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Current Situation (Updated Daily)

Regional Updates

- On May 26, USAID/Bechtel reported that an additional two 400 kilovolt (kV) towers have been torch-cut and taken down by vandals, bringing a total of damaged towers to 20 along the eastern leg of the north-south connection between Umm Qasr and Baghdad. On May 23, a USAID/Bechtel representative reported the collapse of five additional 400 kV towers from the National Grid north of Al Basrah. Because the power line is already damaged, there is no power flowing.

Baghdad and Central Iraq

- Coalition forces repaired several transmission lines on May 22 adding to the stabilization of supply and increased distribution of electricity. These repairs will add an anticipated 300 megawatts to Baghdad in the near future. However, there are still problems with local and city jurisdictions failing to follow National Grid power load shedding directions, resulting in brownouts and extended power outages.
- According to the Coalition, Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) deliveries continue in Baghdad. Approximately 97,000 LPG canisters have been delivered to date, and an additional 30,000 canisters will be delivered daily to Baghdad until June 2.

Southern Iraq

- In Iraq's only deep-water port in Umm Qasr, five berths are now capable of accepting ships. Sixteen berths still require dredging.
- According to a World Food Program (WFP) representative in Umm Qasr, since the arrival of the M/V Irazou, a total of 5,502 metric tons of bagged rice has been discharged as of May 26. Since the Thor Mariner berthed in Umm Qasr on May 23, 6,883 MT of bagged rice has been discharged.
- Coalition forces continue railroad track maintenance in the Umm Qasr port area. Railway workers cleaned out switches along tracks 3, 4, 5, and 6 and cleared areas around the track beds last week. Workers have also completed cleaning inside of the railway hopper cars that were left in the port area.
- On May 24, the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) visited the Al Basrah Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) and plant staff. The Al Basrah STP is the fourth largest of thirteen in Iraq. As currently constructed, it is intended to serve the 30 percent of Al Basrah's residents who have sewer service. However, because of problems in the sewer collection system, one-half to two-thirds of the city network is actually collecting sewage for the plant. Approximately 18,000 cubic meters of sewage passes through the plant daily. Limited and malfunctioning mechanical and electrical equipment has led to little actual treatment of the sewage. The civil workings at the plant, including the major piping, are in reasonable condition but repair or replacement is needed for almost all pumps, motors, gates, and electrical systems. There is an old existing plan for the full expansion of the plant, but construction was halted in 1991, and there has been no major maintenance carried out for the past 20 years.

Western Iraq

- On May 24, the DART visited WFP staff in An Najaf to assess the Public Distribution System (PDS) and food commodity stocks. There were no major problems with the PDS but some commodities in the PDS ration basket are in short supply for An Najaf governorate, particularly pulses. However, the Ministry of Trade (MOT) still expects to begin distributing commodities on or about June 1. The PDS database is intact and will be utilized during June's distribution. The MOT continues to provide security to its offices and WFP reported that security at the facilities was not a major issue.

Sector Updates

Education

- A USAID technical advisor is continuing to provide assistance to the Ministry of Education (MOE), which has sent a national office team to the 18 governorates to assess the situation and discuss the process of resuming links between the national and governorate levels in order to administer a national education system.

Food

- WFP has successfully renegotiated approximately 1.4 million metric tons of Oil-for-Food (OFF) contracts. Coupled with the additional local procurement of approximately 400,000 metric tons of wheat in Iraq and donor

contributions, the 2.4 million metric ton pipeline for WFP's 6-month Emergency Operation (EMOP) is fully resourced.

Health

- On May 26, the DART assessed the Karbala Obstetrics and Gynecological Hospital in Karbala governorate. In this 120-bed hospital, about 120 to 150 women visit the outpatient department daily while 50 are entered in the inpatient department. Twenty-eight doctors work at this hospital. The main health problems for women in Karbala include anemia, malnutrition, and birth complications. Many patients cannot pay hospital fees, there is a lack of essential drugs (no drugs have been received by the Ministry of Health warehouse since before the conflict), and a scarcity of equipment persists (oxygen, masks, disposable gloves, and catheters). Security continues to be a concern around the hospital.
- UNICEF has reactivated the network in Umm Qasr with 100 of the 300 CCCUs screening children in Baghdad. Until the system is functional countrywide, UNICEF has been ensuring that primary health care centers have a steady supply of high protein biscuits and therapeutic milk to assist children suffering from malnutrition. During the past few weeks, UNICEF has delivered 112,000 kilograms of biscuits to assist the recovery of 56,000 malnourished children.

Infrastructure

- USAID/Bechtel is procuring 7-8 tons of ferric chloride that is needed to treat the boiler feed water at the Al Basrah Power Station.
- USAID/Research Triangle Institute (RTI) representatives in Al Basrah met with a representative from the Central Bank's Al Basrah branch concerning banking issues related to implementation of USAID rapid response grants. The branch does not have sufficient Iraqi currency to exchange for the amounts needed for the grants but will discuss the matter with Baghdad and identify a resolution of the problem.

Local Governance

- USAID and RTI staff are in Baghdad reviewing the region's local governance project and exploring the possibility of providing rapid response grants to Baghdad Neighborhood Advisory Council (NACs) that need to obtain private space for their meetings because no public building is available in their area. They attended the Baghdad Executive Council meeting today, a group overseeing the Baghdad NACs.
- USAID/RTI staff continues to chair the Baghdad NAC meetings with military authorities and civil administration (CA) personnel.
- The USAID/RTI representative functioning as an elections advisor in the An Najaf mayoral election scheduled an extended meeting with local political parties, and all agreed that voter registration should begin May 28 and continue for five days. Extensive community involvement is organized for this high profile event that will provide 500,000 Iraqis their first opportunity to vote in a direct, popular election.

Population Movement

- Iran's Interior Ministry stated that Iran has decided to strip hundreds of thousands of Iraqis in the country of their refugee status and reclassify them as migrants in the wake of the conflict in Iraq. More than 200,000 Iraqi refugees will start to return to Iraq through Basra early next week with the help of the United Nations.

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

Emergency Relief

- USAID/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) is supporting U.N. and NGO emergency assistance activities through quick-impact projects and internally displaced persons (IDP) support. USAID/OFDA supports projects in the sectors of agriculture, food security, health, logistics, nutrition, shelter, and water and sanitation.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) is providing emergency food commodities through the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust (BEHT) 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). In addition, USAID/OTI works with the Broadcasting Board of Governors to enhance the capacity of Radio SAWA to broadcast humanitarian and reconstruction reporting.
- USAID/OTI is developing an initiative to help provide equipment and supplies to fire departments in Iraq's five largest cities: Kirkuk, Mosul, Baghdad, An Nasiriyah, and Al Basrah.
- The Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) contributed assistance for the pre-positioning and emergency response activities of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

(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.

Education

- USAID awarded the United Nations Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) a \$1 million grant to provide immediate support to basic education in Iraq through revising, editing, printing and distribution of primary and secondary Math and Science school textbooks. The activity will be undertaken in three phases.

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 in northern Iraq.
- In 1996, the Government of Iraq accepted the 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. 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 deployed a multi-agency Disaster Assistance Response Team 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, Baghdad, and Al Hillah. In addition, DART members are located in Kuwait and Cyprus, and are working closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs personnel.

Other Donor and International Organization Assistance*

DONOR	US \$ (MILLIONS)	DATE (2003)	ASSISTANCE SNAPSHOT
Australia	\$64.9	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
Czechoslovakia	\$41	May 22	UNHCR, WFP, and assistance for refugees, health, education, and reconstruction activities
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	\$30	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**			\$1,185 MILLION

*This compilation was drawn from Department of State tracking of 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>

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>
FY 2003				
EMERGENCY RELIEF				
USAID/OFDA				\$51,601,793
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$3,775,097
	AirServ	Logistics	Countrywide	\$2,151,585
	The Cuny Center	Research studies	Countrywide	\$40,260
	International Dispensary Association	Health	Countrywide	\$711,850
	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	\$8,044,110
	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	\$4,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, Wasit, Kirkuk	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk	
		Water/Sanitation	Diyala	
		Water/Sanitation	Wasit	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
	SCF/US	Quick-impact projects: Food Security, Health, Shelter, Nutrition, Non-Food Items, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Nutrition	Mosul	
		Health, Transportation	Mosul	
		Water/Sanitation	Al Basrah	
		Health	Mosul	
		Health	Baghdad	
		Nutrition	Baghdad	
		Water/Sanitation, Health IDP Support	Al Basrah Al Basrah	
	World Vision	Quick-impact projects: Health, Logistics, Non-Food Items	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
		Water/Sanitation	Al Anbar	
		Hospital Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	
USAID/FFP				\$389,333,000
	WFP	Pre-positioning funding	Countrywide	\$55,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 81,500 MT	Countrywide	\$45,633,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 105,000 MT	Countrywide	\$88,700,000

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FY 2003				
EMERGENCY RELIEF (cont.)				
USAID/OTI				\$5,442,344
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$708,732
	IOM	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide, Umm Qasr	\$1,700,000
	DAI	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide, Baghdad, Mosul, Umm Qasr	\$2,473,253
	Internews	Media	Countrywide	\$160,359
	SAWA	Media	Countrywide	\$400,000
STATE/PRM.....				\$36,630,000
	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	\$2,630,000
RECONSTRUCTION				
USAID/ANE				\$95,700,000
	ABT	Health	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	AFCAP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$8,000,000
	Bechtel	Capital Construction	Countrywide, Mosul, Arbil, Umm Qasr, Baghdad, Al Basrah	\$34,600,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support	Countrywide	\$9,800,000
	RTI	Local Governance	Countrywide, Al Basrah, Baghdad	\$7,900,000
	CAII	Education	Countrywide, Al Basrah	\$1,000,000
	UNICEF	Health, Water and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$8,000,000
	UNICEF	Education	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
	WHO	Health	Countrywide, Mosul, Baghdad	\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management	Umm Qasr	\$2,900,000
	SkyLink	Logistics	Baghdad	\$2,500,000
TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$542,077,137
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$36,630,000
TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$578,707,137

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