

## Ibn Al-Qiff Spinal Cord Injury Hospital



Photo: USAID/ Thomas Hartwell

Ahmed Ali Swedan, 11, lies in bed at the Ibn Al-Qiff Spinal Cord Injury Hospital after injuries from shelling in July 2003 left him paralyzed from the waist down.

The hospital, 15 KM northeast of Baghdad, was severely damaged when the adjacent UN Headquarters was destroyed in a terrorist bomb attack in August 2003. The only facility of its kind in Iraq is now only able to treat the most severe patients and that is due to the dedication of staff who have not been paid in months and work under extreme conditions. A \$524,500 grant from USAID for medical equipment and supplies will help get this facility back in service providing 125 bed inpatient services and handling an estimated 25,000 outpatient visits each year. USAID works in coordination with the Coalition Provisional Authority.

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