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USAID Iraq

On July 27 USAID Mission Director Lewis Lucke officially announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq at the USAID office in Baghdad. Currently, the USAID Mission 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. United States Government offices, including USAID's Asia and Near-East Bureau, Office for Transition Initiatives (OTI), Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), Food for Peace (FFP), the U.S. Department of Defense, and the U.S. Department of State support the USAID Mission in Iraq which is carrying out programming and activities in education, health care, food security, infrastructure, local government, and water and sanitation.

Program Descriptions and Updates

Airports

USAID's objectives for the rehabilitation of airports 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:

- Completed significant infrastructure work at Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) for civil air operations to resume, including installation of communications equipment and power generators and repairs to the parking lot and security checkpoint.
- At Baghdad's C terminal, 1,500 fluorescent tubes have been installed and a sewage pump has been repaired.
- Basrah International Airport is nearly ready for commercial operations to begin. Projects have included installing satellite communications equipment, baggage x-ray units, toilets, passenger lounges and upgrades to the runway and taxiway.
- Evaluation of reconstruction needs at Mosul Airport completed.

Bridges, Roads, and Railroads

USAID's objectives in bridges, roads, and railroads 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.

- Work on Khazir and Tikrit bridges begins this week, and a subcontractor is refurbishing a concrete fabrication facility to provide slabs for the bridges.

Community Action Program

USAID's goals with the Community Action Program 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 action groups in Baghdad completed 23 projects and will complete more than 50 projects by the end of September.
- Three projects were completed this week. They include the rehabilitation of a primary and secondary school and a sewage system, benefiting 251,200 people.
- After three and a half months of implementation, the five Community Action Program (CAP) partners have identified 524 community activities that will benefit nearly seven million people at a total cost of \$17.7 million.

Education

USAID's objectives in education for Iraq 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.

Activities:

- More than 35,000 Iraqis from 64 Iraqi subcontractors are working on an accelerated program to rehabilitate schools by the start of school on October 4. To date, 1,515 schools have been rehabilitated.
- The Ministry of Education, coordinated with USAID's education program, has trained 60 master trainers for a major teacher orientation initiative. The 60 will instruct 720 teacher trainers and the teacher trainers will hold orientations that will train thousands of Iraqi teachers.

Economic Governance

USAID's objectives for economic governance currently include 15 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:

- Developed the overall management plan for the currency exchange operation, including security and logistics requirements.
- Began developing a bank-to-bank payment system that will allow 10 banks to begin conducting business by mid-September and 80 banks by mid-October.

Electricity

USAID's objectives for the rehabilitation of electricity include the emergency repair or rehabilitation of power generation facilities and electrical grids. The goal is to restore Iraqi power generation to 4,400 MW a day by October 2003 and provide reliable power to at least 75 percent of Iraqis by 2004.

Activities:

- Production capacity of power generation has been steadily increasing over the past month.
- On September 28, Iraqi power plants generated a peak of 3,927 MW.
- Hydropower production peaked at 905 MW on September 23, 2003, exceeding the target of 902 MW.
- Work is proceeding on cable splicing at Hartha boilers #1 and #4. Crews are making preparations to begin welding inside the boiler.

Food Security

USAID's objectives in food security 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:

- 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).

Health

USAID's objectives for health in Iraq 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:

- Over 30 million doses of vaccines have been procured and distributed by the Ministry of Health since July, supported by USAID and UNICEF. An estimated 3 million Iraqi children under the age of 5 have been vaccinated.
- The Ministry of Health holds the monthly National Immunization Days (NID) advocacy campaign on the 22d of each month. The NID campaign is being supplemented by 2 week follow up immunization campaigns in September and October this year – expecting to boost national immunization coverage to 70-80% by the end of 2003.
- The Ministry of Health is distributing kits of office and medical equipment, which will be complimented by medical training, to 600 primary health centers in seven governorates.
- Clinic workers disseminated health and hygiene information to 400 families at rural clinics in Babil Governorate and to 119 families in rural clinics at At' Tamim Governorate.
- Dhi Qar and Al Muthanna' Departments of Health have taken over the USAID supported monitoring and supervision of their Targeted Nutrition Programs.

Local Government

USAID's objectives in local government 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:

- Awarded over 829 rapid response grants, totaling \$40.3 million.
- Furthering decentralization, Provincial Directors for the Dhi Qar Governorate are working with Research Triangle Institute (RTI) to coordinate planning and budgets.
- The Independent Free Women’s Center held a conference in Baghdad last week on Iraq’s current political and social situation, in particular its effect on women and children. RTI assisted the attendance of the Women’s Cultural and Social Association, making it the first conference of its kind ever attended by a Mosul women’s organization.
- Rehabilitated and reequipped 16 key Iraqi ministries, including Ministries of Justice, Irrigation, Foreign Affairs, Labor, Health and Finance, and the headquarters of eight municipalities.

Seaport

USAID’s objectives for the rehabilitation of ports includes initially assessing the Umm Qasr port, developing improvement plans to overcome port-imposed 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:

- Port reopened to commercial traffic June 17; first test of passenger vessel completed July 16.
- Major dredging activities are now complete and the port is able to handle deep-draft ships at all 21 berths.
- The completed grain facility can process up to 600 tons of grain per hour, or a 25,000 MT ship, in two days.

Telecommunications

USAID’s objectives for telecommunications in Iraq 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 of the 2,000 km cable to connect 20 cities to Baghdad and benefit 70 percent of Iraq’s population.

Activities:

- The Iraqi Telephone and Postal Company (ITPC) has begun site preparation for the telephone switches. ITPC employees are constructing foundations, splicing cables, and testing lines prior to the arrival of the Lucent switches.
- Audited the 400 km of the northeastern fiber backbone through to Mosul, confirming that two of twelve fibers are active. A second survey through to Dahuk is planned for September. The assessment of the northeastern branch (Baghdad to Mosul via Kirkuk) of Iraq’s fiber optic backbone is complete.
- A satellite gateway system was delivered to Al Mamoun, and technical staff will arrive in October for assembly and testing.

Water and Sanitation

USAID’s objectives in water and sanitation include rehabilitating and repairing essential water infrastructure to provide potable water and sanitation to communities and improve irrigation.

Activities:

- Physical renovations have begun on Al Hillah and Ad Diwaniyah sewage treatment plants and work on An Najaf and Karbala' treatment plants will begin soon.
- Seventy of Baghdad's ninety sewage treatment plants have been rehabilitated.
- Dredging of the Sweet Water Canal is underway in Basrah governorate. The 90-day effort will remove 300,000 cubic meters of sediment, providing potable water to the region and improving water flow.
- To date, OFDA and its partners have rehabilitated more than 100 water treatment units and water treatment plants, with nearly 200 more planned, and rehabilitation and repairs to nearly 50 miles of water distribution networks have been completed or are ongoing.
- OFDA is also supporting sanitation programs, critical to preserving public health, including rehabilitation of sewage treatment plants, rehabilitation of school and health clinic sanitation facilities, and provision of health training. These projects will help to reduce the incidence of water-borne disease and mortality by bringing safe drinking water to thousands of children and their families, in many cases to villages that have been forced to go without water for years.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Regions</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2003				
EMERGENCY RELIEF				
USAID/OFDA				\$74,924,316
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$5,064,167
	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	\$10,966,351
	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	\$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	
USAID/FFP				\$431,800,000
	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	\$147,400,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
STATE/PRM.....				\$38,935,691
	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
RECONSTRUCTION				
USAID/ANE				\$1,129,064,000
	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	\$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	\$70,000,000
	DAI	Marshlands	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
	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	\$4,819,000
	SkyLink	Airport Management	Baghdad Al Basrah Mosul	\$17,500,000

	MSI	Monitoring and Evaluation	Countrywide	\$5,500,000
USAID/OTI				\$56,664,190
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$1,289,378
	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
TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$1,692,452,506
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$38,935,691
Total STATE/USAID Assistance to Iraq in FY 2003				\$1,731,388,197

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