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USAID Iraq

On July 27 USAID Mission Director Lewis Lucke officially announced the formation of USAID's Mission to Iraq at the USAID office in Baghdad. Currently, the USAID Mission is working closely with the people of Iraq, the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), the United Nations, 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), Food for Peace (FFP), the U.S. Department of Defense, and the U.S. Department of State support the USAID Mission in Iraq which assists programs in education, food security, infrastructure, local governance, health, water, and sanitation.

Program Descriptions and Updates

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:

- Completed significant infrastructure work at Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) for civil air operations.
- At Baghdad's C terminal, 1,500 fluorescent tubes have been installed and sewage pump number two has been repaired.
- Basrah International Airport is nearly ready for commercial operations to begin. Projects have included installing two baggage x-ray units, toilets, passenger lounges, signs, baggage carts, and satellite communications.
- Complete evaluation of reconstruction needs at Mosul Airport completed.

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.

- Completed 36 detailed bridge assessments.
- Work on Khazir and Tikrit bridges begins this week, and a subcontractor is refurbishing a concrete fabrication facility to provide slabs for the bridges.
- Bechtel completed an evaluation of the Iraqi railroad system on June 25 and has begun preparing its railway execution plan.

Community Action Program

USAID's goals with the Community Action Program 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 reconstruction and development needs.

Activities:

- Five U.S. NGOs established offices in nine major Iraqi cities located throughout the country.
- After three and a half months of implementation, the five Community Action Program (CAP) partners have identified 524 community activities that will benefit nearly seven million people at a total cost of \$17.7 million.
- Cooperative Housing Foundation has organized 74 community associations to direct activities, the majority of which are focusing on repairing roads and sewage treatment plants, cleaning up neighborhoods, renovating schools, and improving water, sanitation, and medical facilities.

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:

- More than 35,000 Iraqis from 64 Iraqi subcontractors are working on an accelerated program to rehabilitate over 1,000 schools by October 1; 451 have been completed in the past two weeks.
- In Baghdad, work on 600 schools is underway with 228 schools completed.
- The Ministry of Education, coordinated with USAID's RISE program, has begun training 60 master trainers for a major teacher orientation initiative. The 60 will instruct 720 teacher trainers and the teacher trainers will hold orientations that will train thousands of Iraqi teachers.

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.

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:

- Power production reached 3,771 MW on September 22 – the second highest level since before the war and up from 3,254 MW on September 18. Output is now approaching three-quarters of total capacity.
- Hydropower production peaked at 905 MW on September 23, 2003, exceeding the target of 902 MW.
- Work is proceeding on cable splicing at Hartha boilers #1 and #4. Crews are making preparations to begin welding inside the boiler.

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 cash-based 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 to ensure the smooth transition of PDS management over to the Ministry.
- Renovation/refurbishment of governorate warehouses and PDS management centers (e.g. Basra, Wasit, Thi Qar).

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:

- The Ministry of Health is distributing kits of office and medical equipment, which will be complimented by medical training, to 600 primary health centers in seven governorates.
- Clinic workers disseminated health and hygiene information to 400 families at rural clinics in Babil Governorate and to 119 families in rural clinics at At' Tamim Governorate.
- The Ministry of Health conducted a vaccination day on September 22, inoculating small children against a variety of preventable diseases.
- Dhi Qar and Al Muthanna' Departments of Health have taken over the USAID supported monitoring and supervision of their Targeted Nutrition Programs.

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:

- Awarded over 829 rapid response grants, totaling \$40.3 million.
- Rehabilitated and reequipped 16 key Iraqi ministries, including Ministries of Justice, Irrigation, Foreign Affairs, Labor, Health and Finance, and the headquarters of eight municipalities.
- Work has begun on phase one of the rehabilitation of At' Tamim Governorate building in Kirkuk. The building will be used as the site of the local government and municipal council.
- Mosul's NGOs held their first civil society coordination meeting last week to plan for a conference on Iraqi human rights. The Legal Association for Human Rights, Women's Educational and Cultural Society, the Human Rights Research Center, and the International Committee of European Security and Cooperation attended.

Seaport

USAID's objectives for the rehabilitation of ports includes initially assessing the Umm Qasr port, developing improvement plans to overcome port-imposed 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:

- Port reopened to commercial traffic June 17; first test of passenger vessel completed July 16.
- Major dredging activities are now complete and the port is able to handle deep-draft ships at all 21 berths.
- The completed grain facility, which can process up to 600 tons of grain per hour or a 25,000 MT ship in two days, will be tested this week at full capacity for 24 continuous hours.

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 Iraqi Telephone and Postal Company (ITPC) has begun site preparation for the telephone switches. ITPC employees are constructing foundations, splicing cables, and testing lines prior to the arrival of the Lucent switches.
- Audited the 400 km of the northeastern fiber backbone through to Mosul, confirming that two of twelve fibers are active. A second survey through to Dahuk is planned for September. The assessment of the northeastern branch (Baghdad to Mosul via Kirkuk) of Iraq's fiber optic backbone is complete.
- A satellite gateway system was delivered to Al Mamoun last week, and technical staff will arrive in October for assembly and testing.

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:

- Physical renovations have begun on Al Hillah and Ad Diwaniyah sewage treatment plants and work on An Najaf and Karbala' treatment plants will begin soon.
- Seventy of Baghdad's ninety sewage treatment plants have been rehabilitated.
- Dredging of the Sweet Water Canal is underway in Basrah governorate. The 90-day effort will remove 300,000 cubic meters of sediment, providing potable water to the region and improving water flow.
- Generators are being installed at Baghdad's 37 water facilities to ensure continuous flow.
- Rehabilitation of two compact water treatment plants in Al Heweten and Al Kezweni was completed last week in An Najaf governorate and 32 small water treatment plants have been rehabilitated.

<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				\$1,024,564,000
	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	\$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	Development in impoverished communities	Countrywide	\$35,000,000
	DAI	Marshlands	Countrywide	\$4,000,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support	Countrywide	\$18,286,000
	RTI	Local Governance	Countrywide	\$44,611,000
	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	\$4,819,000
	SkyLink	Airport Management	Baghdad Al Basrah Mosul	\$8,000,000

	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				\$1,587,952,506
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$38,935,691
Total STATE/USAID Assistance to Iraq in FY 2003				\$1,626,888,197

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