

Japan's Assistance for Iraq (Fact Sheet)

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(Note: All figures are approximate.)

1. Overview

At the International Donors' Conference on Reconstruction of Iraq held in Madrid on 24 October 2003, Japan announced its financial assistance package totaling up to \$5 billion.

The package comprises (a) \$1.5 billion grants for the immediate needs through 2004, and (b) up to \$3.5 billion, mainly in ODA loans, in order to meet the medium-term needs for a period approximately through 2007.

It's Japan's policy to make its financial assistance by ODA and the humanitarian and reconstruction activities by the Self-Defense Forces work in tandem for the reconstruction of Iraq.

2. \$ 1.5 billion grant

In the grant assistance, Japan gives priority to areas such as power generation, education, water and sanitation, health and employment, as well as others including improvement of the security, culture, sports and capacity buildings.

Out of \$1.5 billion, more than \$ 855 million have already been disbursed or decided as following:

- \$165 million have already been disbursed. (Attachment A)
- \$490 million have been committed to the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq of the UNDG (\$360 million) and the World Bank (\$130 million). (Attachment B) \$10 million have been disbursed into IFC small business finance facility.
- More than \$200 million worth of bilateral projects have been identified. (Attachment C)

3. Up to \$3.5 billion mainly through ODA loans

Japan will provide up to \$3.5 billion mainly through concessional loans (ODA loans) to meet the mid-term reconstruction needs between 2005-2007, taking account of the advancement of the political process and developments toward the solution of debt issues.

With regard to areas of this assistance, in addition to areas mentioned above, Japan will also focus on infrastructure development, including telecommunications and transportation.

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A. Japan's assistance disbursed so far (\$ 165 million)

(1) Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq (WFP, UNICEF, ICRC, UNHCR)

(2) Assistance through the international organizations for the following projects;

- Umm Qasr Port Project (UNDP)
- Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program in Baghdad (UNDP)
- Rehabilitation of the National Dispatch Centre (UNDP)
- Emergency Rehabilitation of Al-Kadhimiya Hospital (UNDP)
- Emergency Rehabilitation of the Hartha Power Station (UNDP)
- IREP2 in North and South of Iraq (UNDP)
- Reactivation of Primary Education in Iraq (UNICEF)
- School rehabilitation Project (UN-HABITAT)
- Community rehabilitation Project (UN-HABITAT)
- Contribution to the IFC Fund (assistance to Micro- and small-scale enterprises)

(3) Direct assistance to Iraq and Grassroots assistance for the following projects;

- Provisions of 1,150 Police vehicles
- Humanitarian operation in the Umm Qasr Community
- Equipment supply for Rashid District in Baghdad
- Improving Hibatoallah Institute for Down Syndrom
- Provisions of ambulances in Nineveh Governorate

(4) Assistance in cooperation with NGOs

- Medical projects and emergency rehabilitation of public facilities (Japanese NGO)
- Medical project in Baghdad run by Hashemite Charity Organization (Jordanian NGO)
- Project distributing medical equipment run by CARE International (International NGO)

(5) Assistance in Samawah and Governorate of Al-Muthanna, where Japanese Self-Defense Forces are dispatched, for the following projects

- Provisions of Water Tanks
- Provisions of Emergency Medical Supplies to the Samawa General Hospital
- Emergency Aid of medical equipment to the Samawa Maternity and Children Hospital
- Improvement of Access to Safe Drinking Water
- School rehabilitation Project (UN-HABITAT)
- Iraq Reconstruction and Employment Program (UNDP)

(6) Capacity building programs of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) as following:

- Vice-minister and other officials of the Ministry of Health
- Training of Iraqi doctors and nurses in Cairo as the Japan-Egypt Joint Medical Cooperation for Iraq
- Training of Iraqi experts (ex. electricity) in Jordan
- Director General of Governorate of Al-Muthannah Health Department and Directors of Four Hospitals in Samawa and Neighboring Areas

(7) Others

- Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance by the Japanese Self-Defense Force (SDF) in Samawah and Governorate of Al-Muthanna
- Consolidating broad based solidarity among the international community
- Cooperation with Arab and neighboring countries
- Cooperation with Germany and France
- Conservation of cultural heritage and promotion of sports in Iraq
- Assistance for supplying Japanese TV program

B. Japan's assistance through International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (\$ 490 million)

\$ 450 million has been paid into the respective IRFFI (International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq) holding accounts of the UNDG Trust Fund (\$360 million) and the World Bank Trust Fund (\$90 million). Additionally, \$40 million will be paid into WB TF in the near future.

Japan has already authorized UNDG to use \$260 million out of \$360 million for UNDG TF by signing the document, and will authorize WB to use \$ 40 million for WB TF in the near future (totally \$ 300 million).

The relevant international organizations will start some projects in the fields of electricity, transportation, education, water resources, environment and so on by using part of Japanese contribution.

C. Japan's assistance through bilateral channel (more than \$ 200 million)

(1) \$ 200 million will be allocated to the following projects.

- (i)Electricity: Provision of 27 mobile substations throughout Iraq.
- (ii)Health: Rehabilitation and provision of equipment to 4 hospitals (Nasiriyah, Najaf, Diwaniyah, and Samawah) constructed by Japan.
- (iii)Water/sanitation: Provision of 30 compact units to the city of Baghdad.
- (iv)Others: Provision of 70 fire-trucks to Baghdad, Al Basra and Muthanna.

(2) More funds will be allocated to other following projects after further consultation with Iraqi Ministries.

- (i)Electricity: Rehabilitation of Taji Gas Turbine Power Station, Mosul Gas Turbine Power Station, and Mosul Hydroelectric Power Station.
- (ii)Health: Rehabilitation and provision of equipment to 9 hospitals (Al'Amarah, Al Kut, Al Kadhmiyah, Al Ramadi, Tikrit, Kirkuk, Arbil, Mosul, Dahuk) constructed by Japan.
- (iii)Others: Provision of such equipment as garbage trucks, septic cars, bulldozers, etc.

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