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Assistance***

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**Current Situation** (updated once a week)

**Sector Updates**

*Electricity*

- On August 17, countrywide power generation was 3,307 megawatts, approximately 75 percent of pre-conflict levels.
- Power-sharing continues in neighborhoods throughout most of the country, on a three-hours-on, three-hours-off basis.

*Food*

*Pipeline*

- As of August 12, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reports that the dispatch of commodities into Iraq reached approximately 64,475 metric tons (MT) for August. Overall dispatches since the beginning of the operation in April total 1.74 million MT.

*Public Distribution System (PDS)*

- According to WFP, the August PDS distributions are ongoing and proceeding smoothly in all governorates, except in isolated areas where security is affecting timely implementation.

*Health*

- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the incidence of hepatitis in Iraq has increased. A total of 1,788 cases were reported in May 2003, compared to 793 cases reported in the same month last year. The Ministry of Health (MOH) is investigating the nature and cause of the increase.

**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 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 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 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 the emergency relief assistance provided by USAID's Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Bureau and the Department of State, 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 supports the projects in the sectors of education, governance, health, infrastructure, and economic governance.

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

*Community Action*

- USAID partner Cooperative Housing Foundation International (CHF) is working in the rural community of Annaneh, located northwest of the city of Al Hillah in Babil Governorate. Like most Shiite communities in south central Iraq, unemployment in Annaneh is pervasive, basic services are lacking, and the village's

infrastructure—particularly schools—are crumbling. CHF facilitated selection of a six-member community association that identified a local primary school for rehabilitation. A CHF-funded local construction firm is working on the rehabilitation, and community members remain actively involved in the process. The school is scheduled for completion in September 2003.

- USAID partner Save the Children/US (SC/US) facilitated the formation of elected Community Action Groups (CAGs) in 25 communities of Al Basrah. In the governorates of Dhi Qar and Al Muthanna', SC/US is working to form an additional 25 CAGs. The CAGs will promote local conflict resolution and assist communities in gaining access to reconstruction benefits.

#### *Economic Governance*

- USAID, the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), and USAID partner BearingPoint have preliminarily identified the following areas as priorities for economic governance initiatives: implementation of a new currency, establishment of an inter-bank payments system, targeted privatization of some state-owned enterprises, development of microfinance institutions, revision of commercial law policies to improve the investment climate in Iraq, implementation of a public works program to generate jobs, and assessment of state-owned insurance agencies.

#### *Education*

- On August 12, USAID partner Bechtel contracted an Iraqi firm to rehabilitate 100 schools in Baghdad. Construction on 27 schools began August 13, bringing the number of schools under construction to 80.
- USAID partner Creative Associates International, Inc. (CAII) has finalized a plan to distribute school and student kits to secondary schools nationwide as part of the Revitalization of Iraqi Schools and Stabilization of Education (RISE) program. Under RISE, 1.2 million student kits and 3,900 school kits will be distributed prior to the start of the new school year on October 1.
- USAID/OTI partner DAI is renovating the Allayi Primary School in Allayi, As Sulaymaniyah Governorate.
- USAID partner Mercy Corps provided transportation for teachers to and from school throughout Wasit Governorate during July. As municipal services have not yet been restored, schools would have been unable to complete end-of-year exams without transportation assistance.

#### *Food*

- USAID/FFP is serving as the food sector advisor on the CPA Oil-for-Food (OFF) Transition Team by working with U.N. agencies and the Kurdish Regional Government to review OFF programs administered by the U.N. The CPA team is preparing for the end of the OFF Program in November as called for by U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483. The team is working to inventory and review the U.N. programs and to identify which programs should be continued after November.

#### *Health*

- USAID is working to conduct nutrition surveys in collaboration with the MOH and NGO partners GOAL, SC/US, and the International Medical Corps (IMC). The surveys aim to gather nutrition statistics and collect health and water information to better understand the causes and incidence rate of malnutrition.
- On August 13, USAID and the MOH facilitated a strategy session with donor agencies to plan for iron fortification of wheat flour, as iron deficiency anemia contributes to many health problems in Iraq. Representatives from the MOH, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), WHO, WFP, Abt Associates, and USAID worked to coordinate technical, legal, educational, and financial issues.
- On August 19, USAID/OFDA approved a new implementation plan under a cooperative agreement with CARE. Under the plan, CARE—in close coordination with WHO—will provide essential supplies to the Central Public Health Laboratory and the Communicable Disease Control Center in Baghdad.

#### *Infrastructure*

##### *Airports*

- Bechtel is restoring a substation at the Baghdad International Airport (BIAP). The substation previously powered lighting systems at the end of the civilian runway, the VIP terminal, and the heliport. Bechtel will rehabilitate or replace the substation's transformer and an emergency diesel generator.
- On August 16, Bechtel initiated plans to rehabilitate the air traffic operations control center and control tower at BIAP. Rehabilitation will include floor cleaning, window repair, painting, door replacement, and installation of new plumbing systems.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), under contract to the CPA and with the assistance of Coalition forces, recently completed the installation of a VSAT link at the al Basrah International Airport. This satellite communications capability, together with other VSAT links throughout Iraq, will assist with the timely receipt and dissemination of aircraft movement information in Iraq's revitalized air traffic control system.

##### *Electricity*

- CPA has formed a Fuels Task Force (FTF) under the direction of the USAID power team in support of the power effort. The strategic intent of the FTF work is to assure that fuels are delivered on time to power plants

as they gear up for increased generation. The FTF will determine the fuel needs, optimal fuel sources, infrastructure additions, and associated capital costs to improve distribution.

- On August 15, Bechtel began rehabilitation of the crude oil treatment systems at the Al Qudas and Bayji power plants located near Baghdad. The power plants used diesel or natural gas, but as these fuels are in short supply, the Al Qudas and Bayji plants are being converted to operate on crude or heavy oil. Bechtel will determine and perform required modifications and repairs to the plants, commission systems, and test the performance of the converted crude and heavy oil treatment systems.
- The week of August 11, USAID/OTI partner DAI completed rehabilitation of the Baghdad Electric Distribution Center of Al Karkh and the Baghdad Electric Distribution Center of Al Rusafah. On August 18 and 19, USAID awarded “Ministry-in-a-Box” grants to both centers.

#### *Umm Qasr Port*

- The grain silos at the Umm Qasr Port grain facility are clean and receiving grain. Storage capacity is approximately 60,000 MT. Once the grain conveyors are fully repaired, the facility will be able to off-load and process approximately 600 MT of grain per hour, employing 300 individuals.

#### *Local Governance*

- On August 11, the Babil Governorate Council invited USAID partner Research Triangle Institute (RTI) to assist with the organization of 40 citizens’ interim advisory councils in the governorate. To support this initiative, RTI has hired four Iraqi teams, each composed of four local women and four local men. The teams will canvas neighborhoods to identify problems, recruit leaders for the citizens’ interim advisory councils, and give presentations on representative democracy.
- On August 12, RTI participated in a strategy session with municipal water and sewer department representatives from Dhi Qar Governorate in an effort to restore basic services and efficient local administration. Department heads agreed to provide detailed organization charts and standard operating procedures to be used during an efficiency review of each department.
- On August 13, RTI provided technical expertise to sector department heads from Dhi Qar Governorate to address labor management issues and discrepancies in budget allocations received from Baghdad.
- On August 14, RTI sponsored a budgeting, accounting, and auditing workshop in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate. Local financial service officers, treasurers, local bank managers, and representatives of various local government departments and governorate military units attended the workshop.
- On August 14, RTI awarded a grant to the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) in the city of Al Hadr, Ninawa’ Governorate, to complete the removal of munitions from the area. MAG has already cleared an 18 square km munitions dump. Brass shell casings retrieved from the project are provided to the mayor and city council, who in turn sell the scrap metal to raise funds for equipment and supplies for Al Hadr city schools.
- RTI continued work on the children’s civic education campaign. The campaign covers waste, health, environment, recycling, and community involvement. The project includes development of lectures and story books, costume designs, and T-shirts promoting a clean environment.
- RTI developed the details for the South Central Regional Neighborhood Council Program to benefit nearly 50 percent of the population of Al Hillah. The program design calls for developing a series of partnerships with international organizations, NGOs, and representatives of the private sector to fund projects in the 20 most disadvantaged neighborhoods in Al Hillah.

#### *Transition Initiatives*

- USAID/OTI and partner DAI are working with the Arbil Minister for Human Rights to print 43,000 booklets of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Minister asked USAID/OTI for funding to produce the booklets after a small number of booklets already distributed were very well received. The booklets have been translated into four languages, are designed for children ages 6 to 12, and are distributed through the local Ministry of Education in primary schools and at youth events.
- USAID/OTI and DAI are also working with the Arbil Minister for Human Rights on a project to print 30,000 posters that display new legislation passed by the Kurdish National Assembly regarding the rights of prisoners and detainees. The posters will be placed throughout northern Iraq in locations where detainees can see them, such as incarceration sites, reformatory centers, police stations, and courts of law.
- USAID/OTI is collaborating with the Iraqi Prospect Organization to promote democracy in Baghdad. The group of young men and women promotes tolerance, democracy, and the free expression by publishing a newsletter and organizing debates and seminars that address political, religious, and social issues.
- USAID/OTI, the Civil Military Operations Center (CMOC), and the newly formed Civil Rights Organization of Kurdistan in Dahuk are establishing several offices throughout the north to engage in public education and community action initiatives to promote democratic development and human rights issues.
- On August 14, USAID/OTI and the Kurdistan Save the Children's Rights Organization in Arbil developed plans for a new women's center in the city of Arbil that will provide training in computers, barbering, cooking, and

sports. In addition, the center will present cultural events and offer library services. Another planned project will support an existing cultural center for child street workers.

- USAID/OTI awarded a grant for structural rehabilitation and equipment for the Babylon Women and Children's Center in Al Hillah. The Center will offer education, job skills, protection from abuse and legal services to the women of Babil Governorate.
- USAID/OTI is working with the Women's Association in Dahuk on plans for an Internet café, a television and radio show, and printed materials on women's human rights. The association's projects for women include literacy and vocational training, health education, legal services, abuse intervention efforts, and livelihood development for war widows. The association emphasizes that the projects serve a dual purpose of providing a vital service to women in the region while actively supporting increased participation in public and political life.
- On August 16, DAI delivered office furniture, computer desks, sofas, tables, and various musical instruments to the Ala Cultural and Youth Center.
- On August 16, DAI delivered a "Ministry-in-a-Box" kit to the Ministry of Agriculture.
- On August 19, DAI awarded a grant to the Ministry of Transport and Communications for the repair of the Iraq Postal Service facility.
- On August 19, DAI awarded two grants to the Ministry of Youth and Sport to repair the national basketball arena located within the Olympic Village. The first grant will provide for the mechanical works aspect of the refurbishment; the second grant will provide for the electrical and plumbing repair.

#### *Water and Sanitation*

- On August 13, Bechtel commenced rehabilitation of the An Najaf Sewage Treatment Plant. The rehabilitation will restore full sewage treatment processing capability to the plant, benefiting 141,000 inhabitants of An Najaf Governorate, as well as reducing the likelihood of water-borne illnesses downstream from the Euphrates River.
- On August 13, RTI completed the assessment of a water treatment plant in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate, and will support the refurbishment of the plant along with the installation of piping connecting the plant to a local primary school. Repair of this facility will benefit 2,000 villagers and 600 students.
- On August 17, USAID, Bechtel, and Baghdad Sewerage Board officials conducted a site visit at the Rustimiyah South Sewage Treatment Plant in Baghdad. The visit addressed concerns regarding the sewage flow capacity of Rustimiyah and determined that additional capacity is needed.
- USAID reports that work on the Safwan Water Pumping Station is 40 percent complete. Due to extensive corrosion, refurbishment of an above-ground water tank is not possible. Bechtel is currently exploring cost comparisons for the replacement of the water storage tank.
- Under a cooperative agreement with SC/US, USAID/OFDA is funding the rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in 20 schools in Arbil, Kirkuk, and Mosul. SCF/US will also provide support to the primary health care system in Karbala', including equipment and training, and provide support to the water pumping station in Abu Khasib in Al Basrah Governorate.
- On August 19, USAID/OFDA approved a plan for CARE to rehabilitate water and sanitation systems in 22 schools for the deaf in 14 governorates throughout Iraq.

#### **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.
- While a major humanitarian crisis did not materialize in Iraq, 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. The DART established offices in Arbil, Baghdad, Al Hillah, and Al Basrah. In addition, DART members were also located 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>\$55,465,961</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$4,061,957
	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	\$8,003,850
	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	\$5,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, Wasit, Kirkuk, At' Tamin	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk, Karbala', Najaf	
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
		Water/Sanitation	Diyala', Al Kut, Khanaqin	
		Water/Sanitation	Wasit	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
	SC/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		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	\$2,500,000
		Water/Sanitation	Al Anbar	
		Hospital Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Water/Sanitation	Mosul	
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	

**U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance to Iraq\***

<b>USAID/FFP.....</b>				<b>\$436,800,000</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	\$152,400,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
<b>STATE/PRM.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</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
<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	Grassroots Development	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	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	WHO	Health	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>\$29,601,190</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$1,066,831
	IOM	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$10,587,595
	DAI	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$14,473,253
	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>\$1,452,431,151</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$37,630,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$1,490,061,151</b>

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