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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 (until May 12). As the U.N. takes over the OFF program, WFP’s first priority is to contact recently active suppliers able to rapidly provide food, medicine, and other humanitarian supplies.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
<b>Internally Displaced in Iraq</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22,000 concentrated near Panjwin</li> <li>• 187,719 in Arbil*</li> <li>• 48,665 in Dahuk*</li> <li>• 29,439 in As Sulaymaniyah*</li> </ul>	UNOHCI (March 26, 2003) UNOHCI (April 10, 2003) UNOHCI (April 10, 2003) UNOHCI (April 10, 2003)
<b>Refugees from Iraq</b>	<b>Old caseload refugees:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 203,000 – Iran</li> <li>• 5,100 – Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• 250,000-300,000 – Jordan</li> <li>• 40,000 – Syria</li> </ul>	U.S. Committee for Refugees (2001)

*\*Estimates from April 6 U.N Office for Project Services (UN OPS) survey of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in public buildings, with host families, and in open air.*

**Baghdad and Baghdad Governorate**

- On April 9, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) recovered the body of Vatche Arslanian, a Canadian ICRC delegate who had been killed by crossfire in Baghdad on April 8. ICRC plans to visit Baghdad’s Medical City Hospital on April 10, and has temporarily suspended all other activities in Baghdad.
- ICRC reported that the Medical City Hospital complex is still experiencing water shortages.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) delivered 13 metric tons (MT) of medicals supplies to Baghdad on April 9 in response to a shortage of medical supplies in the hospitals.

**Northern Iraq**

- According to the U.N. Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq (UNOHCI), the security situation in the northern governorates of Dahuk, Arbil, and As Sulaymaniyah is “stable, but tense”.
- UNOHCI reported that food supplies remain available in markets in Arbil.

**Current Humanitarian Situation by Sector**

- The U.N. Secretary General has appointed Rafeuddin Ahmed as his Special Adviser on Iraq.

**Food**

- On April 9, the first of two ships carrying 50,000 MT of Australian wheat finished off-loading 12,000 MT of cargo at a military berth in Kuwait City. The WFP Port Captain reported to the USG’s Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) that the ship will move to a commercial berth in Kuwait City to complete off-loading overnight on

April 10-11. The Government of Australia (GOA) estimates that the food will assist an estimated 1.7 million vulnerable people in Iraq.

- The GOA reported on April 9 that it has agreed to the WFP taking over responsibility for the two ships each containing 50,000 MT of wheat currently located in Kuwait. In addition, approximately \$27.2 million (AUD 45 million) earmarked for handling and distribution of the Australian wheat has now been made available for humanitarian and reconstruction activities in Iraq.
- As of April 10, WFP delivered a total of 1,740 MT of wheat flour and 77 MT of dried milk to northern Iraq. This total represents the total emergency food assistance that has arrived at warehouses in northern Iraq.
- WFP has dispatched a total of 4,025 MT of emergency food assistance from Turkey for the region.

#### ***Humanitarian Assistance***

- According to an April 9 UNOCHI report, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) has counted 68 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Jordan, 55 of which are interested in working in Iraq during the post-conflict operation.

#### ***Third-Country Nationals***

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported on April 10 that more than 100 asylum seekers, third country nationals (TCNs), and mixed Syrian-Iraqi families fled across the Abu Kamal border from Iraq into Syria overnight from April 9 to 10. Since the beginning of the conflict, IOM in Syria has repatriated 257 TCNs who fled insecurity in Iraq, including 180 Sudanese, 32 Moroccans, 24 Egyptians, and one Eritrean.
- IOM reported on April 10 that 797 TCNs have fled Iraq into Jordan since the beginning of the conflict, and IOM has returned 547 to home countries. On April 10, 38 Moroccans, 13 Somalis, and 3 Egyptians departed IOM's transit camp located at Ruweished near the Jordan-Iraq border.

#### **U.S. Government Response**

##### ***Pre-Positioning***

- Prior to Coalition military activity in Iraq, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided funding to assist U.N. and NGO preparedness activities. In addition, USAID/OFDA has pre-positioned relief commodities in three warehouses in Jordan, Kuwait, and UAE.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) has supported WFP's planning and preparation efforts to meet the emergency food needs of vulnerable populations in Iraq.
- The State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) provided assistance to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and IOM to pre-position supplies for 600,000 potential Iraqi refugees and IDPs located at Iraq's borders, to establish transit camps for TCNs fleeing Iraq, and to pre-position supplies for the transportation of refugees and other migrants.

##### ***Emergency Relief***

- The United States Government deployed a DART to the region to assess humanitarian needs and coordinate the emergency relief effort. DART members are located in 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).
- USAID/OFDA is supporting NGO emergency assistance activities with quick-impact projects and IDP support.
- USAID/FFP has provided emergency food commodities through the Emerson Trust to WFP to meet the food needs of vulnerable Iraqis. USAID/FFP has also provided P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to be distributed to food insecure Iraqis and cash to WFP for the purchase commodities in the region.
- USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) has supported IOM and Development Alternatives, Incorporated (DAI) to prepare for the implementation of the Iraq Transition Initiative (ITI), which supports political stabilization and community recovery activities in post-conflict Iraq.
- State/PRM has contributed assistance for the pre-positioning and emergency response activities of UNHCR, ICRC, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and IOM.

##### ***Reconstruction***

- To date, USAID's Bureau for Asia and the Near East (USAID/ANE) has provided assistance for reconstruction activities in Iraq. USAID/ANE has supported the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WHO for health, education, and water and sanitation needs, and Stevedoring Services of America (SSA) to assess and manage the Umm Qasr port.
- In mid-March, USAID/ANE awarded a contract to International Resources Group (IRG) to provide planning, monitoring, coordination, management, and reporting on USAID's reconstruction and rehabilitation activities in Iraq. IRG's services include support in a variety of sectors, including education, health, agriculture, civil society strengthening, and infrastructure.

### Other Donor and International Organization Assistance\*

- The Russian Agriculture Minister reported on April 9 that Russia plans to supply approximately 500,000 MT of grain to Iraq during the next six months.

DONOR	US \$ (MILLIONS)	DATE (2003)	ASSISTANCE SNAPSHOT
Australia	\$29.6 \$4.4 \$5.9	March 21 March 20 -----	100,000 MT of wheat and distribution costs U.N. Agencies and ICRC Planning and preparation funding
CIDA	\$67.5	March 26	U.N. agencies, international organizations (IOs), NGOs, CARE
Canada	\$3.8	-----	Canada for water and sanitation, food, shelter, and health 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	\$22.5	April 9	ICRC, UNICEF, CARE, Première Urgence, and OCHA for medical, water and sanitation, health, and coordination.
France	\$10.7		Humanitarian Assistance
Germany	\$11.77	April 8	UNHCR and ICRC
Ireland	\$0.8 \$15.9	March 20	U.N. Agencies for planning and preparation
Japan	\$100	April 9	Humanitarian Assistance
Korea	\$10	April 3	U.N. Agencies and Korean NGOs
Kuwait		March 24	45,000 meals/day 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, IOs, and NGOs for humanitarian relief
Norway	\$21.6	March 20	NGOs for humanitarian assistance
Russia		March 22-23	150 MT humanitarian supplies for refugee preparation in Iran
Spain	\$20.0	March 27	Refugee assistance in Iran, Jordan, Syria, and Turkey
Taiwan	\$4.3	March 27	Refugee assistance – food, medicine, NFIs
United Kingdom	\$330	March 24	U.N. agencies, IOs, and NGOs – food, health kits, water units, winter supply kits, primary health, IDP assistance
<b>OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE**</b>			<b>.....\$684.42 MILLION</b>

\*This compilation was drawn from ReliefWeb and 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 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).

**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>\$41,780,632</b>
	Administrative Costs	Administrative		\$198,046
	AirServ	Logistics	Country-wide	\$2,151,585
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Country-wide	\$40,260
	IDA	Health	Country-wide	\$711,850
	IMC	Quick-impact projects	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
	IMC	Capacity building	Country-wide	\$202,900
	InterAction	Coordination	Country-Wide	\$92,860
	IOM	IDP programs	Country-wide	\$5,000,000
	IRC	Quick-impact projects	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
	Logistics	Commodity prepositioning and DART support		\$6,300,000
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects	Country-wide	\$3,000,000
	NGOs	Cooperative agreements	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
	SCF/US	Quick-impact projects	Country-wide	\$4,000,000
	SCF/US	NGO Consortium	Country-wide	\$883,131
	UNICEF	Health, nutrition, 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 preposition of food	Country-wide	\$5,000,000
<b>USAID/FFP .....</b>				<b>\$430,000,000</b>
	WFP	Prepositioning funding		\$55,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 161,000 MT		\$84,000,000
		P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities –105,000 MT		\$91,000,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase		\$200,000,000
<b>USAID/OTI .....</b>				<b>\$2,333,612</b>
	IOM	ITI	Country-wide	\$1,700,000
	DAI	ITI	Country-wide	\$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
<b>RECONSTRUCTION</b>				
<b>USAID/ANE .....</b>				<b>\$30,900,000</b>
	IRG	Reconstruction Support		\$7,100,000
	UNICEF	Health, Education		\$9,000,000
	WHO	Health		\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management		\$4,800,000
<b>TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003 .....</b>				<b>\$505,014,244</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>\$541,644,244</b>

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