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Current Situation (**updated** once a week)

Sector Updates

Electricity

- From August 9 to August 10, nationwide power generation improved to 3,285 megawatts. The city of Baghdad continues to operate at three hours on and three hours off.

Education

- On August 6, the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) issued the first contract to a local Baghdad printing firm for the production of textbooks. To date, the committee has reviewed 21 math and 27 science books written in Arabic. From these 48 books, UNESCO certified 26 books for publication, with another 22 books still under review. UNESCO is in the northern part of Iraq undertaking a review of 94 math and science textbooks printed in Kurdish, Syriac, and Turkmani.

Food

Pipeline

- According to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), as of August 6, a total of 39,821 metric tons (MT) of mixed commodities have entered Iraq so far during the month of August. The cumulative quantity dispatched since the beginning of the WFP operation totals 1,716,294 MT, of which 77 percent entered Iraq through the Turkish, Syrian, and Jordanian corridors.

Public Distribution System (PDS)

- WFP continues to work with the Ministry of Trade (MOT) and the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) to ensure that the PDS operation continues smoothly. WFP, MOT, and CPA are addressing the need for printing new PDS ration cards, as the current ones will expire by the end of 2003.

Health

- The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that all cases of suspected polio in southern Iraq, as previously reported on August 6, were in fact acute flaccid paralysis and not polio. Iraq has remained free of polio for over three years.

U.S. Government Response

- USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) is supporting U.N. and non-governmental organizations (NGO) emergency assistance activities through quick-impact projects and internally displaced persons (IDP) support. USAID/OFDA supports projects in the sectors of 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.
- 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), 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).
- 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 USAID/OTI implementing partners Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and 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.
- In addition to the emergency relief assistance provided by USAID's Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Bureau and the Department of State, USAID's Asia and Near East Bureau (USAID/ANE) has provided timely assistance for reconstruction activities in Iraq in a broad range of sectors. USAID supports reconstruction projects in education, governance, health, infrastructure, and economic governance.

Emergency Relief, Transition, and Reconstruction Initiatives (updated once a week)

Abuse Prevention Unit (APU)

- USAID/OTI's Abuse Prevention Unit (APU) delivered 5,000 copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Arabic to an Iraqi student human rights group known as Just Read. Just Read requested the declaration as part of a campaign to prepare Iraq for the transition to democracy. Just Read will first distribute the declaration to other students and professionals and then throughout neighborhoods in Baghdad.
- The APU awarded a grant to Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) to train mental health professionals in how to campaign and inform the public about the trauma associated with the search and recovery of missing persons. The training is intended to provide participants with necessary skills to work with families in the missing persons, exhumation, and identification process.

Community Action

- USAID Community Action Program (CAP) partner Mercy Corps is working with an Iraqi firm to provide structural work, specialized equipment, and electric/telephone installations for the Society for the Welfare of the Disabled, based in Baghdad. The program is expected to benefit 15,000 people.
- Mercy Corps completed a project providing assistance to the Al Kut University with the administration of exams to the 4,000 students of the university. Mercy Corps provided fuel for six university vehicles; truck rental and loading/unloading services for the delivery of tables and chairs to the examination sites; repairs to toilets, doors, and electric services within the university; supplies and materials including stationery and drinking water; and fees for examination monitors.
- USAID CAP partner Save the Children (SC) is working with donor agencies to design and construct 10 playgrounds and parks in neighborhoods in the city of Al Basrah as part of a pilot program to involve community action groups in sharing responsibility for maintaining these spaces.

Economic Governance

- USAID/OTI partner DAI helped fund the Baghdad Business Center's symposium "A Woman's Meeting Place" sponsored by the Civil Affairs Economics and Commerce Team and held at the Baghdad Convention Center on August 6 and attended by over 150 Iraqi women. The symposium targeted businesswomen and female entrepreneurs and explored ways women can start businesses, meet new employers, exchange ideas, and discuss micro enterprise, small finance, and lending programs for existing and startup businesses.
- The program known as "Economic Recovery, Reform and Sustained Growth in Iraq" began in Baghdad this week with the arrival of USAID private sector partner BearingPoint (BP). This program will foster economic growth and reform by stimulating Iraq's international trade and employment.

Health

- As of August 10, USAID/OFDA NGO partner GOAL has completed the rehabilitation of 25 health facilities, including hospitals, laboratories, primary health care (PHC) clinics, and Directorate offices, in Dhi Qar and Al Muthanna' Governorates. GOAL distributed 455,000 chlorine tablets to the central pharmacies in both governorates that will be sent onward for distribution to rural PHC clinics. In addition, targeted nutrition program (TNP) training has been completed or is scheduled in four of the five districts in Dhi Qar Governorate.
- Since July 27, the Kimadia Pharmaceutical warehouse delivered over 700 MT of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies. CPA and the Ministry of Health (MOH) advisory teams are assisting members of Kimadia in the distributions.
- USAID, along with partners Abt Associates, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WHO, contributed to the MOH's approved interim list of standardized equipment for PHC clinics in Iraq. These interim standards will be used until the MOH and other health partners establish a nationwide policy detailing which health services will be standard services in all MOH PHC clinics. USAID partner Abt Associates is ordering equipment for the first 200 of these clinics.
- The MOH designated USAID as the lead agency for food fortification to address significant iron deficiency among children and pregnant and nursing mothers.
- Abt Associates will set up field offices in the cities of Al Basrah, Al Hillah, and Mosul by the end of August to coordinate small grants to local NGOs and supervise training of MOH PHC clinic staff.
- USAID/OFDA partner International Medical Corps (IMC) completed rehabilitation of 38 health facilities in An Nasiriyah and Al 'Amarah. IMC has provided 29 medical kits to PHC facilities throughout Iraq including some in Dhi Qar, At' Tamim, and Maysan Governorates. In addition, IMC trained or facilitated the training of more than 300 health professionals and auxiliary staff in An Nasiriyah and organized the training of 143 nurses in Al 'Amarah. IMC also reported that rehabilitation of four Kirkuk clinics is underway, serving 95,000 people.

Infrastructure

- On August 4, Bechtel awarded a subcontract to an Iraqi firm for the rehabilitation of twenty schools in Al Hillah and twenty schools in Karbala'.

- On August 11, Bechtel began plans to rehabilitate one unit of the Baiji Thermal Power Plant, located in Salah ad Din Governorate. The units are not operating at design output capacity due to deterioration in the boiler and limitations created by the condition of the turbines and auxiliaries.
- On August 11, Bechtel submitted plans to rehabilitate southern Iraq's Hartha, Shuwaibah, An Najibiyah, and Khor Zubayr Generating Stations. Over 50 percent of the internal tubes of the heat exchangers are plugged, restricting operational capability and negatively impacting the ability of the plants to function in hot weather.
- The first of 308 rehabilitated schools in Baghdad are scheduled to be completed next week. On August 12, Bechtel agreed to the process of documenting pre-final inspection work on these schools, resolving deficiencies and scheduling schools for release to the communities.

Airports

- Bechtel is working to complete emergency repairs to the Al Basrah International Airport (BIA), including the replacement of area lighting, glass doors, and plumbing fixtures; repairs to walkways; the installation of temporary passenger flow screens; and the installation of a power supply to passenger screening facilities. Bechtel is also installing perimeter and security fencing that will include ten vehicle gates.

Umm Qasr Port

- Bechtel is organizing repairs to washroom facilities at the Port of Umm Qasr, including repairs to the sewage system, waste matter tanks, and piping.
- On August 11, Bechtel began rehabilitation of the Umm Qasr Port's Brackish Water System. The project consists of using filtered ground water to provide sanitary water for the port. Brackish water, while not suitable for drinking, is acceptable for other purposes until an alternative fresh water supply is restored. Due to damage on the Al Basrah to Umm Qasr section of the water supply line, there is currently no fresh water at the port.

Local Governance

- USAID partner Research Triangle Institute (RTI), in conjunction with Coalition forces Civil Affairs units and staff from the Ad Diwaniyah Department of Electricity, inaugurated an electrical substation in the village of Al Ghammas in Al Qadisiyah Governorate. The substation was damaged in recent looting and was refurbished through an RTI Rapid Response Grant, restoring power to 25,000 Iraqi citizens.
- RTI is helping the Mosul Directorate of Municipalities initiate traffic studies to resolve extreme traffic congestion problems in the city. RTI will also provide assistance to the directorate by identifying traffic engineers working with Civil Affairs units.
- RTI staff in Al Basrah facilitated a community teaching and art workshop for children, inviting four teachers from low income, service-deprived areas and training them so that workshops can be replicated in other areas.
- On August 5, RTI coordinated with the NGO ACT International on the delivery of water by tanker trucks to one of the poorest areas of Al Basrah known as the Shia Flats. Currently there are nine tankers scheduled daily for a population that requires 27 tankers. RTI is coordinating with Coalition forces to develop a plan to service the area with sufficient water.
- On August 6, RTI and Coalition forces personnel organized a training session for employees of the new Citizens' Bureau in Kirkuk in At' Tamim Governorate that introduced approaches to handle citizen's complaints, issues, and problems.
- On August 10, RTI conducted a workshop in Al Hillah for 54 Babil Governorate department heads to develop a capital investment budget, with each department providing an individual budget planning strategy.
- On August 10, RTI coordinated citizens' interim advisory council meetings in the Nadir 2 and Nadir 3 neighborhoods of Al Hillah, Babil Governorate. During these council meetings participants agreed to solicit problems and concerns from neighborhood residents for council resolution. By the end of August, RTI plans to establish 20 neighborhood citizens' advisory councils in Al Hillah, with councils located in neighborhoods where USAID is refurbishing schools.
- On August 10, RTI worked with the Yezidi Cultural Association, in Mosul in Ninawa' Governorate, on further developing the organization's community service program and helping the Yezidi's integrate into society and gain employment. The Yezidis live in extreme poverty, and Yezidi homes are often deficient in running water and electricity delivery systems. Many Yezidis lack formal education, hindering the process of social integration and civic participation.
- USAID/OTI partner DAI awarded a grant to the Ala Culture and Youth Center in Arbil to continue providing a valuable social and educational service to the citizens of Arbil. The center promotes inter-ethnic solidarity and is used by youth from all ethnic groups.
- As of August 3, USAID/OTI working with DAI completed a total of 21 "Ministry-in-a-Box" (MIB) projects, totaling \$1.8 million. Another 16 MIB projects valued at \$2 million are pending, bringing the overall MIB program total amount to \$3.8 million. These kits include basic office furniture and equipment, allowing at least 100 employees per Ministry to return to work.
- DAI also awarded grants to fund MIB programs to the Diyala' Iraqi Media Network station, the Ministry of Planning, and the Ministry of Agriculture.

- DAI awarded a grant to the Ministry of Youth and Sports to fund the shipment of 54,000 soccer balls for distribution throughout Iraq. The soccer balls will be distributed by military units to youth centers, schools, and athletic facilities. The grant will allow approximately 27,000 teams to engage in Iraq's most popular sport.
- USAID/OTI awarded a grant to the Ministry of Oil in Al Hillah to enable the Ministry to track the distribution of liquid propane gas (LPG) in the south central sector by providing satellite phones for communications. Better communications also help ensure logistics, dispatching, and supply of LPG can be more efficiently addressed.
- On August 9, USAID/OTI collaborated with the German NGO WADI on a proposal for a Women's Center in Kirkuk that would act as a research and communication center for the promotion and protection of the fundamental rights of women, as well as a protection center for women in distress.
- On August 11, DAI delivered additional office equipment and furniture to the Governing Council of Iraq in Baghdad as part of the MIB program.
- On August 12, DAI awarded grants to the following ministries under the MIB grant program: the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Public Works, and the Ministry of Culture.

Water and Sanitation

- Bechtel has completed inspections on all water treatment and pumping facilities in Baghdad.
- The Safwan Water Pumping Station project has completed 2,300 job hours without any lost-time incidents. Bechtel has performed restoration of the main water tower, installation of three pumps, electrical systems, and minor building repairs. An underground reservoir has also been completed, while the pumping station is 70 percent complete and a chlorinator room 40 percent complete. Once restoration of the Safwan Water Pumping Station is finished, drinking water will be restored to over 40,000 people in the Safwan region.
- USAID/OTI partner IOM awarded a grant for a sewage network clearance project in the "Old City" neighborhood in Mosul expected to benefit more than 20,000 residents. The United Nations Development Program's (UNDP) Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program through the Mosul Directorate of Sewage will implement the project. The grant will fund the purchase or rental of the necessary materials and provide transport equipment as well as the labor force.
- USAID/OFDA partner the International Rescue Committee (IRC) reported that as of August 4, eight compact water treatment plants (CWTPs) in Karbala' Governorate have been completed to operational levels.
- IRC has equipped six health clinics in Karbala' Governorate and provided 88 community health promoters with training courses in hygiene promotion, basic sanitation, and referral.
- IRC completed six CWTPs in An Najaf Governorate during the week of July 28. As of August 4, IRC has repaired 31 CWTPs in An Najaf, serving over 40,000 families.

Background on USG Response in Iraq

- 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 USG provided nearly \$794 million in humanitarian assistance to IDPs in northern Iraq.
- In 1996, the Government of Iraq accepted the OFFP, after which humanitarian conditions improved. Revenues from the OFFP provided food, medicine, and other civilian goods to assist vulnerable Iraqis through the PDS. However, widespread corruption by Iraqi officials limited the effectiveness of the OFFP 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 major combat operations in Iraq had ended.
- While a major humanitarian crisis did not materialize in Iraq, looting and sabotage of infrastructure as well as security issues during and after the recent conflict has created additional challenges for reconstruction efforts aimed at restoring the country's essential services.
- In March 2003, the 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 addition, the USAID Asia and Near East Bureau sent a number of technical staff to prepare for immediate reconstruction requirements. The DART established offices in Arbil, Baghdad, Al Hillah, and Al Basrah. In addition, DART members were also located in Kuwait, Doha, Amman, and Cyprus. USAID personnel deployed to Baghdad, Al Basrah, Al Hillah, and Arbil have worked closely with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and in coordination with U.S. Military Civil Affairs personnel. On July 27, at the USAID office in Baghdad, USAID Mission Director Lewis Lucke officially announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq. On August 1, the DART in Iraq officially ended, and the USAID Mission in Baghdad now coordinates all USAID programs.

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Regions</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2003				
EMERGENCY RELIEF				
USAID/OFDA				\$55,465,961
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$4,061,957
	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	\$8,003,850
	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	\$5,000,000
		Health	Al Basrah, Maysan, Wasit, Kirkuk, At' Tamin	
		Health, Water/Sanitation	An Nasiriyah	
	IRC	Quick-impact projects: Health, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		Water/Sanitation	Kirkuk, Karbala', Najaf	
	Mercy Corps	Quick-impact projects: Health, Non-Food Items, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
		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	\$4,000,000
		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	\$2,500,000
		Water/Sanitation	Al Anbar	
		Hospital Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Water/Sanitation	Mosul	
	CARE	Quick-impact projects	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
		Water System Rehabilitation	Al Anbar	
		Blankets, Hygiene Kits	Baghdad	

U.S. Government Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance to Iraq*

USAID/FFP.....				\$446,800,000
	WFP	Operations	Countrywide	\$55,000,000
	WFP	Emerson Trust – 81,500 MT	Countrywide	\$39,400,000
	WFP	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities – 163,820 MT	Countrywide	\$152,400,000
	WFP	Regional Purchase – 330,000 MT	Countrywide	\$200,000,000
STATE/PRM.....				\$37,630,000
	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	\$3,630,000
RECONSTRUCTION				
USAID/ANE.....				\$922,564,000
	Abt Associates	Health	Countrywide	\$20,995,000
	AFCAP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$16,500,000
	Army Corps of Engineers	Architecture and Engineering services	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	BearingPoint	Economic Governance	Countrywide	\$9,000,000
	Bechtel	Airports, buildings, emergency communications, power, railroads, roads and bridges, Umm Qasr seaport, water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$680,000,000
	Community Action Program	Grassroots Development	Countrywide	\$35,000,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support	Countrywide	\$18,286,000
	RTI	Local Governance	Countrywide	\$44,611,000
	CAII	Education	Countrywide	\$22,853,000
	UNICEF	Health, Water, and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$20,000,000
	UNICEF	Education	Countrywide	\$7,000,000
	UNESCO	Textbook Printing and Distribution	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management	Umm Qasr	\$4,819,000
	SkyLink	Airport Management	Baghdad Al Basrah Mosul	\$8,000,000
	MSI	Monitoring and Evaluation	Countrywide	\$5,500,000
USAID/OTI.....				\$29,601,190
	Administrative	Administrative Costs	Countrywide	\$1,066,831
	IOM	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$10,587,595
	DAI	Iraq Transition Initiative	Countrywide	\$14,473,253
	Internews	Media	Countrywide	\$160,359
	Radio SAWA	Media	Countrywide	\$400,000
	Spa War	Inter-Ministry Communications	Countrywide	\$2,913,152
TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$1,454,431,151
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$37,630,000
TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003.....				\$1,492,061,151

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