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USAID Iraq

On July 27, Mission Director Lewis Lucke announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq 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), Office for 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 and local government.

Program Descriptions and Updates

1. Restore Essential Infrastructure

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:

- The first NGO charter flight to Baghdad International Airport from Amman arrived and departed smoothly on October 5.
 - Flights will continue to be scheduled daily between Amman and Baghdad, with plans for expanding Baghdad service in the near future.
- USAID partner Bechtel rehabilitated Baghdad International Airport after the end of the conflict, including installing power generators and an air traffic control communications system and repairing the runways, terminal, lounges, and security apparatus.

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. A subcontractor is refurbishing a concrete fabrication facility to provide slabs for the bridges.

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:

- On October 5, Iraq's power plants generated 4,417 MW, exceeding for the first time the 4,400-MW capacity that existed before the war.
- Power generation in Iraq reached a new high on October 6 -- 4,518 MW. The combined Iraqi-American power team is now working on repair of existing generation capacity to reach 6,000 MW by Summer 2004.
- A team of engineers from the Iraqi Electric Commission, USAID, Bechtel, and the U.S. military has been working since May to restore capacity to Iraq's power system, which had been looted and experienced decades of neglect and mismanagement.
- Seven cities and their surrounding areas had full 24/7 electric service--Baghdad, Mosul, Kirkuk, Karbala', An Najaf, Al Hillah, and Yunisila.

Seaport

USAID's objectives for the rehabilitation of the Umm Qasr port include developing improvement plans to overcome 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:

- Major dredging activities are now complete and the port is able to handle deep-draft ships at all 21 berths.
- The rehabilitated grain facility can process up to 600 tons of grain per hour, allowing a 25,000 MT ship to fully discharge a cargo of bulk grain in two days.
- Sheikh Hassan Guards have returned to work at the port of Umm Qasr. The guards abandoned their posts October 1 when they were not paid by the Iraqi Port Authority for the month of September. The Director General of the Iraqi Port Administration (IPA) has arranged to make them IPA employees for a salary of \$70 a month.

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 rehabilitation of Iraq's public switched telephone network continues, coordinated by the Iraqi Telephone and Postal Commission and Bechtel.
- Work is now underway at eight of the twelve switch sites--Sinek, Bab Almuadham, Alwiya, Adamiyah, Baya, Abu Ghraib, Samarra, and Salihya. Splicing and cable testing is complete at Al Mamoun, Kadamiyah, Baya, Abu Ghraib, and Samarra.
- Generators and fuel tanks were delivered and placed at Al Mamoun on September 25, and they will be set up at Sinek on October 1. Office containers were delivered on September 29 to Mamoun, Sinek, Kadamiyah, Baya, and Bab Almuadham.

2. Support Essential Health and Education

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:

- UNICEF estimates that the Ministry of Health has vaccinated 3 million Iraqi children under the age of 5 since June 2003. Over 30 million doses of vaccines have been procured and distributed by the Ministry of Health since July.
- Training sessions for teachers from each of the 220 schools in Kirkuk will enhance and update their knowledge of malnutrition, child protection, and general good health practices. The courses are part of a project implemented by USAID partner International Rescue Committee.
- A health team consisting of Iraqis and international staff will assist citizen groups to launch primary health programs, especially for women and children, to restore disrupted health services, and to expand the reach of current Ministry of Health projects.
- The Iraq Health Empowerment Leadership Program (I-HELP) opened grant mentoring offices in Baghdad, Arbil, Al Hillah, Mosul, and Kirkuk.

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:

- As of October 2, 1,595 schools were rehabilitated and are ready for the start of the new school year.
- For secondary schools, USAID is distributing student kits, school kits of classroom furniture, and preparing sixty thousand teacher kits. For primary schools, UNICEF is distributing student and teacher kits.
- Three grants totaling nearly \$12 million were awarded this weekend to partner American and Iraqi universities for the USAID Higher Education and Development (HEAD) program.
- Ministry of Education staff members will oversee distribution of 5.6 million math and science textbooks. 4 million textbooks have been printed to date. Distribution will begin in mid-October and be completed by mid-November.
- UNICEF is distributing school supplies according to priorities established by the Ministry of Education to primary schools and to primary students. UNICEF has procured 81,735 kits for teachers and 844,000 primary school kits.

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:

- In Wasit and Al Qadisiyah, USAID partner Mercy Corps has initiated 16 projects to address needs in water, sanitation, and health.
 - Projects include improved drinking water supply for over 470,000 residents of Kirkuk, and improved water quality for 280,000 residents in Al Kut.
 - Conducting water and sanitation needs assessments in 298 communities in Wasit and Al Qadisiyah Governorates.
 - Mercy Corps has assisted over 700,000 beneficiaries and through ongoing programs will benefit a total of 2 million.
- A five-week community sanitation workshop for children is being conducted in two of Al Basrah's least-served areas--Al Hayanniya and Al Jummoriyah.
- A 250-kV generator for a sewage treatment plant in Al Hayy (Wasit Governorate) was delivered over the weekend under a \$43,000 USAID grant implemented by Development Alternatives, Inc. The city sewer system had been able to operate only ten hours a day, but the new generator will allow it to operate continuously.
- Bechtel has begun cleaning the terminal reservoir of the Sweet Water Canal that provides drinking water for Basrah City. When that portion of the reservoir is completed, the cleaned area will be filled with water to supply a water treatment plant. The other half of the storage area will then be drained and cleaned.
- Solid waste collection and line cleaning services in At' Tamim Governorate will be extended to Haweja, a city which had traditionally received little in government support or services.

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).

3. Expand Economic Opportunity

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.

4. Improve Efficiency and Accountability of Government

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:

- Community councils are implementing 392 small projects in 16 Governorates. The projects are funded through grants from U.S. non-governmental organizations.
- In Ba'quba (Diyala' Governorate), the first neighborhood council was selected, leading to a representative city council.
- In Babil Governorate, the Governorate Council plans to select district and sub-district councils in October.
- Local leaders and academics in Al Anbar Governorate, specifically Ar Ramadi and Al Fallujah, have begun to identify potential program activities for USAID's Local Governance Program.

Community Action Program

USAID's goals with the Community Action Program (CAP) 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 associations in Baghdad have completed 42 small projects in Baghdad, with 72 more underway.
- Community Associations in Sadr City (Baghdad) are rehabilitating the Ram Alah School, benefitting 1,250 students, and reopening the children's ward of Al Qadisiyah Hospital.

Transition Initiatives

USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) provides fast flexible assistance to meet Iraq's most critical challenges in the current transition phase. USAID/OTI identifies and fills crucial gaps in U.S. Government assistance with the purpose of giving local populations a growing sense of empowerment and providing quick, tangible improvements in the daily lives of Iraqis. Activities are primarily implemented by Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Activities:

- During September 102 grants worth \$9,273,915 were awarded by OTI, including 74 grants for community impact activities, 15 grants for justice and human rights activities, 7 grants for civil society organizations, and 6 grants for transparency and good governance activities.
- To date, 60 ministries, municipalities and government commissions have received essential supplies and equipment for a total of \$6,717,000 in grants.
- The Women's Association of Babil, the Iraq Foundation, and Women for a Free Iraq organized a Heartland of Iraq Women's Conference October 4-7 at the University of Babil in Al Hillah, supported by a small grant from DAI. The conference addressed issues pertaining to Islam and democracy, women's rights, free elections, and forming a constitution.

<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 \$1,518,398,000

	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	\$39,000,000
	Bechtel	Airports, buildings, emergency communications, power, railroads, roads and bridges, Umm Qasr seaport, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$1,029,834,000
	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	\$14,319,000
	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				\$2,120,722,197

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