

IRAQ LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT

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Strategic Objective

Iraqi citizens benefit from improved local governance as a result of strengthening local governments and civil society organizations to respond to a broad range of issues in sub-national administration, service delivery and citizen participation in local administration

Expected Results



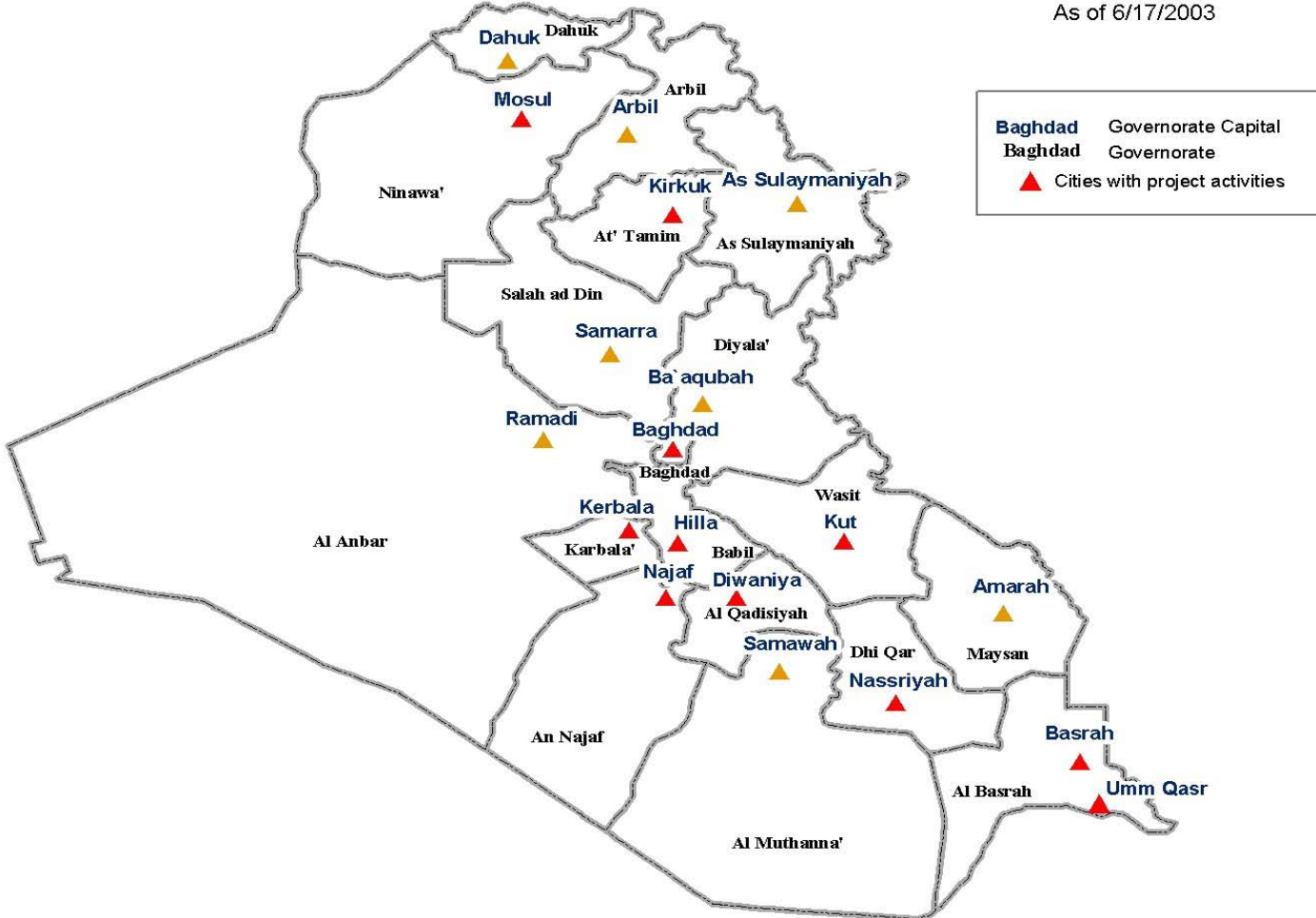
Project Field Management

Establish one Project office in each of the 4 regions defined by the Office of Coalition Provisional Authority (OCPA), as they become permissive, expanding to Governorate level offices as warranted:

1. al-Basrah
2. al-Hillah
3. Baghdad
4. Kirkuk and Mosul

RTI Deployment Status

As of 6/17/2003



Institutional Setting: Policy Guidance; Early Coordination of Activities

- Policy guidance from OCPA (through USAID)
- Build on field based information obtained by Disaster Assistance Response Teams (DART) and Civil Affairs (CA) personnel
- Collaborate with Office of Transition Initiative (OTI) teams, especially in rapid response grant mechanisms

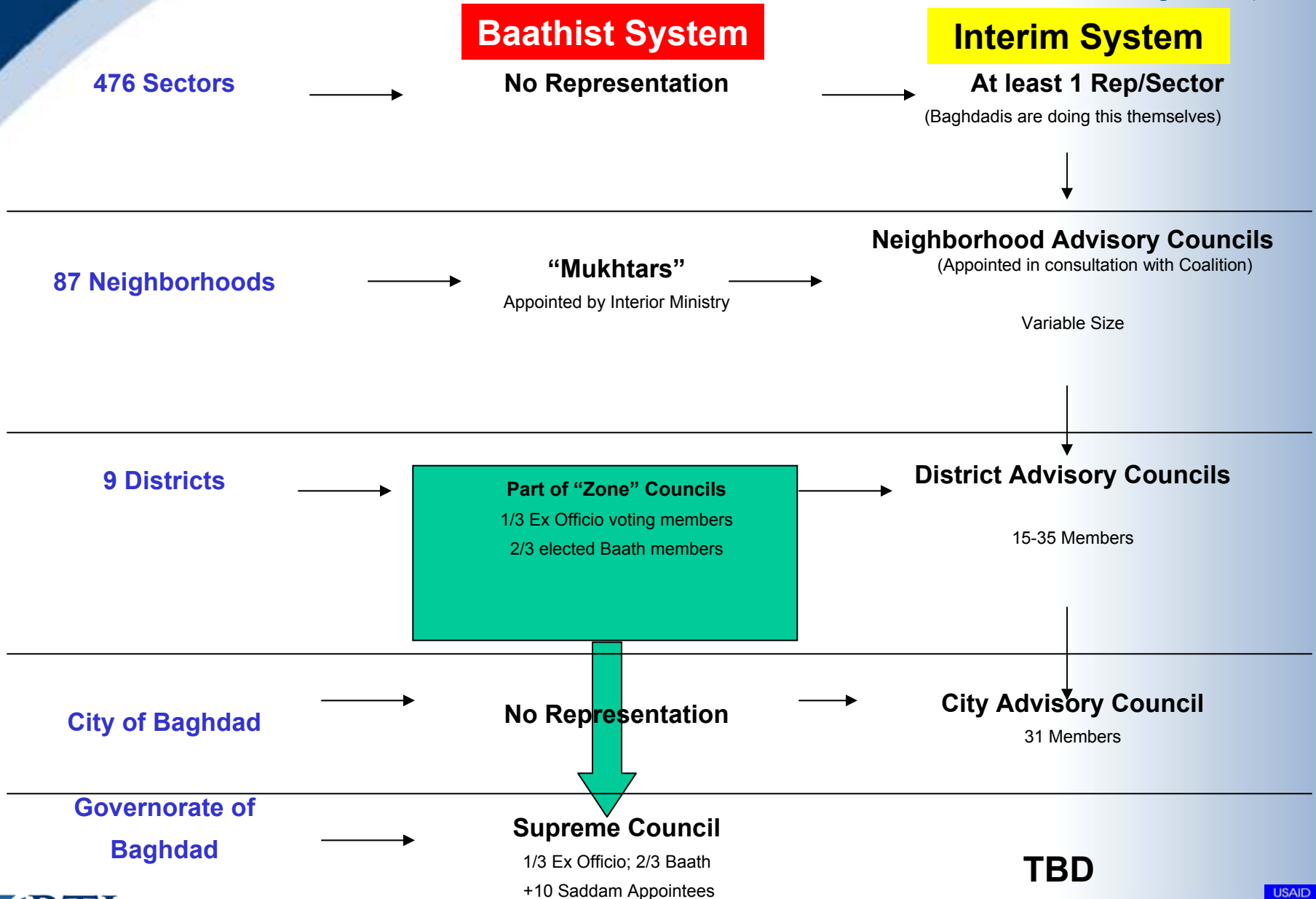
Governorate Teams are Backbone of Coordinated Early Efforts

- Governorate Support Teams (GSTs): The military component of the Governorate Teams. They are under the command of the major subordinate commander. These include Civil Affairs Officers (CAs).
- OCPA regional (currently 4) leadership and staff, transitioning to OCPA staff in some or all Governorates. May include other elements associated with OCPA over time.
- LGTs are formed by the Iraq Local Government Project (RTI) consisting of local government management and civil society experts. Others include CPA governorate based staff and IO/NGO entities.

Baghdad Activities (May-June 2003)

- Provided technical advice in the preparation of concept for the new municipal governance structure, resulting in the design of Neighborhood and District Interim Advisory councils leading to a Baghdad City Advisory Council and developed rollout strategy
- Conducted a “train the trainers” training course for 75 military commanders and Civil Affairs officers to assist in developing community support action plans and assist in forming the neighborhood councils.
- Provided first grant: \$250,000 (in coordination with OTI) to furnish the Interim Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting rooms aimed at facilitating the convening of neighborhood meetings
- Approximately 50 Neighborhood Councils set up by mid-June

Baghdad Municipal Structure (courtesy Andy Morrison, U.S. State Department)



Southeast Region Activities (May-June 2003)

BASRAH

- developed municipal work plans with Coalition Military commanders and OCPA regional coordinator, and initiated assistance
- assigned senior city management advisor, working with Basrah Technical Secretariat, Coalition Military commander and OCPA Coordinator
- opened Basrah office and deployed initial technical team
- designed and initiated Rapid Response Grants program
- provided first grant: \$20,000 for reconstruction and refurbishing Primary Health Clinic & Regional Support Center (serves population of 50,000)

UMM QASR

- developed municipal work plans with Coalition Military governor
- provided first grant: \$100,000 for the rehabilitation and refurbishing all schools in the city (20), benefiting 7,000 students.

South Central Region Activities (May-June 2003)

AL HILLAH

- developed regional work plans with Coalition Military commanders and OCPA Heartland Regional Coordinator, and initiated assistance
- developed system for coordination with military GST teams
- opened Hillah office and deployed 6 person technical team

An Nasariyah, Karbala, Al Kut, An Najaf, Al Diwaniyah

- Initial workplans, rapid response grants, startup activities underway focusing on budget planning and other service delivery management and technical functions

North Region Activities (June 2003)

- Initial staff deployed in Kirkuk and Mosul
- Initial workplans developing, focus on training technical department personnel and interim councils on basics of city government, budgeting, accounting, planning, etc.