WHO—will provide essential supplies to the Central Public Health Laboratory and the Communicable Disease Control Center in Baghdad.

#### *Infrastructure*

##### *Airports*

- Bechtel is restoring a substation at the Baghdad International Airport (BIAP). The substation previously powered lighting systems at the end of the civilian runway, the VIP terminal, and the heliport. Bechtel will rehabilitate or replace the substation's transformer and an emergency diesel generator.
- On August 16, Bechtel initiated plans to rehabilitate the air traffic operations control center and control tower at BIAP. Rehabilitation will include floor cleaning, window repair, painting, door replacement, and installation of new plumbing systems.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), under contract to the CPA and with the assistance of Coalition forces, recently completed the installation of a VSAT link at the al Basrah International Airport. This satellite communications capability, together with other VSAT links throughout Iraq, will assist with the timely receipt and dissemination of aircraft movement information in Iraq's revitalized air traffic control system.

##### *Electricity*

- CPA has formed a Fuels Task Force (FTF) under the direction of the USAID power team in support of the power effort. The strategic intent of the FTF work is to assure that fuels are delivered on time to power plants

as they gear up for increased generation. The FTF will determine the fuel needs, optimal fuel sources, infrastructure additions, and associated capital costs to improve distribution.

- On August 15, Bechtel began rehabilitation of the crude oil treatment systems at the Al Qudas and Bayji power plants located near Baghdad. The power plants used diesel or natural gas, but as these fuels are in short supply, the Al Qudas and Bayji plants are being converted to operate on crude or heavy oil. Bechtel will determine and perform required modifications and repairs to the plants, commission systems, and test the performance of the converted crude and heavy oil treatment systems.
- The week of August 11, USAID/OTI partner DAI completed rehabilitation of the Baghdad Electric Distribution Center of Al Karkh and the Baghdad Electric Distribution Center of Al Rusafah. On August 18 and 19, USAID awarded “Ministry-in-a-Box” grants to both centers.

#### *Umm Qasr Port*

- The grain silos at the Umm Qasr Port grain facility are clean and receiving grain. Storage capacity is approximately 60,000 MT. Once the grain conveyors are fully repaired, the facility will be able to off-load and process approximately 600 MT of grain per hour, employing 300 individuals.

#### *Local Governance*

- On August 11, the Babil Governorate Council invited USAID partner Research Triangle Institute (RTI) to assist with the organization of 40 citizens’ interim advisory councils in the governorate. To support this initiative, RTI has hired four Iraqi teams, each composed of four local women and four local men. The teams will canvas neighborhoods to identify problems, recruit leaders for the citizens’ interim advisory councils, and give presentations on representative democracy.
- On August 12, RTI participated in a strategy session with municipal water and sewer department representatives from Dhi Qar Governorate in an effort to restore basic services and efficient local administration. Department heads agreed to provide detailed organization charts and standard operating procedures to be used during an efficiency review of each department.
- On August 13, RTI provided technical expertise to sector department heads from Dhi Qar Governorate to address labor management issues and discrepancies in budget allocations received from Baghdad.
- On August 14, RTI sponsored a budgeting, accounting, and auditing workshop in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate. Local financial service officers, treasurers, local bank managers, and representatives of various local government departments and governorate military units attended the workshop.
- On August 14, RTI awarded a grant to the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) in the city of Al Hadr, Ninawa’ Governorate, to complete the removal of munitions from the area. MAG has already cleared an 18 square km munitions dump. Brass shell casings retrieved from the project are provided to the mayor and city council, who in turn sell the scrap metal to raise funds for equipment and supplies for Al Hadr city schools.
- RTI continued work on the children’s civic education campaign. The campaign covers waste, health, environment, recycling, and community involvement. The project includes development of lectures and story books, costume designs, and T-shirts promoting a clean environment.
- RTI developed the details for the South Central Regional Neighborhood Council Program to benefit nearly 50 percent of the population of Al Hillah. The program design calls for developing a series of partnerships with international organizations, NGOs, and representatives of the private sector to fund projects in the 20 most disadvantaged neighborhoods in Al Hillah.

#### *Transition Initiatives*

- USAID/OTI and partner DAI are working with the Arbil Minister for Human Rights to print 43,000 booklets of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Minister asked USAID/OTI for funding to produce the booklets after a small number of booklets already distributed were very well received. The booklets have been translated into four languages, are designed for children ages 6 to 12, and are distributed through the local Ministry of Education in primary schools and at youth events.
- USAID/OTI and DAI are also working with the Arbil Minister for Human Rights on a project to print 30,000 posters that display new legislation passed by the Kurdish National Assembly regarding the rights of prisoners and detainees. The posters will be placed throughout northern Iraq in locations where detainees can see them, such as incarceration sites, reformatory centers, police stations, and courts of law.
- USAID/OTI is collaborating with the Iraqi Prospect Organization to promote democracy in Baghdad. The group of young men and women promotes tolerance, democracy, and the free expression by publishing a newsletter and organizing debates and seminars that address political, religious, and social issues.
- USAID/OTI, the Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC), and the newly formed Civil Rights Organization of Kurdistan in Dahuk are establishing several offices throughout the north to engage in public education and community action initiatives to promote democratic development and human rights issues.
- On August 14, USAID/OTI and the Kurdistan Save the Children's Rights Organization in Arbil developed plans for a new women's center in the city of Arbil that will provide training in computers, barbering, cooking, and

sports. In addition, the center will present cultural events and offer library services. Another planned project will support an existing cultural center for child street workers.

- USAID/OTI awarded a grant for structural rehabilitation and equipment for the Babylon Women and Children's Center in Al Hillah. The Center will offer education, job skills, protection from abuse and legal services to the women of Babil Governorate.
- USAID/OTI is working with the Women's Association in Dahuk on plans for an Internet café, a television and radio show, and printed materials on women's human rights. The association's projects for women include literacy and vocational training, health education, legal services, abuse intervention efforts, and livelihood development for war widows. The association emphasizes that the projects serve a dual purpose of providing a vital service to women in the region while actively supporting increased participation in public and political life.
- On August 16, DAI delivered office furniture, computer desks, sofas, tables, and various musical instruments to the Ala Cultural and Youth Center.
- On August 16, DAI delivered a "Ministry-in-a-Box" kit to the Ministry of Agriculture.
- On August 19, DAI awarded a grant to the Ministry of Transport and Communications for the repair of the Iraq Postal Service facility.
- On August 19, DAI awarded two grants to the Ministry of Youth and Sport to repair the national basketball arena located within the Olympic Village. The first grant will provide for the mechanical works aspect of the refurbishment; the second grant will provide for the electrical and plumbing repair.

#### *Water and Sanitation*

- On August 13, Bechtel commenced rehabilitation of the An Najaf Sewage Treatment Plant. The rehabilitation will restore full sewage treatment processing capability to the plant, benefiting 141,000 inhabitants of An Najaf Governorate, as well as reducing the likelihood of water-borne illnesses downstream from the Euphrates River.
- On August 13, RTI completed the assessment of a water treatment plant in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate, and will support the refurbishment of the plant along with the installation of piping connecting the plant to a local primary school. Repair of this facility will benefit 2,000 villagers and 600 students.
- On August 17, USAID, Bechtel, and Baghdad Sewerage Board officials conducted a site visit at the Rustimiyah South Sewage Treatment Plant in Baghdad. The visit addressed concerns regarding the sewage flow capacity of Rustimiyah and determined that additional capacity is needed.
- USAID reports that work on the Safwan Water Pumping Station is 40 percent complete. Due to extensive corrosion, refurbishment of an above-ground water tank is not possible. Bechtel is currently exploring cost comparisons for the replacement of the water storage tank.
- Under a cooperative agreement with SC/US, USAID/OFDA is funding the rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in 20 schools in Arbil, Kirkuk, and Mosul. SCF/US will also provide support to the primary health care system in Karbala', including equipment and training, and provide support to the water pumping station in Abu Khasib in Al Basrah Governorate.
- On August 19, USAID/OFDA approved a plan for CARE to rehabilitate water and sanitation systems in 22 schools for the deaf in 14 governorates throughout Iraq.

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- While a major humanitarian crisis did not materialize in Iraq, looting and sabotage of infrastructure as well as security issues during and after the recent conflict has created additional challenges for reconstruction efforts aimed at restoring the country's essential services.
- In March 2003, the USG deployed a multi-agency Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to the region to assess and respond to humanitarian needs and to help coordinate the emergency relief effort. In addition, the USAID Asia and Near East Bureau sent a number of technical staff to prepare for immediate reconstruction requirements. The DART established offices in Arbil, Baghdad, Al Hillah, and Al Basrah. In addition, DART members were also located in Kuwait, Doha, Amman, and Cyprus. USAID personnel deployed to Baghdad, Al Basrah, Al Hillah, and Arbil have worked closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs personnel. On July 27, at the USAID office in Baghdad, USAID Mission Director Lewis Lucke officially announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq. On August 1, the DART in Iraq officially ended, and the USAID Mission in Baghdad now coordinates all USAID programs.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Regions</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>FY 2003</b>				
<b>EMERGENCY RELIEF</b>				
<b>USAID/OFDA .....</b>				<b>\$55,465,961</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$4,061,957
	AirServ	Logistics	Countrywide	\$2,151,585
	ARC	Capacity building, Disaster support	Al Basrah	\$537,746
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Countrywide	\$40,260
	GOAL	Coordination, Nutrition	Al Muthanna'	\$1,507,900
	International Dispensary Association	Health	Countrywide	\$1,283,772
	InterAction	Coordination	Kuwait City	\$92,860
	IOM	IDP programs	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
	IMC	Capacity building	Countrywide	\$202,900
	Logistics	Commodities and DART support	Countrywide	\$8,003,850
	SCF/US	NGO Consortium	Countrywide	\$883,131
	UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water/sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
	WFP	Logistics and pre-positioning of food	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>				
	IMC	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, Wasit, Kirkuk, At' Tamin	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk, Karbala', Najaf	
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
		Water/Sanitation	Diyala', Al Kut, Khanaqin	
		Water/Sanitation	Wasit	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
	SC/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Nutrition	Mosul	
		Health, Transportation	Mosul	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
		Health	Mosul	
		Health	Baghdad	
		Nutrition	Baghdad	
		Water/Sanitation, Health	Al Basrah	
	IDP Support	Al Basrah		
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
		Water/Sanitation	Al Anbar	
		Hospital Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Water/Sanitation	Mosul	
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	

**U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance to Iraq\***

<b>USAID/FFP.....</b>				<b>\$436,800,000</b>
	WFP	Operations	Countrywide	\$45,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 81,500 MT	Countrywide	\$39,400,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 163,820 MT	Countrywide	\$152,400,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
<b>STATE/PRM.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</b>
	UNHCR	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$21,000,000
	ICRC	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	IFRC	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	IOM	TCN – transportation assistance	Countrywide	\$3,630,000
<b>RECONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>USAID/ANE.....</b>				<b>\$930,564,000</b>
	Abt Associates	Health	Countrywide	\$20,995,000
	AFCAP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$16,500,000
	Army Corps of Engineers	Architecture and Engineering services	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	BearingPoint	Economic Governance	Countrywide	\$9,000,000
	Bechtel	Airports, buildings, emergency communications, power, railroads, roads and bridges, Umm Qasr seaport, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$680,000,000
	Community Action Program	Grassroots Development	Countrywide	\$35,000,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support	Countrywide	\$18,286,000
	RTI	Local Governance	Countrywide	\$44,611,000
	CAII	Education	Countrywide	\$22,853,000
	UNICEF	Health, Water, and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$28,000,000
	UNICEF	Education	Countrywide	\$7,000,000
	UNESCO	Textbook Printing and Distribution	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management	Umm Qasr	\$4,819,000
	SkyLink	Airport Management	Baghdad Al Basrah Mosul	\$8,000,000
	MSI	Monitoring and Evaluation	Countrywide	\$5,500,000
<b>USAID/OTI.....</b>				<b>\$29,601,190</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$1,066,831
	IOM	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$10,587,595
	DAI	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$14,473,253
	Internews	Media	Countrywide	\$160,359
	Radio SAWA	Media	Countrywide	\$400,000
	Spa War	Inter-Ministry Communications	Countrywide	\$2,913,152
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,452,431,151</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,490,061,151</b>

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***Iraq – Humanitarian and Reconstruction  
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Current Situation (updated once a week)

**Sector Updates**

*Electricity*

- On August 23, countrywide electricity generation was 3,171 megawatts, approximately 72 percent of pre-conflict levels.
- Power-sharing continues in neighborhoods throughout most of the country, on a three-hours-on, three-hours-off basis.

*Food*

- According to the U.N. Office of the Iraq Program, with 13 weeks until the November 21 deadline, almost half the goods and supplies in the Oil-for-Food (OFF) pipeline have been prioritized for delivery, as required under Security Council resolution 1483.

**U.S. Government Response**

- USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) is supporting U.N. and non-governmental organizations (NGO) emergency assistance activities through quick-impact projects and internally displaced persons (IDP) support. USAID/OFDA supports projects in the sectors of food security, health, logistics, nutrition, shelter, and water and sanitation.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) is providing emergency food commodities through the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) and P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) for distribution to food insecure Iraqis. WFP also received a cash contribution from USAID/FFP for the purchase of commodities in the region.
- The Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) contributed assistance for the pre-positioning and emergency response activities of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) is supporting the implementation of the Iraq Transition Initiative (ITI). The ITI program supports the process of political stabilization and community recovery in post-conflict Iraq by providing small grants designed to build confidence among Iraq's diverse ethnic groups, increase citizen participation in decision-making, and rapidly respond to community needs, while establishing and building trust for long-term reconstruction efforts. The ITI program is implemented through USAID/OTI implementing partners Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and IOM. In addition, USAID/OTI works with the Broadcasting Board of Governors to enhance the capacity of Radio SAWA to broadcast humanitarian and reconstruction reporting.
- In addition to the emergency relief assistance provided by USAID's Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Bureau and the Department of State, USAID's Asia and Near East Bureau (USAID/ANE) has provided timely assistance for reconstruction requirements in Iraq in a broad range of sectors. USAID supports projects in the sectors of education, governance, health, infrastructure, and economic governance.

**Emergency Relief, Transition, and Reconstruction Initiatives** (updated once a week)

*Abuse Prevention Unit (APU)*

- USAID/OTI's APU is providing computer support and technical assistance to the Humanitarian Association for Prisoners and Missing Persons (HAPMP). The HAPMP initiated a program of collecting, safeguarding, and recording documentation on the imprisonment, abuse, execution, and disappearance of political detainees.
- USAID/OTI is funding an Evini Films documentary in both Arabic and Kurdish on the history of mass graves in Iraq. The producer/director is an American of Kurdish descent who also produced *Jiyan* in 2002, a film about the chemical attacks in Halabjah that played at several human rights film festivals around the world.

*Community Action*

- USAID partner International Relief and Development (IRD) is working to rehabilitate eight primary schools in the Taji and Rusafa districts of Baghdad. Other IRD projects include replacement of water tanks, repair of a public garden and sports facility, trash collection, replacement of sewage pipes, and upgrades to a women's health center in the Karkh neighborhood.

- In addition, IRD assisted the Al-Nur Community Association with repairs to a sewage pump and by unclogging manholes in the Kadhamiya District of Baghdad, benefiting 27,000 people.
- USAID partner Mercy Corps completed renovation of the Dar Rawadat Abeer Al-Wered Cooperative nursery and kindergarten, as well as the Center for Disabled and Orphaned Children, located in Al Kut in Wasit Governorate. The renovation included the installation of fans and the provision of furniture, toys, and learning aids.
- Mercy Corps is also providing 140 sewing machines to the Women's Cooperative Society (WCS) in Al Kut to further the WCS' objective of assisting and training widows of the Iran-Iraq War in Wasit Governorate. In addition, Mercy Corps is renovating WCS's main compound building.

#### *Economic Governance*

- Three banks reopened in Ad Diwaniyah Governorate, as a result of USAID partner Research Triangle Institute, Inc. (RTI) Rapid Response Grants. RTI worked with neighborhood councils to identify the banks as a priority and provided assistance by purchasing equipment and supplies.

#### *Education*

- The USAID Buildings Team continues the school rehabilitation program. In Baghdad, USAID partner Bechtel identified 530 of 600 targeted schools, began rehabilitation of 175 schools, and completed 12 schools. In northern Iraq, Bechtel identified 87 of 150 prioritized schools and began work on 17 schools. In south-central Iraq, rehabilitation is underway at 50 schools. In southern Iraq, Bechtel has identified 252 schools, started 44 schools, and completed 12 schools in Al Basrah Governorate. Currently, over 286 schools in Iraq are under construction countrywide.
- USAID partner Creative Associates International, Inc. (CAII) traveled to As Samawah to work with the Iraqi Director General of Education regarding the distribution of schools kits in Al Muthanna' Governorate.
- USAID/OTI partner DAI is working with the University of Babylon on the rehabilitation of two women's dorms. Rehabilitation of the dorms will enable female students to return to classes in the new school year.
- DAI is also collaborating with the Kurdistan Economic Development Organization to provide conflict management and negotiation skills training to students in 485 schools in As Sulaymaniyah Governorate and 58 schools in Diyala' Governorate.
- DAI delivered sixteen computers to the University of Mosul Medical College as part a project to restore Internet access to 32,000 students and faculty.
- DAI completed procurement of technical books for the Ala Cultural and Youth Center in Arbil to augment the center's existing library and to enhance research resources for the youth.
- With support from RTI, the Al Basrah Director of Education provided school sites to support two months of community involvement workshops for children in two of Al Basrah's low-income neighborhoods.

#### *Health*

- USAID/OFDA partner International Medical Corps (IMC) completed renovations of four health clinics in Kirkuk.
- USAID/OTI is working with the German NGO WADI to support two mobile teams of women's health experts that travel to rural villages in the governorates of As Sulamaniyah, Arbil, At' Tamim, and Ninawa'.
- The Ministry of Health, U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), and USAID partner Abt Associates, Inc. determined that the contents of medical emergency care kits for distribution to health clinics will include basic equipment and instruments, furniture, and laboratory supplies.

#### *Infrastructure*

##### *Communications*

- The Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), USAID, and Bechtel announced an agreement with Bechtel subcontractor Lucent Technologies to replace twelve telephone switches in Baghdad that will restore service to an additional 240,000 telephone lines, bringing Baghdad's total number of telephone lines to pre-conflict levels.
- On August 20, USAID, Bechtel, and the Iraqi Telephone and Postal Commission hosted a visit by Congressman Jim Kolbe to the Al-Mamoun telephone exchange site in Baghdad. At this site, Bechtel is installing a temporary, containerized telephone switch that will provide telephone service for 30,000 homes in Baghdad and a satellite gateway for international calls.

##### *Electricity*

- RTI is working with Bechtel and Coalition forces to improve power generation, transmission, and distribution in Al Basrah. The Hartha power station is operational, and Bechtel is currently working on the Najubia and Shuaiba plants.

##### *Airports*

- Bechtel began installation of a land-based radio system at Al Basrah International Airport (BSR).
- Skylink contracted Iraqi companies for services and furnishings for BSR. Skylink also procured and installed two baggage X-ray units at BSR.

### *Local Governance*

- On August 18, RTI hired teams of civil, electrical, and mechanical engineers to assist the city of Al Basrah with delivery of essential services such as water, sewerage, and power.
- RTI trained five additional facilitator teams assigned to neighborhoods in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate, on the skills and approaches for establishing neighborhood advisory councils.
- RTI supported a three-day conference in Arbil entitled “Empowering Women” and conducted by the Khatuzeen Center for Social Action. The conference, served as a forum for women’s groups in the north to share experiences, discuss common issues, and develop strategies for action in the future.
- RTI trained 35 human rights representatives from Karbala’, Ad Diwaniyah, An Najaf, and Al Hillah in the principles and practices of an independent media, public awareness campaigns, and public relations.
- RTI is supporting the Iraqi Media Network (IMN) in securing archived video, audio tapes, and documents being stored by the network.

### *Transition Initiatives*

- USAID/OTI and RTI conducted a regional training workshop in capacity building and organizational and leadership skills for over forty women in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate.
- USAID/OTI is also providing support for the Baghdad operations of the Iraq Foundation, an NGO founded by Iraqi women to further the goal of empowering Iraqi women through organization and discussion of human rights and political activism.
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- DAI also delivered sports equipment, uniforms, and supplies to the Sports Center in ‘Aqrah in Ninawa’ Governorate.
- DAI continues working with the Ministry of Justice in An Najaf to rehabilitate the An Najaf Courthouse, enabling court staff to resume basic oversight, coordination, and directive functions in support of Iraq’s legal and judicial system.
- On August 26, the An Najaf Governorate began rehabilitation of three municipal buildings in Abbasiya, Al Hira, and Al Haidariya with assistance from DAI. Key services provided from these buildings include civil administration, police protection, and financial management.

### *Water and Sanitation*

- USAID is financing the installation of numerous generators at 37 water pumping stations that will be maintained and fueled by the Baghdad Water Authority (BWA). The diesel generators are designed to provide back-up power for the water pumps.
- To improve service delivery, the BWA is establishing a resource center to provide training and technical and customer service, as well as information that will be used to educate BWA staff on methods and technologies. The BWA center receives assistance from the American Water Works Association and RTI.
- Bechtel is beginning restoration of Iraq’s largest waste treatment facility, Rustimiyah, which is located southeast of Baghdad.
- USAID/OFDA partner the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is removing 900 metric tons of garbage a week from the streets, parks, and squares in Kirkuk.

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- On March 20, 2003, Coalition forces began military operations in Iraq. On May 1, 2003, 42 days after the conflict began, U.S. President George W. Bush announced that major combat operations in Iraq had ended.
- While a major humanitarian crisis did not materialize in Iraq, looting and sabotage of infrastructure as well as security issues during and after the recent conflict has created additional challenges for reconstruction efforts aimed at restoring the country’s essential services.
- In March 2003, the USG deployed a multi-agency Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to the region to assess and respond to humanitarian needs and to help coordinate the emergency relief effort. In addition, the USAID Asia and Near East Bureau sent a number of technical staff to prepare for immediate reconstruction requirements. USAID established offices in Arbil, Baghdad, Al Hillah, and Al Basrah, and located staff members in Kuwait, Doha, Amman, and Cyprus. USAID personnel deployed to Baghdad, Al Basrah, Al

Hillah, and Arbil have worked closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs personnel. On July 27, at the USAID office in Baghdad, USAID Mission Director Lewis Lucke officially announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq. On August 1, the DART in Iraq officially ended, and the USAID Mission in Baghdad now coordinates all USAID programs.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Regions</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>FY 2003</b>				
<b>EMERGENCY RELIEF</b>				
<b>USAID/OFDA .....</b>				<b>\$66,464,646</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$4,061,957
	AirServ	Logistics	Countrywide	\$2,151,585
	ARC	Capacity building, Disaster support	Al Basrah	\$537,746
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Countrywide	\$40,260
	GOAL	Coordination, Nutrition	Al Muthanna'	\$1,507,900
	International Dispensary Association	Health	Countrywide	\$1,283,772
	InterAction	Coordination	Kuwait City	\$92,860
	IOM	IDP programs	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
	IMC	Capacity building	Countrywide	\$202,900
	Logistics	Commodities and DART support	Countrywide	\$8,003,850
	SCF/US	NGO Consortium	Countrywide	\$883,131
	UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water/sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
	WFP	Logistics and pre-positioning of food	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>				
	IMC	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$8,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, Wasit, Kirkuk, At' Tamin	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,998,685
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk, Karbala', Najaf	
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
		Water/Sanitation	Diyala', Al Kut, Khanaqin	
		Water/Sanitation	Wasit	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
	SCF/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Nutrition	Mosul	
		Health, Transportation	Mosul	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
		Health	Mosul	
		Health	Baghdad	
		Nutrition	Baghdad	
		Water/Sanitation, Health	Al Basrah	
	IDP Support	Al Basrah		
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
		Water/Sanitation	Al Anbar	
		Hospital Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Water/Sanitation	Mosul	
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Countrywide	\$8,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	

**U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance to Iraq\***

<b>USAID/FFP.....</b>				<b>\$436,800,000</b>
	WFP	Operations	Countrywide	\$45,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 81,500 MT	Countrywide	\$39,400,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 163,820 MT	Countrywide	\$152,400,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
<b>STATE/PRM.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</b>
	UNHCR	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$21,000,000
	ICRC	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	IFRC	Emergency assistance	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	IOM	TCN – transportation assistance	Countrywide	\$3,630,000
<b>RECONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>USAID/ANE.....</b>				<b>\$930,564,000</b>
	Abt Associates	Health	Countrywide	\$20,995,000
	AFCAP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$16,500,000
	Army Corps of Engineers	Architecture and Engineering services	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	BearingPoint	Economic Governance	Countrywide	\$9,000,000
	Bechtel	Airports, buildings, emergency communications, power, railroads, roads and bridges, Umm Qasr seaport, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$680,000,000
	Community Action Program	Development in impoverished communities	Countrywide	\$35,000,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support	Countrywide	\$18,286,000
	RTI	Local Governance	Countrywide	\$44,611,000
	CAII	Education	Countrywide	\$22,853,000
	UNICEF	Health, Water, and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$28,000,000
	UNICEF	Education	Countrywide	\$7,000,000
	UNESCO	Textbook Printing and Distribution: Math and Science	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	WHO	Strengthen Health System	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management	Umm Qasr	\$4,819,000
	SkyLink	Airport Management	Baghdad Al Basrah Mosul	\$8,000,000
	MSI	Monitoring and Evaluation	Countrywide	\$5,500,000
<b>USAID/OTI.....</b>				<b>\$50,651,794</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$1,066,831
	IOM	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$10,587,595
	DAI	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$35,523,857
	Internews	Media	Countrywide	\$160,359
	Radio SAWA	Media	Countrywide	\$400,000
	Spa War	Inter-Ministry Communications	Countrywide	\$2,913,152
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,484,480,440</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,522,110,440</b>

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