



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



***Iraq – Humanitarian and Reconstruction
Assistance***

Fact Sheet #8, Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

April 9, 2003

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. 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
Internally Displaced in Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22,000 concentrated near Panjwin • 50,036 in Arbil* • 188,924 in Dahuk* • 27,058 in As Sulaymaniyah* 	UNOHCI (March 26, 2003) UNOHCI (April 8, 2003) UNOHCI (April 8, 2003) UNOHCI (April 8, 2003)
Refugees from Iraq	Old caseload refugees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 203,000 – Iran • 5,100 – Saudi Arabia • 250,000-300,000 – Jordan • 40,000 – Syria 	U.S. Committee for Refugees (2001)

**Estimates from April 6 UN OPS survey of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in public buildings, with host families, and in open air.*

Baghdad and Baghdad Governorate

- On the afternoon of April 8, a clearly marked International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) vehicle was struck by gunfire. On April 9, ICRC confirmed that an ICRC expatriate staff member was killed in the incident.
- On April 8, ICRC reported that the Qanat raw water pumping station in northern Baghdad ceased functioning, resulting in increased concern regarding Baghdad’s water supply.
- ICRC indicated that hospitals in Baghdad are overwhelmed by the influx of war-wounded patients. The ICRC delivered surgical assistance to the 650-bed Medical City Hospital Complex on April 8, which lacks water and electricity. ICRC engineers are working to re-establish the water supply.

Umm Qasr

- The U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) plans to restore the pre-conflict water system of Umm Qasr, including a 75-kilometer pipeline from Al Basrah to Umm Qasr that supplies two million liters of water per day to the town. The water supplied by the system is non-potable due to high salinity but can be used for other activities such as washing.
- The U.K. Royal Engineers Water Development Team reported that the pipeline near Umm Qasr, which was damaged on April 6, was repaired on April 9. The pipeline currently operates 12 hours per day, providing 60,000 liters of potable water to southern Iraqi towns including Umm Qasr, Safwan, and Az Zubayr.
- On April 8, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) conducted its first assessment trip into Iraq. During the visit, IOM registered 60 IDPs seeking shelter in the former United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) compound in Umm Qasr.

Northern Iraq

- A total of 900 metric tons (MT) of wheat flour for northern Iraq crossed the border from Turkey on April 8 en route to Arbil.
- On April 8, UNICEF reported that five trucks carrying 31 MT of relief supplies including hospital beds, medical supplies, and latrines, are en route from Mersin, Turkey to Dahuk.
- The U.N. Office for Project Services (UNOPS) settled 111 ex-Iraqi soldiers in Ashkawtawan camp, located in Mergasur district. UNOPS provided the former soldiers with tents, relief items, and kerosene. In total, 354 IDPs occupy Ashkawtawan camp.
- UNOPS reported on April 9 that during the past few days, insecurity prompted an estimated 200 families from villages located near the GOI-Kurdish dividing line to flee to Mosul. Many of these families settled with relatives throughout Arbil governorate. Fighting prompted 28 families near Kirkuk to relocate to temporarily reside with relatives in Arbil. In cooperation with local authorities, UNOPS will attempt to register these IDPs within the coming few days.

Current Humanitarian Situation by Sector

Food

- On April 8, WFP identified priority contracts that are either in transit or available by May 12, in order to meet the 45-day deadline of UNSC resolution 1472. WFP contacted suppliers of 675,000 MT of commodities in transit that includes 251,000 MT of wheat, 270,000 MT of rice, 3,633 MT of vegetable ghee, 49,084 MT of sugar, and 977 MT of milk powder.
- The U.N. Office for the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq (UNOHCI) reported on April 9 that OFF identified four additional locations for the delivery and transshipment of emergency food and other items to Iraq, security permitting: Latakia (Syria), Iskenderun (Turkey), Aqaba (Jordan) and Kuwait City.

Health

- On April 8, the World Health Organization (WHO) positioned a truckload of eight trauma surgical kits and medical supplies. The kits can serve 800 patients and will be transported to Baghdad as security permits. In the region, WHO pre-positioned 23 water-testing kits, 38 WHO New Emergency Health Kits (to treat 10,000 people for 3 months), and several laboratory diagnostic tests to diagnose diarrheal diseases.

Humanitarian Assistance

- The United States Government's Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) reported that the Spanish Navy ship, SSPS Galicia, is due to arrive in Umm Qasr on April 9. The ship is a landing platform vessel that can offload vehicles by landing craft. The crew consists of 600 personnel. In addition to 10 MT of water and 14 MT of emergency food, the ship's cargo consists of medical supplies, a 20 to 50 bed medical bay, and a reverse osmosis plant (for water). The ship's mission is to support humanitarian activities.
- According to DART members and the British Harbormaster's office in Umm Qasr, a relief ship from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is scheduled to arrive in Umm Qasr on April 10. The ship is transporting 700 MT of boxed rations, bottled water, family first aid kits, 4 water tankers, an ambulance, 2 trucks, 2 cars, and 12 volunteers.
- International media sources reported on April 9 that Ankara, Turkey has allowed ICRC to open a temporary mission in Turkey to provide legal and humanitarian assistance related to the Iraq crisis.
- UNICEF sent eleven trucks containing relief supplies to Um Qail, southern Al Basrah, Safwan, and Az Zubayr on April 8. UNICEF has sent a total of 85 relief trucks into southern Iraq since access has been secure. UNICEF-funded drivers reported that local populations are looting schools in Az Zubayr and other locations.
- On April 9, UNOHCI reported extensive looting in Al Basrah and in parts of Baghdad. The United Nations emphasized that Coalition forces should bring the situation under control.

Refugees

- A severe windstorm on April 8 destroyed three warehouses and several tents at the Jordanian Red Crescent's Ruweished transit camp for third country nationals (TCNs) in Turkey. IOM reported that most of the camp's 245 residents sheltered in two large tents following the storm, while children were sheltered in IOM buses. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), IOM, and Red Crescent staff members plan a damage assessment for April 9 to determine immediate needs.
- On April 8, IOM reported the organization has assisted 531 TCNs in Jordan, 237 in Syria, and 144 in Iran since the conflict began.

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 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, 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 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*

- On April 9, the European Commission announced an allocation of \$10.2 million (9.5 million Euros) to meet humanitarian needs in Iraq through ICRC, UNICEF, CARE, Première Urgence, and UN OCHA. The allocation is part of the \$22.5 million (21 million Euros) of humanitarian assistance to Iraq that the EC pledged on March 20.
- The Government of Japan (GOJ) pledged \$100 million to support humanitarian assistance efforts in Iraq. Of this total, the GOJ will immediately provide \$11.5 million to WFP to purchase 7,000 MT of pulses and 10,000 MT of rice. ICRC and UNICEF will receive \$8 million and \$5 million respectively to meet emergency humanitarian needs. To date, the GOJ has provided approximately \$30 million in humanitarian assistance in Iraq, against the \$100 million pledge.
- On April 8, the Federal Foreign Office of Germany provided an additional \$1.07 million (1 million Euros) to ICRC to support emergency assistance efforts in Iraq.

DONOR	US \$ (MILLIONS)	DATE (2003)	ASSISTANCE SNAPSHOT
Australia	\$29.6	March 21	100,000 MT of wheat and distribution costs
	\$4.4	March 20	U.N. Agencies and ICRC
	\$5.9	-----	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	March 20	U.N. Agencies for planning and preparation
	\$15.9		
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
OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE**			\$684.42 MILLION

*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].
- 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 -> "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.

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				\$41,780,632
	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
USAID/FFP				\$430,000,000
	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
USAID/OTI				\$2,333,612
	IOM	ITI	Country-wide	\$1,700,000
	DAI	ITI	Country-wide	\$473,253
	Internews	Media	Country-wide	\$160,359
STATE/PRM				\$36,630,000
	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
RECONSTRUCTION				
USAID/ANE				\$30,900,000
	IRG	Reconstruction Support		\$7,100,000
	UNICEF	Health, Education		\$9,000,000
	WHO	Health		\$10,000,000
	SSA	Port Management		\$4,800,000
TOTAL USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$505,014,244
TOTAL STATE ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$36,630,000
TOTAL STATE/USAID ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ IN FY 2003				\$541,644,244

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