



Iraq Reconstruction Update

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PROJECT CLOSE-UP

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A mother and daughter take advantage of a recently opened road between Al Oubaidy and Al Shuada in the Tissa Nissan area of east Baghdad to transport cooking fuel. Residents in the community believe the 700-meter-long asphalt road will have a positive impact on more than 60,000 Iraqis. (U.S. Army Photo)

Notable Quotes

"We are working to help the Iraqis rebuild their country one brick at a time."

Col. Larry McCallister

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Iraq

"Now is better than the past. Everyone can see the progress happening every day."

Sharker Rheeie Sudan, Iraqi shopkeeper

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Did You Know?

Reconstruction Quick Facts

- 1,500,000 Basrah residents and potentially all Iraqi Citizens have more reliable power with recent upgrades at the Khor Az Zubayr Power Plant. The upgrades will add 250 MW to the national electrical grid.
- Over 7,000,000 of the residents of Baghdad Province now have a high tech data and voice system that provides "911" coverage in their city with the completion of the Advanced First Responder Network.

Progress Dispatches

All School Projects in Qadissiyah Governorate Complete

Renovations are complete on the Malk Al Ashtar School project in Diwaniyah, Qadissiyah Governorate that will benefit 2,000 Iraqi students currently attending classes in two smaller and older schools in this economically disadvantaged area. The \$93,000 project included renovation of an existing two-story, 31-room school building. In the Qadisiyah Province, there are 12 school projects programmed, all of which are completed.

Suwayrah Police Station Project Complete

Construction is complete on a \$498,000 police station project in Suwayrah, Wasit Governorate. An Iraqi contractor started construction last June and completed the project in early January. Work included the building of a jail, perimeter wall, a parking area, and connections to the city power grid.

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Construction started Dec. 2004, on the \$902,000 Al Ameen Fire Station in Baghdad. The project is 68% finished. The expected completion date is April 2006. The three-story structure features five bays, a dormitory area, dining room kitchenette and a training room.



The Hai-al-Zhrra Water Network Connects 500 Residences

Construction is complete on the Hai-al-Zhrra Water Network, that connects 500 residences and buildings to the new network in Al Kut, Wasit Province. This \$328,000 project replaced an existing pipeline and also included installation of access entrances to facilitate access for future repairs.

Two of Four Fire Station Projects Completed

Construction has been completed on two fire station projects in the Karbala Governorate. Both fire stations were refurbished to include new doors, windows, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, flooring, wall repairs and painting. Both stations cost \$110,000 each and are two of the four fire station projects programmed for the Karbala Province that are completed.





Spotlight on Reconstruction Funding

Compiled by Terry Heide

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Funding for the reconstruction of Iraq can be confusing because of the wide variety of funding sources and acronyms. Over the next few weeks, the primary reconstruction funding programs will be highlighted. In the last *Iraq Reconstruction Update* issue, the spotlight focused on the Commander's Emergency Response Program, which is one of two assistance programs available to a unit or field commander. This issue focuses on the second of the two assistance programs.

Commanders Humanitarian Relief and Reconstruction Program

The Commanders Humanitarian Relief and Reconstruction Program (CHRRP) is an outgrowth of the CERP (see last week's update for information on this funding program). Upon the standup of the Interim Iraqi Government (IIG) on June 28, 2004, the U.S. asked the IIG to partner in support of CERP by providing Iraqi funds for a number of proposed projects.



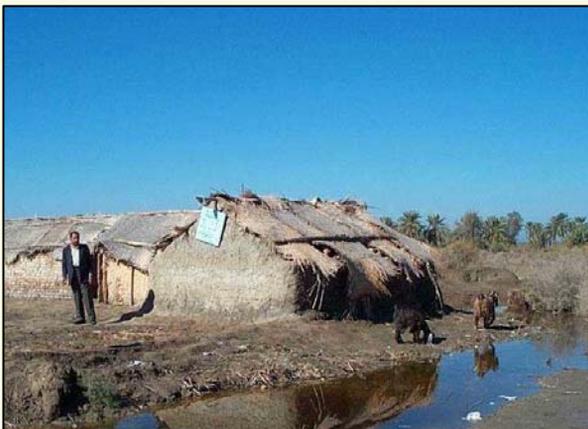
The Deputy Prime Minister agreed, with the proviso that the U.S. must match the Iraq contributions. Because of this matching requirement, a new program was needed that allowed the use of both U.S. appropriated funds from the Iraqi Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) and funds from the Development Fund for Iraq (DFI). This new program was designated the Commanders Humanitarian Relief and Reconstruction Program.

The October 2004, Section 2207 Quarterly Report, contained the first mention of CHRRP and explained the difference between this program and CERP. Although CHRRP and CERP funds both address requirements defined by military commanders in the field, the laws and implementing regulations governing their expenditures differ.

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BEFORE & AFTER: Basrah Mud School

Prior to renovation, an elementary school in the Basrah Province was constructed from mud bricks cut from the ground and dried in the sun.



A Basrah mud school.



The school following renovation.

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Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers





Despite Violence, Baghdad Residents Get First Tap Water In Eight Years

By Norris Jones
Gulf Region Central District

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Despite insurgent activity, Iraqi workers completed repairs to two water treatment plants in south Baghdad after nearly four months of work. Due to their skill and bravery, an estimated one million Baghdad residents will benefit from the renovations that continued regardless of insurgent attacks.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Gulf Region Central (GRC) provided oversight for the restoration project. Local workers cleaned the large, 34-meter sedimentation basins, repaired pumps and generators, and installed new chlorine pumps. Because of these combined efforts, each treatment plant now produces about 2,000 cubic meters of potable water per hour.



Crews repair a generator at one of two water treatment facilities near Latifiyah that provide residents fresh, potable water for the first time in eight years. (GRD photo)

“Mahmoudiya and Latifiya residents in south Baghdad this week had water flowing from their faucets for the first time in nearly eight years,” said Alfred Everett, GRC Resident Engineer supporting the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. “That’s what people in those communities are telling us.”

A Baghdad firm was awarded the project to rehabilitate two water treatment plants servicing the areas northwest of Latifiya along the Euphrates River.

“Despite setbacks and damage to the generators and other equipment in both facilities, the contractor successfully finished the job,” said Everett.

“There’s no question that Iraqis working on these projects demonstrated significant courage every day.”

Delivering Babies Instead of Room Service



MOSEL, Iraq --The Baquba Maternity hospital, a hotel turned maternity hospital, now delivers babies instead of room service. Worker's completed this \$700, 000 transformation on January 4, 2005 while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided quality assurance on the project. The hospital houses 229 beds and serves a local population of approximately 350,000. (Gulf Region Division Photo)

Residents Celebrate Water Projects

By Suzanne M. Fournier
Gulf Region Southern District

BASE CAMP ADDER, Iraq - Clean, potable drinking water soon will be available to more than 200 families living in small communities from Al Basheer to Immam Akare in Wassit Province, just southeast of Baghdad. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) built a water pipe system to bring water to families that have never had running water in their villages, much less in their homes. The water network project cost \$172,000 and was finished this past October.

The second step toward improving water for these village residents is a water treatment facility, currently under construction, to provide potable water to villagers for the first time in their lives. The water treatment project includes electric-power generators, pumps, and water filter treatment. This water system will draw water out of a nearby dirt canal fed by the Tigris River, treat and filter the water, and pump it through the water pipes that now connect to homes. The treatment facility is expected to be complete by the end of March and will cost \$250,000.

The water network pipeline is seven kilometers long, serves more than 200 homes and is a base on which to build a larger water network to bring clean water to many more families in this rural, farming area. Families in Al Basheer region live in traditional mud brick houses and make their living by raising rice, vegetables and dates. The water pipeline network and water treatment unit bring a higher quality of life to residents of Wassit Province, but more importantly, clean water will bring a healthier lifestyle and reduce the spread of waterborne diseases, one of the major health problems throughout Iraq.





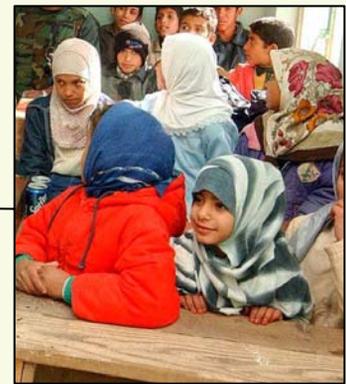
BEFORE & AFTER: Mud Schools...Continued from Page 2



Prior to reconstruction, the classrooms were dark...and muddy.



The classrooms today are bright, dry, and have a healthy learning environment.



Reconstruction Funding...Continued from Page 2

The goal of CHRRP was to support labor intensive, high-impact programs that generate employment, stimulate economic activity, and provide immediate assistance in areas targeted by insurgents.

Because U.S. contributions to the CHRRP are from appropriated funds, procurements must follow the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and provisions pertaining to full and open competition in Public Law 108-106. CERP projects are specifically exempted from the FAR.

The two programs also differ in their scope with the specific focus of CHRRP being to provide urgent, essential water and sewage services with a primary focus on Baghdad. Additionally, the goal of CHRRP is to support labor intensive, high-impact programs that generate employment, stimulate economic activity, and provide immediate assistance in areas targeted by insurgents. Projects under the program are selected from a list approved by both the Multi-National Forces-Iraq on behalf of the U.S. and the Iraqis.

Initially, \$86 million was reallocated from IRRF security and law enforcement funds to CHRRP; however this was adjusted to \$84 million in February 2005.

The IIG initially contributed a matching \$86 million, but this was later increased by an additional \$50 million for total program funding from all sources of more than \$220 million.



Next Reconstruction Funding Topic: The Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund



JCCI-IA: Wide Area of Responsibility - Command active in both Iraq & Afghanistan

Vendor Partnering Day

By 2nd Lt. Chris Hearl

KABUL, Afghanistan—The Joint Contracting Command's Kabul Regional Contracting Center (KRCC) hosted its first Vendor Partnering Day at Camp Eggers Dec. 29, bringing together 47 local Afghan companies, as well as companies from throughout the Middle East and Asia, for an afternoon of education and networking. The primary goal of the Vendor Day was to better improve the business relationship with the local economy; but the event offered much more. Eight KRCC contracting officers gave an in depth "how to" seminar on the best practices and legalities of doing business with the U.S. military. Contracting's fundamental approach to completing its mission (to contract for various requirements in support of the warfighter and reconstruction effort) involves increasing the buying power of the Afghan economy, encouraging a competitive market, and supporting aspiring entrepreneurs in their dream to become successful businessmen.

Local Afghan and international business people attend the first Vendor Partnering Day hosted by the Joint Contracting Command's Kabul Regional Contracting Center at Camp Eggers. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mason Lowery)



Covering everything from ethics to delivery schedules, the contracting team brought companies together to demonstrate that the U.S. military is here to offer a fair and equitable opportunity to everyone, from the local small business to the international power-house companies.

The seminar also covered topics such as procurement methods, contract law, and building professional relationships. It also provided vendors with applicable regulations, web links to registration programs, contract clauses, and sourcing sites for hard-to-find items.

The response from vendors was remarkable as many praised the efforts of the U.S. forces to offer such an event. The event not only provided contractors with the tools they needed to be successful, but also offered additional resources for the vendors to increase their knowledge of federal acquisitions.

The Vendor Day also provided a networking opportunity for companies to provide information on the products and services they can offer the U.S. government and will hopefully improve the business relationship with the local economy and will benefit the Afghan economy for many years.



The Joint Contracting Command – Iraq/Afghanistan (JCC-I/A), under the command of Maj. Gen. John Urias, provides responsive operational contracting support to the Chief of Mission and Multi-National Corps in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Procurement training boosts Iraqi contracting skills

By Sgt. Lorie Jewell

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Dozens of Iraqi procurement specialists from the ministries of Defense and Interior took part in a three-day training workshop featuring a nationally known Iraqi procurement expert. The training, held in the International Zone Oct. 24-26, was sponsored by the Joint Contracting Command -Iraq/Afghanistan, with support from the Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq and the ministries.

"We're trying to establish the ministries' capacity for operating an ethical, effective procurement system," said U.S. Army Maj. Jong Lee of the JCCI/A. The training included a combination of lectures and practical exercises, focusing on areas such as ethics, the principles of procurement and the administration of tendering and payment of contracts, Lee said.

Participants were divided into three groups for the hands-on exercise and given hypothetical scenarios, such as administering a life support contract for an Iraqi military installation. Each group had to work together to come up with solutions to the challenges of each scenario and then present their work.

Although the training was arranged and largely supported by the Coalition, the majority of the instruction came from Iraqis, Lee said. Having Iraqi author Numan Salman participate in the training added an extra level of credibility, Lee said. Salman wrote "The Iraqi Procurement Book," which was published this year and is widely used in Iraqi government offices, particularly those in the ministries of defense, interior and science and technology, Lee said.

"What's presented here is not coming from the Coalition or from Americans," Lee said. "It's coming from Iraqis, for Iraqi workers." Salman said he agreed to take part in the workshop because he believes those working in procurement need as much training as possible to develop their skills and gain more experience. Procurement skills stagnated here after the 1990 embargo, which isolated Iraq from the majority of the world, Salman said.



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Projects at a Glance (As of: January 20, 2006)

Compiled by Katie Wall, PCO

•\$7.321 billion has been disbursed, representing over 55% of total funds

•2,960 projects starts (out of 3,330 planned projects). This number includes 384 projects funded under the Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program (AIRP)

•2,116 projects are complete, including 331 that are funded under the AIRP

Reconstruction Sector	Project Type	# Under Construction*	# Completed*
Health & Education	Schools	12	791
	Primary Health Care Centers	137	4
	Hospital Projects	16	6
	Public Buildings	1	4
Public Works & Water	Potable Water Projects	85	126
	Sewer Projects	5	2
Security & Justice	Fire Stations	23	64
	Border Posts	96	131
	Military Base Projects	58	76
	Police Facilities	75	287
Transportation & Communication	Railroad Stations	18	79
	Village Roads	21	19
	Ports Projects	3	2
	Postal Facilities	1	23
	Airport Projects (FAA certified ready)	8	5
	Expressways	3	0
Electricity	Distribution Projects (including Substations)	106	84
	Transmission Projects	12	9
	Power Generation Projects	8	14
Oil	Dedicated Power Plants	3	3
	Water Injection Pump Stations	10	8

* Note: Does not include projects funded by the Development Fund for Iraq.

Source: Multiple PCO Management Reports





Sector Overview: Current Status – End State

Compiled By: John Daley, PCO



Sector	Current Status	End State
Electricity	1,416 MW capacity added Increased Power Generation to 900K Homes Improved Electricity Distribution to over 450K Homes	1,556 MW capacity added Increased Power Generation to 1,230K Homes Improved Electricity Distribution to over 1,450K Homes
Oil	1.8 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD) produced 1.1 MBPD exports	3.0 MBPD produced 2.4 MBPD exports
Water & Sewer	Added 175,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (benefit an estimated 756,000 Iraqis). 31,000 hectares of additional irrigated land	Additional 905,000 cubic meters per day of water treatment capacity (will benefit approximately 3.6 million Iraqis.) 251,000 hectares of additional irrigated land
Health	4 primary healthcare centers completed and 137 under construction	Population of 5 to 6.5 million Iraqis served in completed primary healthcare centers
Education	791 schools providing classrooms for 315,000 students	800 schools providing classrooms for 320,000 students
Security & Justice	131 border forts completed	247 border forts will secure 2,400 KM of border
Transportation	224 Kilometers (KM) or 53% of planned improved village roads Provided emergency response dispatch system ('911' service) covering 5.8 million citizens of Baghdad	424 KM of improved village roads 158 KM of improved major roads Provide emergency response dispatch system ('911' service) covering 12 million Iraqis in 15 cities

As of: January 20, 2006 Source: Multiple GRD-PCO Management Reports





Capacity Development: Spotlight on PCO Design/Build Contractors

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Capacity Development is critical to providing a smooth transfer of day-to-day responsibility for completed projects to Iraqi management. Much of this foundation of skills is provided through training by 11 separate design-build contractors.

One of them- Washington Group International, Inc. (WII) - through its Electricity Sector – Transmission and Distribution Contract - is focusing its training efforts on document control, quality control, site safety, and site engineering. The training program expanded during 2005 to meet the increasing pace of construction activity, devoting two hours to providing safety orientation for each new employee and approximately 20 hours each month preparing each new-hire Iraqi safety and quality control inspector. During October 5,312 hours of safety training were conducted for all employees.



Iraqi Document Control Supervisor in WII Quality Control/Quality Assurance department is providing one-on-one training for coworkers. Employees are learning how to upload purchasing and subcontracting documents into the file management system "Documentum." This training will provide Iraqis with new skills and employment opportunities for the future.

Pamphlet Download

Capacity development is central to the Iraq reconstruction effort and provides the first step in building a foundation for the transfer of control for completed facilities to Iraqi management.

<http://www.rebuilding-iraq.net>

WII safety manager provided fire extinguisher safety training. Although previous sessions of the training have been held in the past, a special request was made by the Iraqi camp manager/supervisor who felt that this training would be useful for local Iraqi women. Using as many practical scenarios as possible, the WII safety manager demonstrated examples of how to respond to fire emergencies while at home or work.



Unit Level Assistance/Soldier Stories

Units Involved with Wheelchair Donation



Maj. Robert Greer and Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Leonard help load a container with wheelchairs to ship to Iraqis. The Humanitarian Operation Center, the Coalition Forces and Land Component Command, the 351st Civil Affairs Command and the 143rd Transportation Commands are working together to transport more than 1,500 donated wheelchairs to Iraqis. (Photo by Sgt. Crystal Rothermel)

Video Soldier Story

A combined Army Civil Affairs and Army Corps of Engineers project in northern Iraq.



Download the Video:

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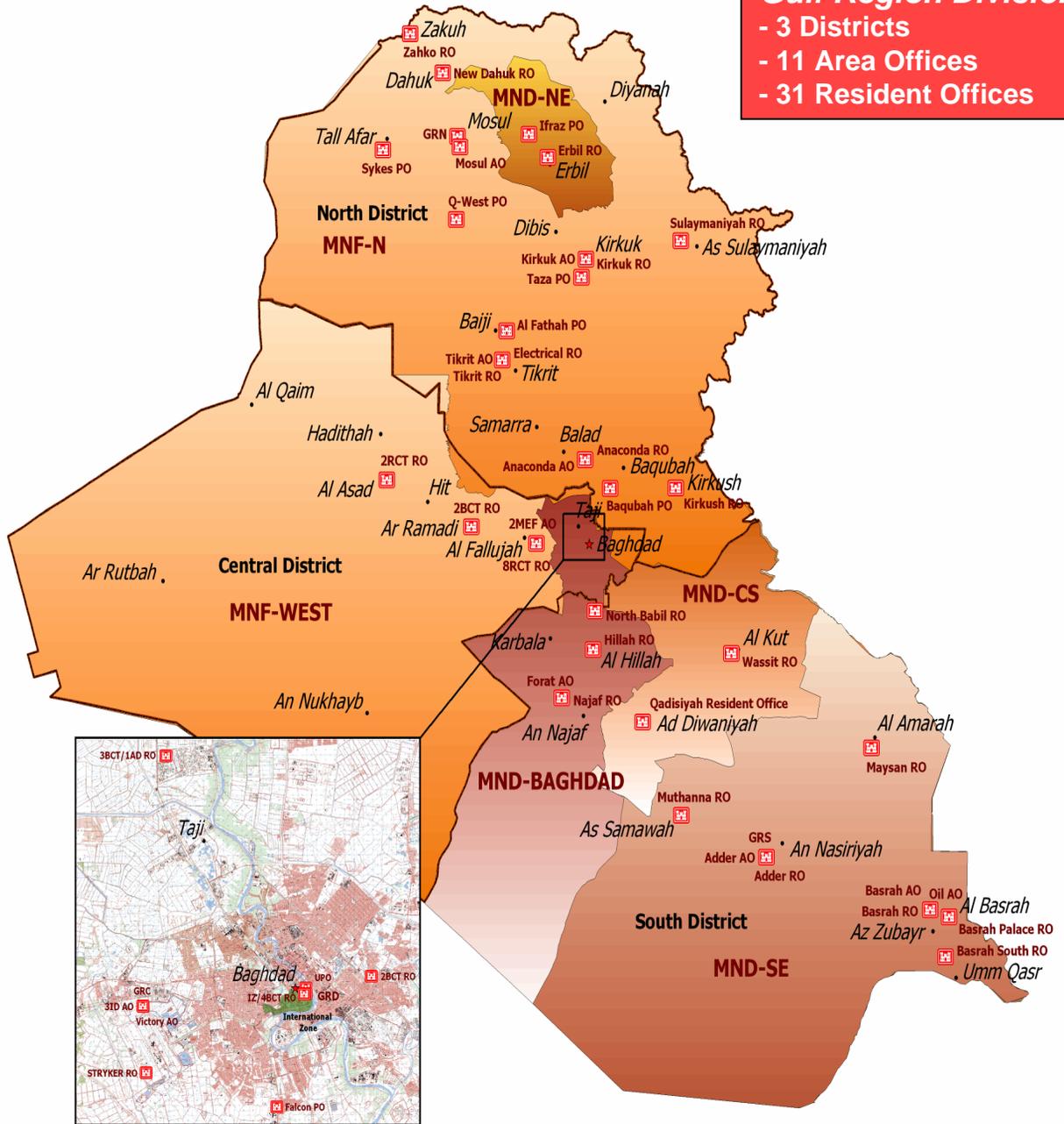




Spotlight on the Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division

Source: Army Corps of Engineers

Gulf Region Division:
 - 3 Districts
 - 11 Area Offices
 - 31 Resident Offices



ABOUT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN IRAQ: The US Army Corps of Engineers has been an active force in the reconstruction of Iraq. The Corps was in Iraq shortly after the 2003 invasion and assisted troops in shutting down the oil field infrastructure to minimize danger to troops from an industrial accident and minimize damage to the oil infrastructure. Other forward engineering teams deployed throughout Iraq to evaluate infrastructure and engineering and construction requirements. In January 2004, the Corps of Engineers established the Gulf Region Division (GRD) with headquarters in Baghdad and with engineering and construction responsibilities throughout Iraq. GRD has three district headquarters located in Mosul, Baghdad and Talil. Each district, commanded by a senior Army engineering officer, directly oversees the Iraq reconstruction work. The districts manage the construction of projects contracts awarded by the Joint Contracting Command – Iraq/Afghanistan. These reconstruction projects include a broad range from schools, hospitals, health care clinics, roads, railroads, oil infrastructure, electricity generation and distribution, water and sewage, police stations, border forts, public buildings, and ports. All work is closely coordinated with Iraqi Ministries, Provincial and local governments. The work is a team-effort with Iraqi and American engineers overseeing construction work of Iraqi prime contractors, sub contractors and US prime contractors.





Multi-National Force News: Poland

Stories and photos by Lt. Cmdr. Bartosz Zajda
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Polish Troops Renovate Village School

AL BUDAYR, Iraq — Three months ago, Polish Soldiers patrolling in Al Budayr, 25 miles west of Ad Diwaniyah, found a school in poor condition. The building looked as if it was going to fall apart.

As a result, work started in November to rebuild the small school, replacing the palm leaf roof with plaster. Polish troops subsequently built new rooms, installed new windows and doors and installed a power generator and water system.

Once the building was complete, the Soldiers moved in new tables, desks and blackboards, along with air conditioners. The renovation project also expanded the school's 140-child capacity, with 250 students now able to attend classes.

A ceremony later marked the re-opening, and ushered in a new era of learning for Al Budayr students.



Maj. Gen. Piotr Czerwinski, commanding general of Multi-National Division - Central South, hands toys and stuffed animals to children at the newly renovated Al Budayr school. Polish soldiers completed the project in about three months.

Helping Farmers Till The Soil



Polish soldiers present donated plows to Iraqi farmers in the Ad Diwaniyah District.

AD DIWANIYAH, Iraq — A new growing season is about to begin in the Ad Diwaniyah District and Polish soldiers from Multi-National Division - Central South are helping Iraqi farmers get a jump on it.

Agriculture plays an important role in Iraq's economy and many Iraqis make a living cultivating the arable lands of the Euphrates and Tigris river valleys.

Consequently, Polish soldiers donated more than 150 tons of seed, farming equipment and irrigation pumps to the Agriculture Association, which supports 3,500 families in the Ad Diwaniyah District.



Other International Support Developments

- Germany announced it will join the International Reconstruction Fund for Iraq and will contribute \$10 million to help the UN Development Program set up and expand a network of vocational education schools in Iraq.

- Austrian Airlines announced it will begin twice weekly air service from Vienna to Erbil starting in March.



School Donation

AD DIWANIYAH, Iraq - Two teachers watch as Polish Army soldiers unload supplies and toys to give to an elementary school in Ad Diwaniyah. (Photo by PFC Timothy Villareal)





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***“Building a new Iraq for a
new generation.”***

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Gulf Region Division

Building a new Iraq for a new generation

More than 285 volunteer civilians and nearly 60 military currently deployed to help rebuild Iraq – more than 1,700 USACE personnel have deployed since 2003 • Added more than 1,600 MW (enough to service 4.8M Iraqi homes) to the Iraqi national grid by building and rebuilding power plants, generators and more than 1,200 towers and 998 kilometers of transmission lines • Currently approx. 5,300 Megawatts on Iraq

National grid, far surpassing the pre-war level of 4,400 MW • Responsible for \$12.6 Billion worth of construction to the Iraqi infrastructure • Currently managing more than \$120 Million of construction effort in support of the Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program • Repaired 1,230 schools, 52 clinics, 10 fire stations, Umm Qasr Infrastructure, the Kerhk Sewage Treatment Plant, the Baghdad International Airport Terminal, Safwan Pumping Station and upgraded Baghdad area telecommunications.



A Reconstruction Partnership

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