



## UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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*This fact sheet highlights weekly activities from USAID's reconstruction efforts in Iraq. For more information on USAID's programs in Iraq please see: [www.usaid.gov/iraq](http://www.usaid.gov/iraq)*

USAID is working closely with the people of Iraq, the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), the United Nations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private sector partners involved with relief and reconstruction efforts. The USAID Mission in Iraq carries out programs in education, health care, food security, infrastructure reconstruction, economic growth, community development initiatives, and local governance.

## Program Descriptions and Updates

### 1. Restore Essential Infrastructure

**Electricity** -- *objectives include: the emergency repair or rehabilitation of power generation facilities and electrical grids. A team of engineers from the Iraqi Electric Commission, USAID, Bechtel, and the U.S. military has been working since May to restore capacity to Iraq's power system, which had been looted and experienced decades of neglect and mismanagement*

#### Activities:

- Since October 1, the CPA Power Team has consistently achieved generation output above 4,000 MW.
- Power generation in Iraq reached a new high on October 6 of 4,518 MW.
  - The combined Iraqi-American power team is now working on repair of existing generation capacity to reach 6,000 MW by the summer of 2004.
- Having achieved power production above the 4400 MW target, the Ministry of Electricity, USAID and the CPA will schedule plant maintenance this autumn as the cooler months will lower power demand.
  - The goal is to maintain generation above 3,500 MW during the maintenance period when larger units are taken off line.

**Airports** -- *objectives include: providing reconstruction material and personnel for the timely repair of damaged airport facilities; the rehabilitation of airport terminals; the creation of systems to permit international commercial and passenger flights, humanitarian assistance, and reconstruction material and personnel; and preparation for the eventual handover of airport operations to the Iraqi Airport Commission Authority.*

#### Activities:

- NGO charter flights will continue to be scheduled daily between Amman and Baghdad, with plans for expanding service at Baghdad International Airport in the near future.

- Over 500 military and NGO flights since July have arrived and departed smoothly at the airport.
- USAID partner Bechtel assisted several partners with the rehabilitation of Baghdad International Airport after the end of major combat, including installing power generators and an air traffic control communications system and repairing the runways, terminal, lounges, and security apparatus.
- Preparatory work for Perimeter Fencing for the Basrah International Airport has begun, and the marking and striping of the runway is complete. Bechtel will soon begin the rehabilitation of the airport's Water and Waste Water Treatment Systems.

**Bridges, Roads, and Railroads** -- *objectives include: the rehabilitation and repair of damaged transportation systems focusing on the most economically critical networks.*

Activities:

- Completed construction of a 1.5-kilometer, four-lane bypass for the damaged Al-Mat Bridge – a key bridge used for humanitarian efforts.
- Demolition of irreparable sections of three key bridges, Khazir, Tikrit and Al Mat, and reconstruction has begun.
- Rehabilitating a 58 kilometer section of track from Umm Qasr to Shuiaba Junction, near Basrah. Estimated completion date is July 2004 at a cost of \$16.8 million.

**Seaport** -- *objectives include: developing improvement plans to overcome constraints, hiring of port pilots to guide ships up the channel, coordinating onward transport from the seaport, and facilitating cargo-handling services such as warehousing, shipment tracking, and storage.*

Activities:

- Two Iraqi dredges are being refurbished, which will be assigned to routinely clear accumulating silt from Umm Qasr port.
- At the Umm Qasr grain-receiving facility, train load-out systems are complete, and work continued on the administration building and fire water systems. All other systems are operational.
- All the power substations at Umm Qasr's new port are energized and the entire port is now lit at night. Some electrical fixtures on the towers are being replaced.

**Telecommunications** -- *objectives include: linking 21 cities by fiber optic cable and preparing one million wired lines to be operational; repairing the nation's fiber optic network from north of Mosul, through Baghdad and Nasiriyah to Umm Qasr by November 2003; and repairing the 2,000 km cable to connect 20 cities to Baghdad and benefit 70 percent of Iraq's population.*

Activities:

- The rehabilitation of Iraq's public switched telephone network continues, coordinated by the Iraqi Telephone and Postal Commission and Bechtel and will benefit 30,000 subscribers by the end of October.
  - Work is underway at eight of the twelve switch sites--Sinek, Bab Almuadham, Alwiya, Adamiyah, Baya, Abu Ghraib, Samarra, and Salihya. Splicing and cable testing is complete at Al Mamoun, Kadamiyah, Baya, Abu Ghraib, and Samarra.
- Generators have been delivered to Baghdad for all 12 telecommunication sites. Bechtel has installed generators and fuel tanks at Mamoun and Sinek and will install the rest at a rate of two sites per week for the next four weeks.
- The Globecom Systems Inc. team arrived October 12 to install the international satellite gateway at Mamoun. The first international call is scheduled for October 23.

## **2. Support Essential Health and Education**

**Health** -- *objectives include: supporting a reformed Iraqi Ministry of Health; delivering essential health services; funding medicines and micronutrients; establishing a rapid referral and response system for the most serious cases; providing medical equipment and supplies; training and recruiting health staff; providing health education and information; and determining the specific needs of the health sector and of vulnerable populations such as women and children.*

### Activities:

- To date, over 30 million doses of vaccines have been procured and distributed by the Ministry of Health (MOH) since July, supported by USAID and UNICEF.
- An estimated 3 million Iraqi children under the age of 5 have been vaccinated.
- Rehabilitated 20 delivery rooms in hospitals and primary health care centers serving 300,000 residents in Basrah.
- More than 100,000 pregnant, nursing mothers and malnourished children under 5 years have received 2.5 kg of high protein biscuit supplementary food rations.
- In Najaf and Karbal, emergency health programs supporting 18 Primary Health Centers have been completed with over 92 midwives and 247 health promoters trained.

**Education** -- *objectives include: increasing enrollment and improving the quality of primary and secondary education, ensuring that classrooms have sufficient materials for the start of the new school year in October, facilitating community involvement, training teachers, implementing accelerated learning programs, and establishing partnerships between U.S. and Iraqi colleges and universities. Schools throughout Iraq successfully reopened the first week in October.*

### Activities:

- In support of the Education Management Information System program, \$40,000 worth of information management equipment, including 25 computers, was delivered to the Ministry of Education on October 20.
- The Ministry of Education is distributing the revised editions of math and science texts in Baghdad, Mosul and Basrah.
- To date, 1,595 schools have been rehabilitated/repared and additional rehabilitation of at least 200 schools is ongoing.
- Student registration continues to increase throughout the county. Average attendance rates are 96 percent for registered girls and 92 percent for registered boys. Attendance will continue to be monitored over the next month, with a focus on discerning any gender disparities.
- The Ministry of Education's Accelerated Learning Program is establishing pilot projects in five cities to speed up the learning process for children that have been out of school. To date, 46 of 60 teachers have been recruited, and 500 students have registered for 650 slots. The Accelerated Learning Program is being initiated in Baghdad, Karbala, Arbil, Ad Diwaniyah, An Nasiriyah.

**Water and Sanitation** -- *objectives include: rehabilitating and repairing essential water infrastructure to provide potable water and sanitation to communities and improve irrigation.*

### Activities:

- Potable water is now available in greater amounts in the Al-Anbar Governorate due to repairs at water treatment plants in the cities of Al-Qa'im and Rutbah. The plants are operating at 80 percent capacity compared to 35-40 percent prior to repairs.

- Bechtel is refurbishing four sewage treatment plants in Qadisiyah, Najaf, Hillah and Karbala Governorates and a main water treatment plant in Najaf.
- Members of the local community in At'Tamim governorate along with USAID/OFDA partner International Rescue Committee (IRC) have removed 6,671 tons of domestic and industrial solid waste out of the city of Kirkuk, cleared almost 15,000 meters of sewage line in five municipal sectors in Kirkuk and completed work on the Compact Water Treatment Unit in the town of Narawan.
- The Safwan potable water pump station of Khor az Zubayr (Basrah Governorate) is almost complete and will re-establish piped water to Safwan, benefiting 40,000 people.
- Improved drinking water is being supplied to 470,000 residents of Kirkuk and to 280,000 residents in Al Kut (Wasit Governorate).
- A 250 KW generator for a sewage treatment plant in Al Hayy (Wasit Governorate) was installed under a \$43,000 grant implemented by Development Alternatives, Inc. The city sewer system had been operating only ten hours a day and will now operate continuously.
- Bechtel continues to clean the terminal reservoir of the Sweet Water Canal that provides drinking water for Basrah City. When that portion of the reservoir is completed, the cleaned area will be filled with water to supply a water treatment plant. The other half of the storage area will then be drained and cleaned.

**Food Security** -- *objectives include: providing oversight support for the country-wide Public Distribution System (PDS) which provides basic food and non-food commodities to approximately 26 million people; participating in the design of a monetary assistance program to replace the commodity-based PDS in order to support local production and free-market infrastructure, and promoting comprehensive agriculture reform to optimize private participation in production and wholesale markets.*

Activities:

- Provided technical assistance to CPA authorities in Erbil and Baghdad during Oil for Food transition.
- Ongoing funding to the UN/World Food Program which has managed the PDS since May, and is currently working with its Iraqi counterparts in the Ministry of Trade and the Kurdish Food Department to ensure the smooth transition of PDS management over to those organizations.
- Renovation/refurbishment of governorate warehouses and PDS management centers (e.g. Basra, Wasit, Thi Qar).
- Training and capacity building activities conducted by the Food Department and the World Food Program in the northern governorates are better equipping the Food Department to assume the management of the public distribution system.

**3. Expand Economic Opportunity**

**Economic Governance** -- *objectives include: 17 priority areas approved by the CPA that are in various stages of initial implementation. Objectives address currency conversion and monetary data, state-owned enterprises, small businesses credits, commercial legislation, a national employment program, a bank-to-bank payment system, a financial management information system, tax policy and administration, budget planning, insurance, and electricity reform.*

Activities:

- On October 15, the Central Bank of Iraq began accepting currency issued since 1957, allowing banks throughout the country to exchange old currency for new.
- The Iraqi Currency Exchange is proceeding smoothly; the October 21 Dinar market settlement rate was 1,950 Iraqi dinars to 1 U.S. dollar.
- To date, 76 inter-bank payment systems have been installed throughout the country and will be operational after training is provided.

- Since September, the Central Bank has reduced the amount of old currency in circulation by roughly one third from approximately 3.4 trillion to 2.3 trillion Iraqi Dinars.

#### **4. Improve Efficiency and Accountability of Government**

**Local Government** -- *objectives include: the promotion of diverse and representative citizen participation within and among communities throughout Iraq. 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, and conducting training programs in communications, conflict resolution and leadership skills.*

##### Activities:

- USAID's local governance partner Research Triangle Institute (RTI) is working in 16 governorates where more than 15 million Iraqis are engaging in local policy discourse, either directly or through their representatives.
- The number of Iraqi NGOs is increasing. More than 200 people representing 83 Iraqi organizations attended the weekly NGO Coordination Meeting in Baghdad this week.
- Governing councils in Abu Ghraib, Hillah, Diwanya and Kerbala are actively recruiting women representatives to help promote equal rights for women.
- The Kirkuk Governing Council is negotiating land titling with the Turkish and Iraqi Red Crescent societies in order to allow the organizations to build and operate a hospital in the city.
- Men and women from all over Iraq are participating in unprecedented democracy workshops in the Ba'Quba and Al Hillah Governorates, creating a more dynamic civil society.

**Community Action Program** -- *objectives include: the promotion of diverse and representative citizen participation in and among communities throughout Iraq to assist in the identification, prioritization, and delivery of critical community needs. CAP is implemented by five U.S. NGOs with established offices in nine major Iraqi cities located throughout the country.*

##### Activities:

- Community associations in Baghdad have completed 42 small projects, with 72 more underway.
  - Teachers, parents, students and community residents have been rehabilitating 100 schools throughout Baghdad. Often the community group established for the school projects has become a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and will provide for continued support from the community to maintain and develop schools.
- Community Associations in Sadr City (Baghdad) are rehabilitating the Ram Alah School, benefiting 1,250 students, and reopening the children's ward of Al Qadisiyah Hospital.
- 58 Community Development Groups and 9 Women's Committees have been established in Wasit, Al Qadisiyah, Maysan governorates. Mercy Corps (MC), a Community Action Partner, has helped organize these committees to address cultural practices in the Shia heartland that restrain public inter-gender mixing, making it difficult to create mixed-gender community groups (only 15 out of 58 CDGs are inter-gender).
- ACIDI/VOCA, a Community Action Partner, is expanding geographic coverage throughout Northern Iraq with projects in education, agriculture, and infrastructure including school and hospital rehabilitation.
- This week, in Wasit Governorate, USAID partner Mercy Corps is increasing employment for women by providing 150 sewing machines to employ 700 women by the end of October and holding an industrial sewing workshop with a women's association in Numanya.

**Transition Initiatives** -- objectives include: provision of fast flexible assistance to meet Iraq's most critical challenges in the current transition phase. USAID identifies and fills crucial gaps in U.S. Government assistance with the purpose of giving local populations a growing sense of empowerment and providing quick, tangible improvements in the daily lives of Iraqis. Activities are primarily implemented by Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Activities:

- During September, 102 grants worth \$9,273,915 were awarded by OTI, including 74 grants for community impact activities, 15 grants for justice and human rights activities, 7 grants for civil society organizations, and 6 grants for transparency and good governance activities.
- To date, 60 ministries, municipalities and government commissions have received essential supplies and equipment for a total of \$6,717,000 in grants.
- The Women's Association of Babil, the Iraq Foundation, and Women for a Free Iraq organized a Heartland of Iraq Women's Conference October 4-7 at the University of Babil in Al Hillah, supported by a small grant from DAI. The conference addressed issues pertaining to Islam and democracy, women's rights, free elections, and forming a constitution.

<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>\$81,348,040</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$6,788,947
	AirServ	Logistics	Countrywide	\$5,309,876
	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	\$1,284,972
	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	\$12,005,804
	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
	USAID Amman	Support for emergency water activities	Countrywide	\$500,000
	WFP	Logistics and pre-positioning of food	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
	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	\$6,000,000
		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	\$4,994,959
		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	
<b>USAID/FFP .....</b>				<b>\$419,612,000</b>
	WFP	Operations	Countrywide	\$32,812,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 81,500 MT	Countrywide	\$39,400,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 163,820 MT	Countrywide	\$147,400,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
<b>STATE/PRM.....</b>				<b>\$38,935,691</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
	International Catholic Migration Commission	Humanitarian assistance to Iraqi refugees	Lebanon and Jordan	\$1,305,691
<b>RECONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>USAID/ANE .....</b>				<b>\$1,535,209,000</b>
	Abt Associates	Health	Countrywide	\$20,995,000
	AFCAP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$91,500,000
	Army Corps of Engineers	Architecture and Engineering services	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	BearingPoint	Economic Governance	Countrywide	\$39,000,000
	Bechtel	Airports, buildings, emergency communications, power, railroads, roads and bridges, Umm Qasr seaport, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$1,029,833,000
	Community Action Program	Development in impoverished communities	Countrywide	\$70,000,000
	DAI	Marshlands	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
	DAI	Agriculture	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
	Fed Source	Personnel Support	Countrywide	\$24,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support	Countrywide	\$18,286,000
	RTI	Local Governance	Countrywide	\$104,611,000
	CAII	Education	Countrywide	\$37,853,000
	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	\$14,319,000



	SkyLink	Airport Management	Baghdad Al Basrah Mosul	\$17,500,000
	MSI	Monitoring and Evaluation	Countrywide	\$5,500,000
	University Partners	Consortium led by the Research Foundation of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook which includes Columbia University, Boston University and Oxford University (England), University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and the Human Rights Institute of DePaul University College of Law (IHRLI) and the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) in Siracusa, Italy	Baghdad University, Al Mustansiriyah University in Baghdad, Mosul University, Mosul University's College of Agriculture and Forestry in Hamam al-Alil, and Basrah University	\$11,730,000
	Yankee Group	Telecoms Planning	Countrywide	\$58,000
<b>USAID/OTI.....</b>			<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$56,664,190</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$14,339,430
	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	\$8,703,001
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$1,697,534,506</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$38,935,691</b>
<b>Total STATE/USAID Assistance to Iraq in FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$2,125,804,197</b>

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