

FAST FACTS

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

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Iraq in Brief

- **Area:** 435,052 sq km
- **Population:** 32,105,000 (2009 estimate)
- **Government oil revenue:** US\$ 63 billion
- **GDP per capita:** US\$ 2,983
- **GDP:** US\$ 98 billion
- **Debt:** External debt: US\$36 billion (37% of GDP) / Total Government debt: US\$ 43.6 billion
- **Net Official Development Assistance (ODA):** US\$ 2.791 billion (2009) - Top six providers of ODA to Iraq (in order): US, Japan, Germany, Italy, UK, Austria (2008-2009)

*All economic figures are 2011 projections

Social & Political Landscape

- "The Republic of Iraq is a single federal, independent and fully sovereign state in which the system of government is republican, representative, parliamentary, and democratic." (**Article 1 of the Constitution**)
- **Political parties:** The current Partnership Government of Iraq, headed by PM Maliki and President Talabani, comprises all major political blocs: National Alliance (State of Law Coalition & Iraqi National Coalition), Iraqia Slate and the Kurdish Alliance.
- **Religious groups:** Sunni, Shiia, Christians, Yazidis, Mandeian Sabeans.
- **Minority groups:** Christians, Turkoman, Yazidis, Shabak, Mandeian Sabeans, Feili Kurds.
- The Constitution "guarantees the Islamic identity of the majority of the Iraqi people and guarantees the full religious rights to freedom of religious belief and practice of all individuals such as Christians, Yazidis, and Mandeian Sabeans."

UNAMI MANDATE

In accordance with the Security Council resolution 1770 (2007), which has since been renewed annually, UNAMI is mandated "as circumstances permit" and "at the request of the Government of Iraq" to:

A- Advise, support and assist the Government of Iraq in:

- advancing their inclusive, political dialogue and national reconciliation;
- development of processes for holding elections and referenda;
- constitutional review and the implementation of constitutional provisions;
- development of processes acceptable to the Government of Iraq to resolve disputed internal boundaries;
- facilitating regional dialogue, including on issues of border security, energy, and refugees;
- planning, funding and implementing reintegration programmes for former members of illegal armed groups;
- initial planning for the conduct of a comprehensive census;

B- Promote, support, and facilitate, in coordination with the Government of Iraq:

- The coordination and delivery of humanitarian assistance and the safe, orderly, and voluntary return, as appropriate, of refugees and displaced persons;

- The implementation of the International Compact with Iraq, including coordination with donors and international financial institutions;
 - The coordination and implementation of programmes to improve Iraq's capacity to provide essential services for its people and continue active donor coordination of critical reconstruction and assistance programmes through the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI);
 - Economic reform, capacity-building and the conditions for sustainable development, including through coordination with national and regional organizations and, as appropriate, civil society, donors, and international financial institutions;
 - The development of effective civil, social and essential services, including through training and conferences in Iraq when possible;
 - The contributions of United Nations agencies, funds, and programmes to the objectives outlined in this resolution under a unified leadership of the Secretary-General through his Special Representative for Iraq;
- C- And also promote the protection of human rights and judicial and legal reform in order to strengthen the rule of law in Iraq;**

ABOUT UNAMI

- **UNAMI has an authorized strength of 1,090** personnel (**459** international, **631** national). **As of 29 February 2012**, the Mission's staff based in Iraq, Jordan and Kuwait consists of: **387** international civilians; **421** national civilians; **320** troops/UN Guard Unit; **13** military advisers; and **4** police advisers.
- Headquarters: UNAMI is **headquartered in Baghdad**, with offices in Basra, Erbil and Kirkuk. The Mission maintains **offices outside Iraq** in Kuwait City (Kuwait), Amman (Jordan) and Teheran (Iran). National staff members

are also deployed **across Iraq**. Between 1 and 3 staff members each are in Anbar, Babil, Dahuk, Dhi Qar, Diyala, Maysan, Mosul, Muthanna, Najaf, Ninewah, Qadisiyah, Ramadi, Sulaymaniah, Wasit.

- **Mission's budget for 2012:** US\$ 172,790,400.

About UNCT

The UN Country Team has 20 members, including 16 resident and 4

non-resident agencies (UN-ESCWA, UNODC, UNEP and UNCTAD). Members of the Team are: FAO, ILO, OCHA, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNCTAD, UN WOMEN, UNDP, ESCWA, UNESCO, UNEP, UNHCR, UN-HABITAT, UNIDO, UNFPA, UNODC, UNOPS, WFP and WHO. In addition to UN entities, the UNCT includes IOM and the World Bank.

UNCT ACHIEVEMENTS IN BRIEF

- **FAO** has implemented over **30** projects benefiting **713,000** citizens and training **12,000** government officials, through the rehabilitation of water pumping stations, seed processing plants and cottage industries, while providing agricultural inputs, transferring embryo transfer technology, analysing Iraq's agricultural economy and establishing agricultural information centers.
- Together with **UNOPS**, the **ILO** supported the first national employment policy; a new labour law; policy for small and medium enterprises, and a body to promote enterprise development.
- **UNICEF** supported the drafting of Iraq's first National Nutrition Strategy, National Maternal and Child/Reproductive Health Strategy, Child Protection Policy, Child Rights Law in Kurdistan; and completed **4** household surveys including MICS; introduced two new vaccines into the Iraqi health system; undertook a national Micro-nutrient study; rolled-out the child-friendly school model; organized National Conference on Justice for Children and supported Iraq's international child rights reporting obligations.
- **UNDP** supported the Independent High Electoral Commission in data collection, reporting, procurement, logistics, public outreach and complaints processing. It established the Global Compact; formulated five governorate level plans to address regional priorities including improved delivery of essential services; provided technical support to ten ministries to accelerate implementation of projects in areas of electricity, water and sanitation, oil, transportation and industry; and trained police directorates including female police officers in assisting survivors of Gender-Based Violence.
- **UNESCO** distributed **18** million textbooks, equipped **55** secondary schools with laboratories and libraries, launched EDU TV and website, participated in the formulation of the new literacy law, established **150** community-learning centres, supported the inscription of **3** Iraqi cultural sites to the World Heritage List, and restored **20** water canals preventing the forced migration of more than **800** families.
- **UN-Women** supported development of a national strategy for women, trained **300** parliamentarians and political leaders to enhance their participation in political life, and assisted **50** NGOs and **400** stakeholders to combat violence against women.
- **UN-Habitat** built the capacity of Iraqis to formulate and implement policies such as the National Housing Policy; and trained: i) over **500** Iraqi officials on implementation of urban governance reforms; ii) **620** unemployed youth on construction related vocations; and iii) **160** contractors on improved business management while constructing **300** houses, rehabilitating **2,460** housing units and **400** health centres and schools.
- **UNIDO** trained over **7,000** Iraqis in agro-industrial and manufacturing skills, and rehabilitated more than **20** vocational centres. A public-private partnership will provide advanced skills training in the Kurdistan region.
- **UNOPS** supported **500** projects implemented by Iraqi NGOs on human rights, elections, constitutional issues, participatory democracy and peace-building across Iraq through the: i) provision of legal services to **1300** detainees; ii) training of **520** prison staff on prisoners' rights; iii) providing rehabilitation services to over **4,600** victims of torture and violence; iv) providing electoral education to **270,000** voters and **11,000** opinion leaders; v) accrediting over **50,000** national electoral observers; and vi) laying over **156,000** m of water pipelines. UNOPS organized over **100** training events to capacitate the Independent High Electoral Commission.
- **UNFPA** provided training for obstetric care in **24** hospitals nationwide, while also training **1,200** health providers in maternal health. UNFPA provided technical and financial support to three national surveys related to: i) women and youth; ii) population; and iii) housing.
- **WFP's** school feeding program provided adequate nourishment to more than **½ million** primary school children, while **10,000** conflict-affected families participated in a cash-for-work program supporting resettlement and livelihoods. WFP also managed the UNHAS, facilitating **3,350** NGO and UN passenger movements throughout Iraq.
- **WHO** trained **3602** health professionals, constructed **4** health facilities and equipped **5** others. It supported a comprehensive review on health sector reform, introduced an integrated district Health System based on family practice, reviewed the Health Information System and Human Resources for Health, and established a comprehensive National Injury Surveillance System.
- **IOM** assisted over **3 million** Iraqis with livelihood initiatives, community-based assistance projects, and emergency distributions. It supported upgraded border management systems, legislation protecting victims of trafficking, and capacity development.
- With support of Inter-Agency Information Analysis Unit, the UN and the Government of Iraq undertook the Iraq Knowledge Network Survey that will establish a socio-economic monitoring system.