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

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Current Situation (updated once a week)

**Sector Updates**

*Electricity*

- On August 27, power generation reached a post-conflict high of 3,715 megawatts (MW) or 84 percent of the pre-war level of 4,400 MW.

*Food*

Public Distribution System (PDS)

- Distributions for the August PDS are ongoing. Since August 19, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) dispatched 70,249 metric tons (MT) of commodities, for a total August dispatch of 170,453 MT. To date, total WFP dispatches into Iraq have exceeded 1.8 million MT.
- The Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) is working with the Director of the Arbil Food Department to ensure a smooth transition from the WFP PDS in northern Iraq to a PDS run by Kurdish authorities. Arbil's Food Department currently processes approximately 4,000 monthly PDS registrations, as well as the Dahuk and Arbil food agent payments.

**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 community recovery and stabilization 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 emergency relief assistance, 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 is helping to rehabilitate schools in time for the start of the new school year, review and distribute text books, and distribute school and student kits. USAID/ANE is also helping to organize neighborhood advisory councils and community associations that help prioritize and deliver essential services to communities, provide basic healthcare to all Iraqis, and organize immunization campaigns. In addition, USAID/ANE is helping to rehabilitate power plants, water and sanitation facilities, bridges, railroads, the Umm Qasr seaport, and the airports in Baghdad and Al Basrah, as well as initiating an economic governance program that will help Iraq transition to a free market society.

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

*Abuse Prevention Unit (APU)*

- The Kurdish Regional Government Ministry of Human Rights is collaborating with USAID/OTI partner DAI and the Ministry of Education (MOE) to organize a three-day conference in Dahuk Governorate entitled

“*Conference on the Education of Human Rights.*” The participants will work together to find ways of strengthening human rights within Iraq, especially within the national educational system.

#### *Community Action*

- USAID partner ACDI/VOCA assisted an Iraqi community association in the northern city of Taza with generator repairs at a primary health care center that provides dental, laboratory, and testing services to 2,400 people.
- During the month of August, USAID partner International Relief and Development (IRD) delivered 89 administrative kits containing office supplies to neighborhood advisory councils in Baghdad.
- IRD is continuing to develop Baghdad’s community marketplace that will contain stalls for over 1,300 local Iraqi vendors once completed. The marketplace will also open walkways, create a secondary market for street vendors, and employ 800 Iraqi laborers over a three-month period.
- USAID partner CHF International (CHF) sent five teams to the southern Iraqi governorate of An Najaf to open an office and to brief tribal and religious leaders about the community action program. CHF is currently working on rehabilitating a school and a health center in An Najaf.

#### *Economic Governance*

- USAID partner BearingPoint is working on developing micro- and small-enterprise lending activities in Iraq through banks, non-bank finance companies, and NGOs.
- BearingPoint is providing technical assistance to the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) for the creation of both a currency auction (the process through which a stable currency is established) and a statistics and monetary data unit at CBI. These mechanisms are necessary for ensuring the stability of Iraq’s new currency that will begin to be issued in mid-October.

#### *Education*

- On August 31, USAID/OTI partner DAI began efforts to rehabilitate five primary schools in the city of Kirkuk to benefit over 2,000 students.
- ACDI/VOCA held an exam preparation course for students of eight schools in Kirkuk’s Shores area to benefit 290 students. In addition, the school’s student union employed thirteen people during the ten-day program.

#### *Health*

- USAID/OFDA partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) conducted a training session for 43 midwives in Karbala’, teaching participants additional skills and preparing them for work in their communities.
- USAID/OFDA and IRC are working to provide health and water and sanitation assistance to 80,000 IDPs in Arbil Governorate.

#### *Infrastructure*

##### *Airports*

- Bechtel is restoring the East Fire Station building at Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) by refurbishing the stations plumbing, electrical fixtures, and heating and air-conditioning units.
- Skylink has developed and conducted three classes in basic firefighter certification for 60 Iraqi airport firefighters.

##### *Electricity*

- USAID partner Bechtel continues major planning and staffing efforts in support of CPA’s accelerated power generation programs and is deploying 45 additional personnel to Iraq.

#### *Local Governance*

- On August 26, USAID partner Research Triangle Institute (RTI) attended the election of the Ad Diwaniyah tribal council. Approximately 300 sheikhs, representing 40 tribes and an estimated 90 percent of the population of the governorate, also attended. CPA is supporting the new tribal council with facilities, training programs, and other resources.
- On August 27, RTI conducted a budgeting and accounting workshop for thirty representatives from 15 Babil Governorate departments in Al Hillah. The workshop outlined steps used in identifying governorate needs and prioritizing investment opportunities.

#### *Transition Initiatives*

- USAID/OTI partner DAI is working with the MOE and officials from the public library in the city of Arbil to identify renovation priorities for the dilapidated library, particularly with respect to furnishings and establishing an Internet-capable computer system.
- On August 27, USAID/OTI delivered a “Ministry-in-a-Box” furniture kit to the Ministry of Planning in Baghdad, and on August 31, USAID/OTI delivered “Ministry-in-a-Box” kits to the Ministry of Housing and Construction, as well as the administrative offices of Baghdad’s Zawara Park. To date, USAID/OTI has completed 30 “Ministry-in-a-Box” projects.
- On September 1, DAI completed the renovation of the façade of the At’ Tamim Governorate Building in Kirkuk. The building will serve as the central office building and town hall for the new interim governorate authority.

*Water and Sanitation*

- USAID/OTI partner IOM is working with the Kirkuk Solid Waste Technical Center to rehabilitate the center's building and repair the Kirkuk Department of Sanitation's fleet of trucks.
- Bechtel is beginning comprehensive work on the Sweet Water Canal located north of the city of Al Basrah, including dredging the canal, repairing water pumping stations, and cleaning reservoirs. Once completed, water flow in the canal will rise from a current 3 cubic meters per second to approximately 8 cubic meters per second, an increase of 250 percent, resulting in more availability of clean drinking water for Al Basrah residents.

**Background on USG Response in Iraq**

- Since 1991, the Iraqi population has subsisted on the brink of a humanitarian disaster. 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 Oil-for-Food Program (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.
- 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>\$74,924,316</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$5,064,167
	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	\$10,966,351
	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	\$6,000,000
		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	\$4,994,959
		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>\$431,800,000</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	\$147,400,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
<b>STATE/PRM .....</b>				<b>\$38,935,691</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
	Catholic Migration Commission	Humanitarian assistance to Iraqi refugees	Lebanon and Jordan	\$1,305,691
<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>\$1,487,940,110</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$38,935,691</b>
<b>Total STATE/USAID Assistance to Iraq in FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,526,875,801</b>

\*Figures in funding sheet are subject to change and do not represent a final official accounting of USG obligations.