

Data Sheet

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| USAID Mission: | Iraq |
| Program Title: | Efficiency and Accountability of Government |
| Pillar: | Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance |
| Strategic Objective: | 267-004 |
| Proposed FY 2004 Obligation: | \$388,000,000 IRRF |
| Prior Year Unobligated: | \$0 |
| Proposed FY 2005 Obligation: | \$0 |
| Year of Initial Obligation: | FY 2003 |
| Year of Final Obligation: | TBD |

Summary: USAID is supporting the objectives of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in providing rapid, tangible improvements to Iraqi lines at the grassroots level through the Community Action Program, in which diverse and representative citizen participation in and among communities throughout Iraq is promoted to assist in the identification, prioritization, and delivery of critical reconstruction and development needs. In addition, the process utilized is laying the foundation for Iraqis to engage in the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups in a democratic system of governance.

With respect to local governance, activities focus on strengthening the management skills and capacity of local administrations, local interim representative bodies, and civic institutions to improve the delivery of essential municipal services such as water, health, public sanitation, and economic development, as well as conducting training programs in transparent budget formulation and execution, communications, conflict resolution, and leadership skills. USAID's activities are developed in close coordination with the CPA and relevant Iraqi ministries.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Among other activities, USAID will work with the CPA to assist Iraqi civilians who have suffered losses as a result of military operations. Several other projects will bring a measure of justice to those who suffered under the former regime by funding investigations of crimes against humanity. One of the most important activities in this sector is the promotion of democracy-building activities with a focus on the transition to full sovereignty. These activities include technical assistance to build the capacity of Iraqi governing bodies to draft and execute laws, conduct free and fair elections, and engage in transparent administrative procedures. Activities also include technical assistance to initiate civic education programs and promote the development of responsible political parties. USAID and the Department of State will help to create an Iraqi Commission on Public Integrity, promote voter education, provide leadership training to women, and help non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and local government bodies sponsor discussion groups, debates and town hall meetings on democratic values and processes.

FY 2005 Program:

FY 2005 will see a continuation of initiatives and programs begun in FY 2003 and FY 2004.

Performance and Results: After three and a half months of implementation, the five Community Action Program (CAP) U.S. NGO partners have identified 1,317 community activities, which are being implemented at a total cost of \$70 million. A total of 547 projects have already been completed and Iraqi communities have contributed more than \$12 million in labor, land, buildings, and other in-kind assistance. Projects include: a) rehabilitating a youth center in Al Riyadh in mid-August, benefiting 10,000; b) repairing trash vehicles in Kirkuk, as part of a larger cleaning campaign for the city; c) construction is underway for a community marketplace, with an estimated 250,000 residents benefiting; d) clean up of medical waste disposal sites has begun and medical personnel are being educated on proper

disposal methods; e) programs focus primarily on immediate community needs such as sewage clean up, water treatment and distribution, health, and girls' access to education.

USAID, at the request of CPA, has established its Local Governance Program in all 18 governorates. More than 19 million people are now actively engaged in local policy discourse through local government entities and civil society organizations to enhance transparency and participation in local decision-making processes; restore basic services; improve the effectiveness and efficiency of local service delivery; and establish, develop, and expand the number of civil society organizations that can interact with local government entities. USAID has assisted in the establishment and/or strengthening of 13 provincial councils, including Baghdad, insuring representation of minority and previously under or non-represented groups, especially women. Additional local entities that the program has supported include 25 city councils, 33 district councils, 36 subdistrict councils, and 224 neighborhood councils. Ninety percent of all districts in Iraq are now represented by local government institutions.

The Local Governance Program has awarded 148 grants to local government agencies totaling \$11.5 million to restore basic services and has established the Iraqi Women in Local Governance Group in response to the challenge of women's gross under-representation in political processes across Iraq. The group will develop and guide program activities in order to expand women's participation at all levels. In order to address the human rights abuses of Saddam Hussein's regime, USAID has awarded two grants worth \$475,000 to the Ministry of Human Rights for the rehabilitation of buildings to house the National Evidence Storage Facility (NESF). The facility will serve as a venue to analyze recovered documents and store forensic evidence of mass graves and human rights abuses of the Ba'ath government. The facility is part of a larger effort to help build Iraq's capacity to investigate complex crimes and implement international law enforcement best practices.

USAID is working with local governance service departments to plan, budget, and manage their resources, and provide training on transparency and accountability in the use of those resources. The team's work with officials in Dhi Qar resulted in more efficient delivery of public services to over 390,000 residents. A civic education task force is planning a nationwide campaign to educate Iraqis on democracy. The Civic Education Campaign will implement a range of activities including convening focus groups in town hall meetings in all provinces and assisting in distribution of hand bills and posters.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Iraq

| 267-004 Efficiency and Accountability of Government | ESF | IDA | IRRF |
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| Through September 30, 2002 | | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditures | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unliquidated | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fiscal Year 2003 | | | |
| Obligations | 6,000 | 2,900 | 165,711 |
| Expenditures | 0 | 2,274 | 703 |
| Through September 30, 2003 | | | |
| Obligations | 6,000 | 2,900 | 165,711 |
| Expenditures | 0 | 2,274 | 703 |
| Unliquidated | 6,000 | 626 | 165,008 |
| Prior Year Unobligated Funds | | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Planned Fiscal Year 2004 NOA | | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 | 388,000 |
| Total Planned Fiscal Year 2004 | | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 | 388,000 |
| Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 NOA | | | |
| Obligations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Future Obligations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Est. Total Cost | 6,000 | 2,900 | 553,711 |