

**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\$25.5 million				
<b>Duration</b>	44 months				
<b>Approval Date</b>	April 2008	<b>Effective Date</b>	April 2008	<b>Closing Date</b>	December 2011
<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 about 40,000 (original target 32,080) rural inhabitants by improving irrigation, drainage, and water supply, targeting improvements to about 70,000 (originally 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>19 subprojects (in 11 governorates) addressing rural water needs</li> <li>Capacity building</li> </ul>
<b>Procurement</b>	<b>Civil works and Goods:</b> US\$24.1 million <b>Operational Costs:</b> US\$ 0.7 million <b>Unallocated:</b> US\$ 0.7 million

## Financial Data

<b>Funds Committed</b>	US\$23.9 million	<b>% approved</b>	94
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	US\$20.2 million	<b>% approved</b>	79
<b>Forecast Closing Date</b>	December 2011	<b>Delay (months)</b>	

## Progress against Indicators

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment created (man-days)</li> </ul>	Currently 152,720 beneficiaries	<b>% of planned</b>	100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incremental employment generated by the Project</li> </ul>	287,400 man days		100

## Qualitative Assessment of Project Performance

Overall, the Project is on track. Out of 19 civil works contracts, 13 are completed, and five are ongoing and the sixth one will be advertised during September, 2011. Most of the civil works are expected to be completed by the end of 2011 except the sixth contract

All the goods required under the Project have now been procured. The internal training component is on track. It began in April 2009 and so far nine training courses have been conducted (six technical and three finance/economics). 180 trainees have so far benefited.

## 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, stable and highly qualified, support from MOWR's high level management has been sought to further strengthen it. It is anticipated that the Project closing date will need to be extended to December 31, 2012 which will enable the completion of the ongoing contracts and the new subprojects as a result of savings.