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***Iraq – Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance***

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**Background**

- Humanitarian conditions have deteriorated in Iraq since the 1990 invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent Government of Iraq (GOI) manipulation of international sanctions. In 1996, the GOI accepted the U.N. Oil-for-Food Program (OFF), after which humanitarian conditions improved.
- Between 1991 and 1996, the U.S. Government provided nearly \$794 million in humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Iraq.
- Since 1996, revenues from OFF have provided food, medicine, and other civilian goods to assist vulnerable Iraqis. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan noted in a letter to the U.N. Security Council (UNSC), that the GOI has ordered and paid for food, medicine, and other humanitarian supplies under OFF that have not yet been delivered.
- The World Food Program (WFP) estimates that 16 million Iraqis—approximately 60 percent of the total population—rely solely on food rations distributed through OFF in order to meet household needs.
- On March 20, 2003, Coalition forces began military operations in Iraq. As a result of the conflict, the U.N. Secretary General suspended the OFF food distribution system. On March 28, the UNSC unanimously passed resolution 1472 that allows the U.N. to administer Iraq’s OFF program for 45 days. On April 24, the U.N. Security Council approved an extension of WFP’s management of the Oil-for-Food program from May 12 until June 3.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
<b>Internally Displaced in Iraq</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 87 in Arbil*</li> <li>• 1,817 in Dahuk*</li> <li>• 1,029 at Jordanian border (No Man’s Land)</li> </ul>	UNOHCI (April 29, 2003) UNOHCI (April 29, 2003) IOM (April 30, 2003)
<b>Refugees from Iraq</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 717 – Jordan</li> </ul> <b>Old caseload refugees:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 204,000 – Iran</li> <li>• 17,000 – Saudi Arabia (Urban)</li> <li>• 5,200 – Saudi Arabia (Rafha)</li> <li>• 250,000-300,000 – Jordan</li> <li>• 60,000 – 70,000 – Syria</li> </ul>	IOM (April 30, 2003) UNHCR (April 2003)

*\*Estimates of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in public buildings, with host families, and in open air.*

**Northern Iraq**

- On May 1, Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) members observed a U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) food distribution to 2,000 Iranian refugees and asylum seekers in Arbil. At the request of UNHCR, the Coalition provided 42,000 Humanitarian Daily Rations to feed the refugees and asylum seekers for 21 days.

**Western Iraq**

- The DART reports that two new third country nationals (TCNs) and 23 new refugees entered Jordan on April 30. The two TCNs entered the TCN camp. Meanwhile, a total of 717 people remained in the refugee camp. On April 30, 1,029 people remained in the no man’s land. Of this total, 927 were Iranian Kurds, 25 were other Iraqis, and 77 were Arabs.
- On May 1, World Vision made its first delivery of relief assistance inside Iraq by transporting medicines and relief supplies to Ar Rutbah in Al Anbar governorate. The town hospital was completely destroyed during the first few days of the conflict. A team of three World Vision relief staff provided medical supplies, blankets, plastic sheeting, and jerry cans to the doctors of Ar Rutbah hospital.

**Current Humanitarian Situation by Sector**

*Food*

- On May 2, the “Rise,” a WFP vessel, docked at the Port of Umm Qasr. The ship contains 14,000 metric tons (MT) of locally procured rice from Pakistan purchased with part of the U.S. donation of \$200 million to WFP. The emergency food cargo will be offloaded at a rate of 1,000 MT per day and distributed to the Iraqi people through the Public Distribution System (PDS).

- WFP is facing a logistical challenge in moving more than 487,000 MT of food per month into Iraq to feed nearly 26 million people. Approximately 237,000 MT of the monthly requirement is wheat flour, 55 percent of which needs to be milled prior to distribution. In order to avoid bottlenecks on roadways and in ports, WFP is establishing three distribution hubs in the governorates of Baghdad, Al Basrah, and Ninawa', where 70 percent of Iraq's storage capacity and 57 percent of the milling capacity are located.
- As of May 1, WFP has ceased convoys from Turkey and Syria to Kirkuk until additional warehouses can be secured.
- As of April 29, WFP has moved 69,700 MT of emergency food aid into Iraq from WFP logistics hubs in the region.

#### *Education*

- After a six-week closure, one of the first primary schools in Baghdad reopened on April 29. Approximately 30 percent of the 1,300 students enrolled returned. Attendance is expected to increase rapidly as word spreads that the school is open.
- On May 2, USAID grantee Creative Associates International, Inc. has begun to procure school kits to support 1 million students and 28,000 teachers. The kits include very basic supplies such as, pencils, notebooks, chalkboards, crayons, etc.

#### **U.S. Government Response** *(new information is underlined)*

##### ***Deployment***

- The United States Government deployed a multi-agency DART to the region to assess and respond to humanitarian needs and to help coordinate the emergency relief effort. DART members are located in Iraq, Kuwait, Turkey, Jordan, Cyprus, and Qatar and are working closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs personnel at the Humanitarian Operations Center (HOC). DART offices will also be established in Al Basrah.
- USAID deployed staff to the region to prepare for reconstruction efforts. Several USAID administrative, health, and education staff have relocated to the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance's (ORHA) Baghdad compound, with the remainder in Kuwait. USAID is assisting government ministries in becoming operational and public services to get restarted in Baghdad.

##### ***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.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) provided 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).
- 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***

- USAID/ANE has provided assistance for reconstruction activities in Iraq in a broad range of sectors. USAID/ANE has provided grants to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organization (WHO) for health, education, and water and sanitation activities. USAID/ANE has signed contracts with Stevedoring Services of America (SSA) to assess and manage the Umm Qasr port, Creative Associates International to address education issues, the Research Triangle Institute to pursue local governance initiatives, and the Air Force Contract Augmentation Program (AFCAP) to provide logistical support to all USAID/ANE operations. USAID/ANE has also issued a contract to Bechtel for infrastructure repair and rehabilitation.
- On April 30, USAID/ANE awarded a \$10 million health-strengthening contract to Abt Associates Inc. for the rapid normalization of health services in Iraq. The USAID-contractor will work closely with the Iraqi Ministry of Health at the national, regional, and local levels.

**Other Donor and International Organization Assistance\***

DONOR	US \$ (MILLIONS)	DATE (2003)	ASSISTANCE SNAPSHOT
Australia	\$62.5	April 22	U.N. agencies, ICRC, and NGOs
CIDA	\$67.5	March 26	U.N. agencies including WFP, IOs, NGOs, CARE Canada for water and sanitation, food, shelter, and health
Canada	\$3.8	-----	Response to U.N. Preparedness Measures Appeal
China		March 27	Tents
Republic of Croatia	\$2.75	April 3	Blankets, sleeping bags, flour, sugar, water purification disinfectants
European Commission	\$109.8	April 22	U.N. agencies, IOs, and NGOs
Finland	\$1.7	March 25	ICRC, UN OCHA, WFP
France	\$10.7		Humanitarian Assistance
Germany	\$11.77	April 8	UNHCR, WFP, ICRC
Greece	\$4.3	April 4	U.N. agencies and NGOs
Iceland	\$3.75	April 8	ICRC, NGOs, UNCHR, WFP
India	\$20	April 4	WFP and U.N. Consolidated Appeal
Ireland	\$55.3	April 15	U.N. agencies and NGOs for humanitarian assistance
Japan	\$100	April 9	WFP, vehicles, Bilateral Assistance
Korea	\$10	April 3	U.N. agencies and Korean NGOs
Kuwait		March 24	Food assistance and an emergency medical center
Netherlands	\$19.6	April 2	U.N. Consolidated Appeal and ICRC
New Zealand	\$3.3	March 20	U.N. agencies including WFP, IOs, and NGOs
Norway	\$21.6	March 20	WFP, NGOs for humanitarian assistance
Russia		March 23	Assistance for refugees.
Spain	\$58.6	April 22	U.N. agencies, bilateral refugee assistance, and NGOs
Sweden	\$5.4	March 27	
Switzerland	\$21.5	April 16	ICRC
Taiwan	\$4.3	March 27	Refugee assistance – food, medicine, nonfood items
United Kingdom	\$330	March 24	U.N. agencies including WFP, IOs, and NGOs – food, health kits, water units, winter supply kits, primary health, IDP assistance
<b>OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE**</b>			<b>\$ 928.2 MILLION</b>

\*This compilation was drawn from donor government web sites and may represent 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](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov/iraq) -> “How Can I Help?”
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or 703-276-1914
  - InterAction: [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org) -> “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.org](http://www.reliefweb.org).

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

## U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN AND RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ

<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>\$51,232,905</b>
	Administrative	Administrative Costs		\$3,406,209
	AirServ	Logistics	Country-wide	\$2,151,585
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Country-wide	\$40,260
	IDA	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
<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>				
	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
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Country-wide	\$2,500,000
	Other NGOs	Quick-impact projects	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
<b>USAID/FFP .....</b>				<b>\$430,000,000</b>
	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
<b>USAID/OTI .....</b>				<b>\$5,042,344</b>
	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
<b>STATE/PRM .....</b>				<b>\$36,630,000</b>
	UNHCR	Emergency refugee assistance		\$21,000,000
	ICRC	Emergency assistance		\$10,000,000
	IFRC	Emergency assistance		\$3,000,000
	IOM	TCN – transportation assistance		\$2,630,000

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<b><u>FY 2003</u></b>				
<b>RECONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>USAID/ANE .....</b>				<b>\$78,400,000</b>
	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		\$1,000,000
	UNICEF	Health		\$8,000,000
	UNICEF	Education		\$1,000,000
	WHO	Health		\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management		\$4,800,000
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$574,675,249</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$36,630,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....</b>				<b>\$611,305,249</b>