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Iraq – Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance

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Background

- Since 1991, the Iraqi population has subsisted on the brink of a humanitarian disaster due to the lingering effects of war, sanctions, and drought. Between 1991 and 1996, the U.S. Government provided nearly \$794 million in humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Iraq.
- In 1996, the Government of Iraq (GOI) accepted the United Nations (U.N.) Oil-for-Food Program (OFF), after which humanitarian conditions improved. Revenues from the OFF program provided food, medicine, and other civilian goods to assist vulnerable Iraqis through the Public Distribution System (PDS). However, widespread corruption by Iraqi officials limited the effectiveness of the OFF 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 combat operations in Iraq have ended. Although the recent conflict did not result in the large-scale humanitarian crisis and widespread displacement many had envisioned, the conflict and subsequent disorder has exacerbated the Iraqi population's vulnerable circumstances.
- In March 2003, the United States Government (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 Iraq, the DART has established offices in Al Basrah, Arbil, and Baghdad. In addition, DART members are located in Kuwait, Jordan, Cyprus, and Qatar and are working closely with U.N. agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs (CA) personnel.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Internally Displaced in Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 87 in Arbil • 1,817 in Dahuk • 1,089 at Jordanian border (No Man's Land) 	UNOHCI (April 29, 2003) UNOHCI (April 29, 2003) IOM (May 2, 2003)
Refugees from Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 717 – Jordan Old caseload refugees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 204,000 – Iran • 17,000 – Saudi Arabia (Urban) • 5,200 – Saudi Arabia (Rafha) • 250,000-300,000 – Jordan • 60,000 – 70,000 – Syria 	IOM (April 30, 2003) UNHCR (April 2003)

Northern Iraq

- On May 5, the DART visited Mosul for the first time. The climate in the city is calm and citizen life appears vibrant and bustling. Delegates representing a cross-section of Mosul's religious and ethnic groups elected 24 town council representatives, an interim mayor who is a retired army general, and a deputy mayor on May 5. Kurdish residents forced out of villages by the former regime more than two decades ago are now beginning to return.
- According to the World Food Program (WFP), in Mosul there is an estimated 11,000 metric tons (MT) of wheat flour, 640 MT of lentils, 91 MT of weaning cereal milk, and 600 MT of vegetable oil warehoused. The wheat flour is nearly half that of a normal monthly Public Distribution System allocation in the Ninawa governorate.

Southern Iraq

- On May 4, the UN Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq (UN OCHI) held the first coordination meeting among humanitarian actors in Al Basrah. A "U.N. Humanitarian Open Forum" will take place daily and provide an opportunity for the international community to exchange information and provide security updates.

Current Situation by Sector

Abuse Prevention

- Since arriving in Arbil on April 29, DART/Abuse Prevention Unit (APU) has met with the International Rescue Committee (IRC); the International Medical Corps (IMC); the Ministry of Reconstruction and Development; Civil Affairs in Arbil, Kirkuk, and Mosul; the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); and U.N.

agencies as well as other important humanitarian actors regarding displacement of people, reprisal killings, and other human rights abuses.

Food

- WFP continues to face severe storage shortages in Baghdad at a time when shipments of food are flowing in to Iraq in preparation for ration distributions. The DART continues to work with the Coalition to gain approval for WFP-identified warehouses and securing of the warehouses. Further delays could result in WFP suspending its food deliveries until approval is granted.
- On May 5, WFP loaded 650 MT of the bagged rice from the M/V Rise in the port of Umm Qasr onto thirteen 50-ton trucks. The trucks then traveled to An Nasiriyah and the rice was unloaded into a WFP warehouse for use in the Public Distribution System. In addition, about 900 MT of the rice has been offloaded and discharged into the warehouse at the port.

Education

- According to UN OCHI, the Ministry of Education will reopen secondary schools on May 10, with universities scheduled to reopen on May 17. Primary schools reopened on May 4.

Health

- On May 6, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that the Ninewa Pharmaceutical Company in Mosul, Iraq's main factory for the production of intravenous fluids, was damaged and looted. In addition, the blood bank in Mosul has run out of reagents for screening blood for HIV. WHO is procuring reagents in Amman, Jordan and will send them to the three northern governorates on May 7.

U.S. Government Response (New information is underlined)

Emergency Relief

- USAID/OFDA is supporting U.N. and NGO emergency assistance activities through quick-impact projects and IDP support. USAID/OFDA supports projects in the sectors of agriculture, food security, health, logistics, nutrition, shelter, and water/sanitation.
- The DART/OFDA has approved an implementation plan for Save the Children/US through its partner, Save the Children/UK (SC/UK) to provide nutrition support two pediatric and maternity hospitals in Mosul. Support will include high protein biscuits, one therapeutic feeding kit for each hospital, and administrative and fuel support to the hospital. The program will benefit 400 severely and moderately malnourished children for three months until WFP and UNICEF are able to resume regular programs there.
- The DART/OFDA has also approved an implementation plan for Save the Children/US through its partner, Save the Children/UK to provide emergency transportation support to primary health care teams in Mosul, and auxiliary health staff to Mosul's Al Atheer maternity and pediatric hospital. This support will replace vehicles lost to looting and enable health staff in conjunction with SC/UK to conduct assessments, respond to reports of communicable disease outbreak, and deliver needed drugs and equipment.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) is providing emergency food commodities through the Emerson Trust 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.
- 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 Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- The Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) contributed assistance for the pre-positioning and emergency response activities of UNHCR, the 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).

Reconstruction

- In addition to the emergency relief assistance provided through the DART by USAID and the Department of State, USAID's Asia and Near East Bureau (USAID/ANE) has provided assistance for reconstruction activities in Iraq in a broad range of sectors. USAID supports reconstruction projects in education, governance, health, infrastructure, and logistics.
- USAID has also deployed staff to the region to begin reconstruction efforts. Several USAID administrative, governance, health, infrastructure, and education have established offices in Baghdad, with several other personnel in Kuwait. USAID is assisting government ministries in becoming operational and public services to get restarted in Baghdad.

Other Donor and International Organization Assistance*

DONOR	US \$ (MILLIONS)	DATE (2003)	ASSISTANCE SNAPSHOT
Australia	\$62.5	April 29	U.N. agencies, ICRC, and NGOs
Austria	\$1.1	April 1	UNICEF
Bangladesh	\$2	April 4	Food Assistance
Belgium	\$4.4	April 29	ICRC, UNICEF
Canada	\$74.6	March 26	WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, OCHA, ICRC, NGOs
China		March 27	Tents
Croatia	\$2.8	May 2	Blankets, sleeping bags, flour, sugar, water purification disinfectants
European Commission	\$117.7	April 22	U.N. agencies, IOs, and NGOs
Finland	\$5.13	March 25	ICRC, UN OCHA, WFP
France	\$10.7		UNICEF, WFP, NGOs
Germany	\$50	May 5	UNHCR, WFP, ICRC
Greece	\$4.6	May 5	UNHCR, ICRC, NGOs
Iceland	\$3.75	April 8	ICRC, NGOs, UNCHR, WFP
India	\$20	April 4	WFP and U.N. Consolidated Appeal
Ireland	\$5.1	March 31	U.N. agencies and NGOs for humanitarian assistance
Japan	\$212	May 1	U.N. Agencies, NGOs, Bilateral Assistance
Korea	\$10	April 3	U.N. agencies and Korean NGOs
Kuwait	\$10	March 14	UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, ICRC
Netherlands	\$20.5	April 2	U.N. Consolidated Appeal and ICRC
New Zealand	\$2.3	April 22	U.N. agencies including WFP, IOs, and NGOs
Spain	\$56.7	April 22	U.N. agencies, bilateral refugee assistance, and NGOs
Sweden	\$38	April 11	OCHA, UNICEF, ICRC, IFRC
Switzerland	\$21.9	April 16	ICRC, UNCHR, IOM, IFRC, OCHA
Taiwan	\$4.3	March 27	Refugee assistance – food, medicine, nonfood items
United Kingdom	\$382	April 29	U.N. agencies including WFP, IOs, and NGOs – food, health kits, water units, winter supply kits, primary health, IDP assistance
OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE**			\$1,122 MILLION

*This compilation was drawn from Department of State tracking donor government pledged or committed funding. The list may not be comprehensive.

** This total is approximate as the value of donated commodities is not available in some cases.

Public Donation Information

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash donations to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their activities in the Gulf can be found in the “How Can I Help” section at [www.usaid.gov/iraq].
- USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- General information on making donations and volunteering can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov/iraq -> “How Can I Help?”
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or 703-276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org -> “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.org.

*Fact Sheets can be obtained from the USAID web site at <http://www.usaid.gov/iraq>

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<i>Agency</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Regions</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2003				
EMERGENCY RELIEF				
USAID/OFDA				\$51,232,905
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Country-wide	\$3,406,209
	AirServ	Logistics	Country-wide	\$2,151,585
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Country-wide	\$40,260
	International Dispensary Association	Health	Country-wide	\$711,850
	InterAction	Coordination	Kuwait City	\$92,860
	IOM	IDP programs	Country-wide	\$5,000,000
	IMC	Capacity building	Country-wide	\$202,900
	Logistics	Commodities and DART support	Country-wide	\$8,044,110
	SCF/US	NGO Consortium	Country-wide	\$883,131
	UNICEF	Health, nutrition, water/sanitation	Country-wide	\$2,000,000
	UNICEF	Water/sanitation	Country-wide	\$2,000,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Country-wide	\$200,000
	UN OCHA	Coordination and Information	Country-wide	\$1,000,000
	WFP	Logistics and pre-positioning of food	Country-wide	\$5,000,000
Cooperative Agreements				
	IMC	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, and Wasit	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
	SCF/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
		Nutrition	Mosul	
		Health, Transportation	Mosul	
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Country-wide	\$2,500,000
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	
USAID/FFP				\$430,000,000
	WFP	Pre-positioning funding	Country-wide	\$55,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 161,000 MT	Country-wide	\$84,000,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 105,000 MT	Country-wide	\$91,000,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase	Country-wide	\$200,000,000
USAID/OTI				\$5,042,344
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Country-wide	\$708,732
	IOM	Iraq Transition Initiative	Country-wide	\$1,700,000
	DAI	Iraq Transition Initiative	Country-wide	\$2,473,253
	Internews	Media	Country-wide	\$160,359

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EMERGENCY RELIEF (cont.)				
STATE/PRM.....				\$36,630,000
	UNHCR	Emergency assistance	Country-wide	\$21,000,000
	ICRC	Emergency assistance	Country-wide	\$10,000,000
	IFRC	Emergency assistance	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
	IOM	TCN – transportation assistance	Country-wide	\$2,630,000
RECONSTRUCTION				
USAID/ANE				\$90,900,000
	ABT	Health		\$10,000,000
	AFCAP	Logistics		\$4,000,000
	Bechtel	Capital Construction		\$34,600,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support		\$7,100,000
	RTI	Local Governance		\$7,900,000
	CAII	Education	Country-wide	\$1,000,000
	UNICEF	Health		\$8,000,000
	UNICEF	Education	Country-wide	\$1,000,000
	WHO	Health		\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management		\$4,800,000
	SkyLink	Logistics		\$2,500,000
TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$577,175,249
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$36,630,000
TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$613,805,249