

**World Bank Iraq Trust Fund  
Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Supplement (TF091663/P109296)  
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**Project Summary Sheet**

<b>Title</b>	Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation – Supplement				
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR)				
<b>Location</b>	Erbil, Baghdad, Dahuk, Dhi Qar, Karbala, Al-Muthanna, An Najaf, Salah Ad Din, As Sulaymaniyah, Babylon, Ninuya				
<b>Sector code (OECD DAC)</b>	<i>14030</i> Basic drinking water supply and basic sanitation <i>31140</i> Agricultural water resources				
<b>Compact Priority</b>	<i>4.6.5</i> Carry out investment plans (Agriculture & Water Management) <i>4.4.1.5.2</i> Undertake specific measures to ensure universal access to services				
<b>Project Cost</b>	US\$26 million				
<b>Duration</b>	26 months				
<b>Approval Date</b>	April 2008	<b>Effective Date</b>	July 2008	<b>Closing Date</b>	June 2010
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The project aims to address urgent rural water needs through a flexible program of labor-intensive civil works to improve rural water supply and sanitation, and irrigation and drainage; generate near-term local employment; and strengthen the institutional capacity of MOWR and its regional directorates.</p> <p>The Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Supplemental Grant finances additional labor-intensive civil works to improve rural water supply and sanitation, and irrigation and drainage in order to expand the impact of the original project. The grant finances the rehabilitation of rural-water infrastructure, creates additional local employment, and introduces changes to improve project implementation by: (i) further decentralizing bid evaluation; (ii) enhancing community participation by engaging the end-beneficiaries in project preparation; and (iii) building the capacity of MOWR and its regional directorates.</p>				
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	The project will benefit more than 32,080 rural inhabitants by improving irrigation, drainage, and water supply, targeting improvements to about 23,277 hectares of irrigated areas.				
<b>Near Term Employment Creation</b>	Job creation is a specific project objective — the project will create about 14,000 job opportunities (about 107,700 work days in total).				

**Strategic Context and Donor Coordination**

The project employs a flexible and programmatic approach that allows interventions to adapt to the changing realities on the ground and to the interventions of other donors. While the project focuses on job creation and local impact, it aims to help lay the groundwork for larger-scale irrigation and drainage sector rehabilitation and reform.

**Project Development Objective**

- Improve rural water supply
- Improve irrigation and drainage
- Generate rural employment opportunities
- Increase capacity at Ministry of Water Resources

## Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement

<b>Outputs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water supply and sanitation infrastructure constructed</li> <li>Irrigation and drainage canals constructed</li> <li>10,000 jobs created</li> <li>Improved capacity to manage rural water at MOWR</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 to 15 subprojects (in 11 governorates) addressing rural water needs</li> <li>Capacity building</li> </ul>
<b>Procurement</b>	<b>Civil works:</b> US\$20.25 million <b>Goods:</b> US\$ 4.00 million <b>Operational Costs and TA:</b> US\$ 1.10 million <b>Unallocated:</b> US\$ 0.65 million

## Financial Data

<b>Funds Committed</b>	US\$18.9 million	<b>% approved</b>	73
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	US\$8.4 million	<b>% approved</b>	32
<b>Forecast Closing Date</b>	June 2010	<b>Delay (months)</b>	0

## Progress against indicators

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment created (man-days)</li> </ul>	At least 76,000 man-days created or around 7,000 new job opportunities	<b>% of planned</b>	At least 60%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of water-user end-beneficiaries.</li> </ul>	Currently, 4,000 beneficiaries, but will increase soon once the ongoing civil works are completed		15

## Qualitative Assessment of Project Performance

Overall, the project is on track. The current total number of sub-projects has increased from 13 to 17 including five located in KRG. Of the 17 civil contracts, four are completed, nine are ongoing and progressing at 60%, and three/four new contracts are currently being prepared. One of the two major equipment contracts (11 hydraulic excavators) has been delivered, and the other major equipment contract (5 Batching Plants) is under review.

## Major Implementation Obstacles

The project benefits from being located in rural areas, which are less affected by security “hot spots”. While the PMT is experienced, committed, and stable, it has recently become quite overloaded with work, which could potentially result in a deterioration of procurement management. Support from MOWR’s high level management has been sought to further strengthen the PMT.