

## European Community

### Reconstructing Iraq

#### State of play and implementation to date<sup>1</sup>

Since 2003, the European Commission has provided assistance to Iraq for an amount of 518.5million € This total includes 100 million € of humanitarian assistance and 418.5 million € of support to the reconstruction process.

#### *When did European Commission assistance start?*

Humanitarian support was provided from 1992 onwards and the European Community was the largest single donor of humanitarian assistance to Iraq after the UN. In 2003 the Community provided a total of 100million € through the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO). In parallel in 2003, the EC started to provide reconstruction assistance as the humanitarian needs decreased.

#### *European Commission at the Madrid donor conference in October 2003*

The EC was active together with other donors in the preparations for the Madrid conference and at the conference itself pledged a total contribution of 200 million € for 2003 and 2004.

The EC was also one of the promoters of the establishment of a multi-donor instrument for channelling the international support to the reconstruction process in Iraq. Today the European Commission is one of 25 members of the donor committee of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq – IRFFI.

#### *EC funding in 2003: 42 million €*

**In 2003** the EC provided support to reconstruction activities for a total of 40 million €

**34 million € was channelled through the UNDP Thematic Trust Fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery. Of which 29 million € to support rehabilitation and reconstruction interventions in the fields of poverty reduction and human**

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This information note only relates to activities supported through the budget of the European Community (EC) during the period 2003-2004 and 2005 and, therefore, does not take into account the individual operations financed by the Member States of the European Union acting in their national capacity.

It also does not include the activities of the European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, referred to as EUJUST LEX, which became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 and to which an amount of 10 million € has been allocated from the general budget of the European Union.

development (e.g. street cleaning and removal of garbage), education (e.g. provision of education kits for school children), water and sanitation (e.g. delivery of emergency water purification chemicals) and health (e.g. immunisation), 2 million € for mine clearance and 3 million € was also provided to civil society and governance issues (e.g. awareness raising, media centres) through the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).

Another 8 million € supported training for government officials on managing the reconstruction process (3 million € through the WB-ITF) and for supporting the UN's role in the political and economic reconstruction in Iraq. (5 million € through the UNDG-ITF)

Thus in 2003, UN received a total amount of 39 million € as follows :

<u>2003</u>	Sectors	Committed
		<b>m€</b>
UNDP Thematic Trust fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery	Education, health, water and sanitation, income generating activities	29
UNDP Thematic Trust fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery	Human rights, civil society, support to electoral process	3
UNDP Thematic Trust fund for Crisis Prevention and Recovery	Mine action	2
IRFFI/UNDG – ITF	Political process, transitional justice	5
Total 2003		39

***EC Funding in 2004: 176.5 million €***

In 2004 the Commission programmed the remaining funds of the Madrid pledge. The 160 million € was allocated to the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) and equally distributed between the United Nations (UNDG ITF) and the World Bank (WB ITF)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Detailed information about the activities of IRFFI can be found on the website [www.irffi.org](http://www.irffi.org).

The EC funds focused on four objectives:

- restoring the delivery of basic public services, in particular:
  - education* (e.g. physical and functional rehabilitation of education facilities, delivery of school supplies and learning material, in-service training for teachers, etc.)
  - health* (e.g. provision of ambulances, mobile clinics, medical supplies and laboratory equipment; physical and functional rehabilitation of health care facilities including emergency obstetric care and training centres for continued medical education, establishment of the national drug control laboratory, etc.)
  - water and sanitation* (e.g. physical and functional rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation infrastructure, rehabilitation of chlorination plant, provision of equipment and supplies for water quality control laboratories, etc.)
- boosting employment and human development and reducing poverty through support to agriculture and to community-based small infrastructures in rural and urban areas (e.g. support to community irrigation and draining schemes, rehabilitation of pumping stations, rehabilitation of dairy plants, promotion of cottage industries, provision of seeds and fertilizers, restoration of veterinary services, restoration and development of essential livestock services, etc.)
- strengthening good governance, civil society, including human rights, and support to the electoral process
- supporting capacity building needs in the Iraqi administration

In reply to the UN appeal to the international community to help supporting the Iraqi electoral process, the EC provided a further 16.5 million € to the 30 January 2005 elections. This was added to an earlier allocation of 15 million €. The funds funded activities under the UNDG ITF as well as financed European electoral experts working with the Independent Electoral Commission in Iraq and a team of experts training 170 domestic observers in Jordan.

**Thus in 2004 UN received a total amount of 95 million € though the UNDG-ITF plus 1.5 million € for electoral assistance through IOM.**

<b>1. Education + Culture</b>	15
<b>2. Health</b>	10
<b>3. Water + Sanitation</b>	13
<b>5. Agriculture, Water + Environment</b>	15
<b>9. Governance + Civil Society</b>	7
<b>10. Poverty Reduction + Human Development</b>	5
<b>11. Support to the elections: €(15+14+1+1.5)</b>	31.5
<b>Total 2005 (UNDG ITF and IOM)</b>	<b>96.5 m €</b>

***Another package of 200 million € in 2005***

The 2005 EC Assistance Programme is firmly anchored within the overall medium term strategy for Iraq outlined in the Commission's Communication of 9 June 2004

(*The European Union and Iraq – a framework for engagement*)<sup>3</sup>. At the same time the European Commission has paid special attention to the principle of Iraqi ownership. The Assistance Programme aims to respond to the framework and policy orientations developed in the National Development Strategy (NDS) and to complement activities of other major donors. Out of the 200 million € the UN has received a total of 159 million €, the WB a total of 40 million €, while 1 million € were used directly by the EC for short term technical assistance

**a) UN (UNDG-ITF, UNOPS, IOM)**

**m €**

<b>1. Education</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>2. Health</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>3. Rural development</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>4. Governance &amp; Civil Society (support to the constitutional process sub-cluster)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>additional contribution from the EIDHR (European initiative for Democracy and human rights)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>5.Support to the electoral process (December election)</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>6. Poverty Red. &amp; Human Dev.</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>(currently under negotiation with UNDP)</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>UNDG-ITF</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>In addition two additional projects are under development in collaboration with UNOPS and IOM</b>	
<b>Support to the civil society (UNOPS)</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>support to election assistance (IOM) providing 5 EU electoral experts</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>TOTAL<sup>4</sup> EC contribution channelled via the UN</b>	<b>159</b>

**b) WB – ITF**

**m €**

<b>Capacity building (Poverty reduction, economic management, education and training)</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Supplementary operations in the field of social protection (health, employment creation)</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total WB - ITF</b>	<b>40</b>

**c) Total 2005: 200 m € broken down as follows:**

<b>UN (UNDG ITF, UNOPS, IOM)</b>	<b>159 m €</b>
<b>WB ITF</b>	<b>40 m €</b>
<b>EC (short term technical assistance)</b>	<b>1 m €</b>

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<sup>3</sup> [http://europa.eu.int/comm/external\\_relations/iraq/doc/index.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/iraq/doc/index.htm)

<sup>4</sup> including administrative costs of UNDP as UNDG-ITF Administration agent and administrative costs of other UN participating agencies up to a maximum of 7%