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Assistance***

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**Current Situation** (Updated Daily)

***Regional Updates***

*Countrywide*

- On May 7, the United States Government (USG) amended its Iraq sanctions regulations. This now allows USG partners to engage in transactions that otherwise would have been prohibited by the regulations. The USG believes the lifting of sanctions is an essential step in providing for the humanitarian and reconstruction needs of Iraq.
- On May 9, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) reported that the critical emergency phase in Iraq is winding down and that IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and participating Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies are determining the appropriate contributions needed for the rebuilding of the Iraqi Red Crescent Society. IFRC also indicated that basic medical provisions are available inside Iraq and the challenge is to restart the existing health distribution system.

*Baghdad*

- The DART returned to the Saddam City neighborhood of Baghdad on May 8 to assess the protection and assistance needs of an estimated 600 displaced persons occupying two former Iraqi government sites in the area. Many of the displaced claim to have been evicted from rented properties for financial reasons, while approximately 100 claim to be returnees from Mashed, Iran. Although food stocks at both sites are expected to last until August, access to water and electricity is insufficient.

*Northern Iraq*

- On May 8, the U.N. Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq (UN OHCI) reported that the return of the old caseload IDPs to their places of origin in central and southern Iraq is decreasing. The U.N. Office of Project Services (UNOPS) has completed their assessment of the old caseload of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Arbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates, while in Dahuk it is still ongoing.
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF), an implementing partner for the International Organization for Migration (IOM), confirmed the presence of 550 Arab IDPs in the guardhouse of the former presidential palace in Mosul. LWF is providing assistance to this group and other IDPs living in abandoned buildings and tents.

*Western Iraq*

- The U.S. Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) reports that 12 new refugees entered Jordan on May 8 and a total of 14 new third country nationals (TCNs) entered on May 7. Meanwhile, a total of 818 people remained in the refugee camp. On May 8, 1,218 people remained displaced in the no man's land. Of this total, 1,064 were Iranian Kurds, nine were other Iranians, six were Iranian Persians, 138 were Arabs, and one person was unidentified. Peaceful protests continued among Iranian Kurds in the no man's land, while the Government of Jordan has implemented additional security measures there.

*Southern Iraq*

- On May 9, ICRC delivered 32 metric tons (MT) of chlorine to water treatment facilities in the Dhi War governorate. The chlorine supply should cover the water treatment needs for the entire governorate for more than one month.

***Sector Updates***

*Food*

- According to UN OCHCI, on May 6, the World Food Program (WFP) began securing 300,000 metric tons (MT) of Oil-For-Food (OFF) program commodities being discharged or already in storage throughout Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Turkey, Syria and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). An additional 744,304 MT, procured under OFF, through bilateral donations, and the through the WFP Emergency Operation will be shipped in the region by the end of May.

*Fuel*

- The DART reports that the Humanitarian Operations Center engineering personnel are working to transport liquid propane gas (LPG) from Kuwait City to the LPG port on the Shatt-Al Arab between Umm Qasr and Az Zubayr. From the port handling facility, the LPG will then be transported via rail for destinations throughout Iraq.

### *Health*

- The DART reports that 45 stool samples from residents of Al Basrah are being tested in Kuwait City for cholera. To date, 18 have tested positive, although the specific strain of cholera has yet to be determined. The cases that have tested positive have come from different areas of the city, including the city center. A task force, including the Iraqi Ministry of Health, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), and several NGOs, has been formed in Al Basrah to respond to the cholera reports.

### *Infrastructure*

- USAID private sector partner Bechtel visited Arbil and Mosul May 7 and 8 to inspect the damaged structure of a vital bridge near Mosul. Bechtel is identifying materials needed to repair the bridge. USAID and the Coalition are identifying other high priority damaged bridges such as those on the Jordan-Baghdad road, and will schedule assessment visits. Bechtel also surveyed sites for operations in the north.

### *Logistics*

- The DART reports that the Coalition has deemed the Al Basrah International Airport open for humanitarian relief flights. However, there is currently no storage capacity at the airport for relief commodities brought in on such flights.

### *Population Movements*

- On May 8, the DART met with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and learned that 200 Iranians have been forced by local Iraqis to leave their homes in the town of Dujaila, southeast of Al Kut in Wasit governorate. Their properties have reportedly been confiscated and their crops destroyed. Twenty-eight affected families arrived at a reception center east of Al Basrah on May 7 and 8. Most of the Iranian families have been living in Dujaila for more than 10 years. To meet the immediate needs of those at the center, UNICEF is planning to dispatch a water tanker and the NGO Save the Children will send an assessment team to the center on May 9.
- UNHCR has expressed concern for an estimated 1,000 Palestinians who have been evicted from their homes in Baghdad since the end of the conflict, as well as several families of Iranian refugees who have been expelled from their homes in Dujaila in southern Iraq. On May 9, the agency sent a three-truck convoy from Jordan to Baghdad carrying relief supplies for up to 2,000 people, including 400 tents, 1,200 mattresses and 2,000 blankets, as well as stoves, jerry cans and soap. According to UNHCR, the Palestinian Red Crescent will help distribute the aid materials.

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

### ***Emergency Relief***

- 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 agriculture, food security, health, logistics, nutrition, shelter, and water/sanitation.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) is providing emergency food commodities through the Emerson Trust 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.
- 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 Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- The Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) contributed assistance for the pre-positioning and emergency response activities of UNHCR, the 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).

### ***Reconstruction***

- In addition to the emergency relief assistance provided through the DART by USAID and the Department of State, USAID's Asia and Near East Bureau (USAID/ANE) has provided assistance for reconstruction activities in Iraq in a broad range of sectors. USAID supports reconstruction projects in education, governance, health, infrastructure, and logistics.
- USAID has deployed staff to the region to begin reconstruction efforts. USAID staff are located in Kuwait City and Baghdad. Teams from USAID are assisting government ministries in becoming operational and public services to get restarted in Baghdad. Private sector partners have mobilized to carry out the first phase of their activities.

## **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 U.S. Government provided nearly \$794 million in humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Iraq.
- In 1996, the Government of Iraq (GOI) accepted the U.N. Oil-for-Food Program (OFF), after which humanitarian conditions improved. Revenues from the OFF program provided food, medicine, and other civilian goods to assist vulnerable Iraqis through the Public Distribution System (PDS). However, widespread corruption by Iraqi officials limited the effectiveness of the OFF 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 combat operations in Iraq have ended. Although the recent conflict did not result in the large-scale humanitarian crisis and widespread displacement many had envisioned, the conflict and subsequent disorder has exacerbated the Iraqi population's vulnerable circumstances.
- 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 Iraq, the DART has established offices in Al Basrah, Arbil, and Baghdad. In addition, DART members are located in Kuwait, Jordan, Cyprus, and Qatar and are working closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs (CA) personnel.

**Other Donor and International Organization Assistance\***

DONOR	US \$ (MILLIONS)	DATE (2003)	ASSISTANCE SNAPSHOT
Australia	\$62.5	April 29	U.N. agencies, ICRC, and NGOs
Austria	\$1.1	April 1	UNICEF
Bangladesh	\$2	April 4	Food Assistance
Belgium	\$4.4	April 29	ICRC, UNICEF
Canada	\$74.6	March 26	WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, OCHA, ICRC, NGOs
China		March 27	Tents
Croatia	\$2.8	May 2	Blankets, sleeping bags, flour, sugar, water purification disinfectants
European Commission	\$117.7	April 22	U.N. agencies, IOs, and NGOs
Finland	\$5.13	March 25	ICRC, UN OCHA, WFP
France	\$10.7		UNICEF, WFP, NGOs
Germany	\$50	May 5	UNHCR, WFP, ICRC
Greece	\$4.6	May 5	UNHCR, ICRC, NGOs
Iceland	\$3.75	April 8	ICRC, NGOs, UNCHR, WFP
India	\$20	April 4	WFP and U.N. Consolidated Appeal
Ireland	\$5.1	March 31	U.N. agencies and NGOs for humanitarian assistance
Japan	\$212	May 1	U.N. Agencies, NGOs, Bilateral Assistance
Korea	\$10	April 3	U.N. agencies and Korean NGOs
Kuwait	\$10	March 14	UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, ICRC
Netherlands	\$20.5	April 2	U.N. Consolidated Appeal and ICRC
New Zealand	\$2.3	April 22	U.N. agencies including WFP, IOs, and NGOs
Spain	\$56.7	April 22	U.N. agencies, bilateral refugee assistance, and NGOs
Sweden	\$38	April 11	OCHA, UNICEF, ICRC, IFRC
Switzerland	\$21.9	April 16	ICRC, UNCHR, IOM, IFRC, OCHA
Taiwan	\$4.3	March 27	Refugee assistance – food, medicine, nonfood items
United Kingdom	\$382	April 29	U.N. agencies including WFP, IOs, and NGOs – food, health kits, water units, winter supply kits, primary health, IDP assistance
<b>OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE**</b>			<b>\$1,122 MILLION</b>

\*This compilation was drawn from the Department of State tracking of donor government pledged or committed funding. The list may not be comprehensive.

\*\* This total is approximate as the value of donated commodities is not available in some cases.

**Public Donation Information**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash donations to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their activities in the Gulf can be found in the “How Can I Help” section at [www.usaid.gov/iraq].
- USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- General information on making donations and volunteering can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov/iraq](http://www.usaid.gov/iraq) -> “How Can I Help?”
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or 703-276-1914
  - InterAction: [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org) -> “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.org](http://www.reliefweb.org).

\*Fact Sheets can be obtained from the USAID web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/iraq>

## U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance to 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>\$51,232,905</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Country-wide	\$3,406,209
	AirServ	Logistics	Country-wide	\$2,151,585
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Country-wide	\$40,260
	International Dispensary Association	Health	Country-wide	\$711,850
	InterAction	Coordination	Kuwait City	\$92,860
	IOM	IDP programs	Country-wide	\$5,000,000
	IMC	Capacity building	Country-wide	\$202,900
	Logistics	Commodities and DART support	Country-wide	\$8,044,110
	SCF/US	NGO Consortium	Country-wide	\$883,131
	UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water/sanitation	Country-wide	\$2,000,000
	UNICEF	Water/sanitation	Country-wide	\$2,000,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Country-wide	\$200,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Country-wide	\$1,000,000
	WFP	Logistics and pre-positioning of food	Country-wide	\$5,000,000
<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>				
	IMC	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, and Wasit	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
	SCF/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
		Nutrition	Mosul	
		Health, Transportation	Mosul	
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Country-wide	\$2,500,000
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	
<b>USAID/FFP .....</b>				<b>\$430,000,000</b>
	WFP	Pre-positioning funding	Country-wide	\$55,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 161,000 MT	Country-wide	\$84,000,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 105,000 MT	Country-wide	\$91,000,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase	Country-wide	\$200,000,000

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<b>FY 2003</b>				
<b>EMERGENCY RELIEF (cont.)</b>				
<b>USAID/OTI .....</b>				<b>\$5,042,344</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Country-wide	\$708,732
	IOM	Iraq Transition Initiative	Country-wide	\$1,700,000
	DAI	Iraq Transition Initiative	Country-wide	\$2,473,253
	Internews	Media	Country-wide	\$160,359
<b>STATE/PRM .....</b>				<b>\$36,630,000</b>
	UNHCR	Emergency assistance	Country-wide	\$21,000,000
	ICRC	Emergency assistance	Country-wide	\$10,000,000
	IFRC	Emergency assistance	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
	IOM	TCN – transportation assistance	Country-wide	\$2,630,000
<b>RECONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>USAID/ANE .....</b>				<b>\$95,700,000</b>
	ABT	Health		\$10,000,000
	AFCAP	Logistics		\$8,000,000
	Bechtel	Capital Construction		\$34,600,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support		\$9,800,000
	RTI	Local Governance		\$7,900,000
	CAII	Education	Country-wide	\$1,000,000
	UNICEF	Health		\$8,000,000
	UNICEF	Education	Country-wide	\$1,000,000
	WHO	Health		\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management		\$2,900,000
	SkyLink	Logistics		\$2,500,000
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$581,975,249</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$36,630,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$618,605,249</b>