

Over 40,000 now have clean drinking water along the Tigris River

## New Water Plant Improves Health in Iraq



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“We never had water – for 15 years people came here to use the dirty river water, hauling it away in buckets. We hooked up some of the old pipes and it takes a few minutes to rinse out the sand and debris”

- Kareem Noori, head of the Water Department for the Southeastern Iraqi city of Al-Amarah.

Kareem Noor leans over a tap to check the water flowing from the new water treatment plant built with U.S. aid that provides 40,000 people in Al-Amarah, Iraq with clean drinking water. The \$18,000 spent on the project by USAID, in cooperation with the Coalition Provisional Authority, purifies murky and contaminated water from a branch of the Tigris River that has been the only source of drinking water.

The new water plant was designed by the American Refugee Committee using USAID funds and working in cooperation with the Coalition Provisional Authority to hire Iraqi contractors and workers.

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