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Current Situation (updated once a week)

Sector Updates

Electricity

- On August 23, countrywide electricity generation was 3,171 megawatts, approximately 72 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

- According to the U.N. Office of the Iraq Program, with 13 weeks until the November 21 deadline, almost half the goods and supplies in the Oil-for-Food (OFF) pipeline have been prioritized for delivery, as required under Security Council resolution 1483.

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 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 projects in the sectors of education, governance, health, infrastructure, and economic governance.

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

Abuse Prevention Unit (APU)

- USAID/OTI's APU is providing computer support and technical assistance to the Humanitarian Association for Prisoners and Missing Persons (HAPMP). The HAPMP initiated a program of collecting, safeguarding, and recording documentation on the imprisonment, abuse, execution, and disappearance of political detainees.
- USAID/OTI is funding an Evini Films documentary in both Arabic and Kurdish on the history of mass graves in Iraq. The producer/director is an American of Kurdish descent who also produced *Jiyan* in 2002, a film about the chemical attacks in Halabjah that played at several human rights film festivals around the world.

Community Action

- USAID partner International Relief and Development (IRD) is working to rehabilitate eight primary schools in the Taji and Rusafa districts of Baghdad. Other IRD projects include replacement of water tanks, repair of a public garden and sports facility, trash collection, replacement of sewage pipes, and upgrades to a women's health center in the Karkh neighborhood.

- In addition, IRD assisted the Al-Nur Community Association with repairs to a sewage pump and by unclogging manholes in the Kadhamiya District of Baghdad, benefiting 27,000 people.
- USAID partner Mercy Corps completed renovation of the Dar Rawadat Abeer Al-Wered Cooperative nursery and kindergarten, as well as the Center for Disabled and Orphaned Children, located in Al Kut in Wasit Governorate. The renovation included the installation of fans and the provision of furniture, toys, and learning aids.
- Mercy Corps is also providing 140 sewing machines to the Women's Cooperative Society (WCS) in Al Kut to further the WCS' objective of assisting and training widows of the Iran-Iraq War in Wasit Governorate. In addition, Mercy Corps is renovating WCS's main compound building.

Economic Governance

- Three banks reopened in Ad Diwaniyah Governorate, as a result of USAID partner Research Triangle Institute, Inc. (RTI) Rapid Response Grants. RTI worked with neighborhood councils to identify the banks as a priority and provided assistance by purchasing equipment and supplies.

Education

- The USAID Buildings Team continues the school rehabilitation program. In Baghdad, USAID partner Bechtel identified 530 of 600 targeted schools, began rehabilitation of 175 schools, and completed 12 schools. In northern Iraq, Bechtel identified 87 of 150 prioritized schools and began work on 17 schools. In south-central Iraq, rehabilitation is underway at 50 schools. In southern Iraq, Bechtel has identified 252 schools, started 44 schools, and completed 12 schools in Al Basrah Governorate. Currently, over 286 schools in Iraq are under construction countrywide.
- USAID partner Creative Associates International, Inc. (CAII) traveled to As Samawah to work with the Iraqi Director General of Education regarding the distribution of schools kits in Al Muthanna' Governorate.
- USAID/OTI partner DAI is working with the University of Babylon on the rehabilitation of two women's dorms. Rehabilitation of the dorms will enable female students to return to classes in the new school year.
- DAI is also collaborating with the Kurdistan Economic Development Organization to provide conflict management and negotiation skills training to students in 485 schools in As Sulaymaniyah Governorate and 58 schools in Diyala' Governorate.
- DAI delivered sixteen computers to the University of Mosul Medical College as part a project to restore Internet access to 32,000 students and faculty.
- DAI completed procurement of technical books for the Ala Cultural and Youth Center in Arbil to augment the center's existing library and to enhance research resources for the youth.
- With support from RTI, the Al Basrah Director of Education provided school sites to support two months of community involvement workshops for children in two of Al Basrah's low-income neighborhoods.

Health

- USAID/OFDA partner International Medical Corps (IMC) completed renovations of four health clinics in Kirkuk.
- USAID/OTI is working with the German NGO WADI to support two mobile teams of women's health experts that travel to rural villages in the governorates of As Sulamaniyah, Arbil, At' Tamim, and Ninawa'.
- The Ministry of Health, U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), and USAID partner Abt Associates, Inc. determined that the contents of medical emergency care kits for distribution to health clinics will include basic equipment and instruments, furniture, and laboratory supplies.

Infrastructure

Communications

- The Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), USAID, and Bechtel announced an agreement with Bechtel subcontractor Lucent Technologies to replace twelve telephone switches in Baghdad that will restore service to an additional 240,000 telephone lines, bringing Baghdad's total number of telephone lines to pre-conflict levels.
- On August 20, USAID, Bechtel, and the Iraqi Telephone and Postal Commission hosted a visit by Congressman Jim Kolbe to the Al-Mamoun telephone exchange site in Baghdad. At this site, Bechtel is installing a temporary, containerized telephone switch that will provide telephone service for 30,000 homes in Baghdad and a satellite gateway for international calls.

Electricity

- RTI is working with Bechtel and Coalition forces to improve power generation, transmission, and distribution in Al Basrah. The Hartha power station is operational, and Bechtel is currently working on the Najubia and Shuaiba plants.

Airports

- Bechtel began installation of a land-based radio system at Al Basrah International Airport (BSR).
- Skylink contracted Iraqi companies for services and furnishings for BSR. Skylink also procured and installed two baggage X-ray units at BSR.

Local Governance

- On August 18, RTI hired teams of civil, electrical, and mechanical engineers to assist the city of Al Basrah with delivery of essential services such as water, sewerage, and power.
- RTI trained five additional facilitator teams assigned to neighborhoods in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate, on the skills and approaches for establishing neighborhood advisory councils.
- RTI supported a three-day conference in Arbil entitled “Empowering Women” and conducted by the Khatuzeen Center for Social Action. The conference, served as a forum for women’s groups in the north to share experiences, discuss common issues, and develop strategies for action in the future.
- RTI trained 35 human rights representatives from Karbala’, Ad Diwaniyah, An Najaf, and Al Hillah in the principles and practices of an independent media, public awareness campaigns, and public relations.
- RTI is supporting the Iraqi Media Network (IMN) in securing archived video, audio tapes, and documents being stored by the network.

Transition Initiatives

- USAID/OTI and RTI conducted a regional training workshop in capacity building and organizational and leadership skills for over forty women in Al Hillah, Babil Governorate.
- USAID/OTI is also providing support for the Baghdad operations of the Iraq Foundation, an NGO founded by Iraqi women to further the goal of empowering Iraqi women through organization and discussion of human rights and political activism.
- On August 20, USAID/OTI partner DAI delivered a “Ministry-in-a-Box” kit to the Ministry of Interior’s General Customs facility in Karadah, and on August 26, DAI delivered a “Ministry-in-a-Box” kit to the Ministry of the Interior in Baghdad. To date, USAID/OTI has delivered 12 “Ministry-in-a-Box” kits.
- DAI also delivered sports equipment, uniforms, and supplies to the Sports Center in ‘Aqrah in Ninawa’ Governorate.
- DAI continues working with the Ministry of Justice in An Najaf to rehabilitate the An Najaf Courthouse, enabling court staff to resume basic oversight, coordination, and directive functions in support of Iraq’s legal and judicial system.
- On August 26, the An Najaf Governorate began rehabilitation of three municipal buildings in Abbasiya, Al Hira, and Al Haidariya with assistance from DAI. Key services provided from these buildings include civil administration, police protection, and financial management.

Water and Sanitation

- USAID is financing the installation of numerous generators at 37 water pumping stations that will be maintained and fueled by the Baghdad Water Authority (BWA). The diesel generators are designed to provide back-up power for the water pumps.
- To improve service delivery, the BWA is establishing a resource center to provide training and technical and customer service, as well as information that will be used to educate BWA staff on methods and technologies. The BWA center receives assistance from the American Water Works Association and RTI.
- Bechtel is beginning restoration of Iraq’s largest waste treatment facility, Rustimiyah, which is located southeast of Baghdad.
- USAID/OFDA partner the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is removing 900 metric tons of garbage a week from the streets, parks, and squares in Kirkuk.

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. 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>
FY 2003				
EMERGENCY RELIEF				
USAID/OFDA				\$66,464,646
	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
Cooperative Agreements				
	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	\$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	\$8,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	

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

USAID/FFP.....				\$436,800,000
	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
STATE/PRM.....				\$37,630,000
	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
RECONSTRUCTION				
USAID/ANE.....				\$930,564,000
	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
USAID/OTI.....				\$50,651,794
	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
TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$1,484,480,440
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$37,630,000
TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$1,522,110,440

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