

**World Bank Iraq Trust Fund
Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project (TF053546/P087881)
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Project Summary Sheet

Title	Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project				
Implementing Agency	Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR)				
Location	Erbil, Baghdad, Dahuk, Dhi Qar, Diyala, Karbala, Al-Muthanna, An Najaf, Al Qadisiyah, Salah Ad Din, As Sulaymaniyah, Wasit, Babylon, Ninawa				
Sector code (OECD DAC)	14030 Basic drinking water supply and basic sanitation 31140 Agricultural water resources				
Compact Priority	4.6.5 Carry out investment plans (Agriculture & Water Management) 4.4.1.5.2 Undertake specific measures to ensure universal access to services				
Project Cost	US\$20 million				
Duration	48 months				
Approval Date	December 2004	Effective Date	December 2004	Closing Date	December 2008
Project Description	The Project aimed 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.				
Beneficiaries	The Project intended to benefit around 153,500 rural inhabitants by improving irrigation, drainage, and water supply, and targeting improvement to about 89,000 hectares of irrigated areas.				
Near Term Employment Creation	Job creation is a specific project objective. The Project aimed to create more than 20,000 job opportunities (about 181,000 work days in total).				

Strategic Context and Donor Coordination

The Project employed a flexible 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

Planned Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply and sanitation infrastructure constructed • Irrigation and drainage canals constructed • 20,400 jobs created • Improved capacity to manage rural water at MOWR
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 subprojects (in 14 governorates) addressing rural water needs • Capacity building
Procurement	Civil works: US\$16.2 million Goods: US\$ 2.2 million

Consulting Services & Institutional Strengthening: US\$ 0.6 million**Financial Data**

Funds Committed	US\$19.0 million	% approved	95
Funds Disbursed	US\$19.0 million	% approved	95
Closing Date	December 2008	Delay (months)	

Progress against Indicators

Employment creation	172,000 man days of employment created	% of planned	100
Beneficiaries of rural water projects	146,000 beneficiaries		103
Improved irrigated areas	88,000 hectares		101

Qualitative Assessment of Project Performance

Twenty-two subprojects in 14 governorates have been completed.

The Project created an estimated 172,000 man-days of local employment, improved approximately 89,000 hectares of irrigated areas, and benefited about 150,000 end beneficiaries. In addition, an average of 6-7 bidders per contract indicates that the Project benefited from a competitive procurement environment.

To expand the scope and impact of this successful Project, an additional grant of US\$26 million was approved in June 2008 and is currently under implementation.

Major Implementation Obstacles

The Project is completed and closed.