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OVERVIEW

Despite massive economic, geographic and human potential, Iraq has suffered from decades of conflict and economic volatility. Over the past years alone, the war against Daesh has led to the death of thousands and a massive wave of internal displacement.

The World Bank program in Iraq aims to support the government's efforts to create inclusive economic growth and more and better opportunities for all. The program supports reconstruction and recovery and promotes private sector engagement for the creation of jobs and livelihood opportunities, particularly for the poor and vulnerable groups.

The World Bank is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. It provides countries with low-interest loans and grants to support a wide array of investments in various sectors. These investments are underpinned and complemented by cutting-edge analytical and advisory services, leveraging the organization's global knowledge and country-level expertise.

A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH

The World Bank Group mobilized, through various projects currently under implementation, to support the Government in the reconstruction of liberated areas in order to reinstate the trust of its citizens by stabilizing the economy and rebuilding homes and livelihoods. The WBG also works closely with partners from the international community to support the implementation of reforms that will strengthen the economy in the long term.



INFRASTRUCTURE RECONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVED LIVING CONDITIONS

Emergency Operation for Development-EODP (US\$750 million / July 2015 – December 2022) The project is supporting the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation of priority infrastructure to restore delivery of public services and facilitate the return of internally displaced people to their homes. The operation helped restore the access of two million people to drinking water, improve sanitation and electricity connectivity, and reconnect 2.5 million people through reconstructing transport infrastructure. It also created thousands of employment opportunities for the Iraqi people.

Transport Corridors Project (US\$355 million / December 2013 – December 2019) The project is improving road transport connectivity and safety on selected road sections along expressway one and the north-south transport corridor in the country. As such, 280 km of roads are under rehabilitation in the R7 & R8 segments of Expressway No.1 South of Iraq (Um Qasir to Nassira) and 21 km are under full construction in the North-South transport corridor.

Baghdad Water Supply and Sewerage Improvement Project (US\$210 million / January 2018 – May 2023) The project will improve access to better drinking water supply and wastewater services for approximately 5 million residents of Baghdad who suffer from water shortages and the outbreak of waterborne diseases due to inadequate infrastructure, rapid population growth, and the inflow of internally displaced people.

SCALING-UP SOCIAL PROTECTION INTERVENTIONS FOR STABILITY AND SOCIAL COHESION

The Emergency Social Stabilization and Resilience Project (US\$200 million / April 2018 – April 2021) The project will improve the livelihoods of over one million Iraqi in liberated areas through the provision of cash, short-term employment, and other means of social support, namely to the most vulnerable. It will increase short-term employment and livelihood opportunities, and thus provide 150,000 households with cash for work support, benefiting about 840,000 individuals.

Social Fund for Development (SFD) (US\$300 million / February 2018 – January 2023) The project will improve the living conditions of over 1.5 million poor Iraqi households by increasing access to basic services and creating employment opportunities at the community level. It will finance community level subprojects in education, health, water, small-scale economic infrastructure, and access to markets.

FISCAL STABILIZATION AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE REFORMS

Modernization of Public Financial Management Systems Project (US\$41.5 million / December 2016 – November 2021) The project is providing targeted capacity building and strengthened systems and procedures to improve financial information management and transparency, cash management, public investment management and public procurement modernization at selected federal and governorate agencies in Iraq.

Emergency Fiscal Stabilization, Energy Sustainability, and State-Owned Enterprise Transparency Development Policy Financing/ Second Expenditure Rationalization, Energy Efficiency and State-Owned Enterprise Governance Programmatic Development Policy Financing: These two operations of \$US1.2 and US\$1.485 billion supported Iraq in strengthening fiscal stabilization and improving efficiency in the energy sector to help counter the effects of the drop in oil prices and rising security costs. They also contributed to improving the efficiency and transparency of the management of public funds and expanding social safety nets to reach the most vulnerable segments of the population.



THE WORLD BANK IRAQ PORTFOLIO

The WBG's Iraq portfolio includes loans and grants supporting many critical sectors: infrastructure, social protection and jobs, governance and fiduciary support, energy, transport, water, and finance and markets. Several interventions in other critical areas like agriculture, education and the promotion of women entrepreneurship are also being explored.

The World Bank Iraq portfolio currently comprises of **10 projects worth a total of \$1.86 billion**. In addition, a number of *analytical and advisory studies* are under implementation in a multitude of sectors in close cooperation with Iraqi counterparts. These studies inform policy dialogue and help strengthen institutions, build capacity and inform development operations.

Project Name	Amount (US\$ million)
Transport Corridors Project	355.00
Modernization of Public Financial Management Systems Project	41.50
Emergency Operation for Development	750.00
SWIFT Iraq CSO	0.40
SWIFT KRSO Kurdistan-Iraq	0.20
IRAQ EITI Implementation Support	0.80
Promoting the Inclusion of Conflict-Affected Iraqi Youth	2.75
Baghdad Water Supply and Sewerage Improvement Project	210.00
Iraq Social Fund for Development	300.00
Iraq Emergency Social Stabilization and Resilience Project	200.00
Total	1,860.65



HELPING IRAQ BUILD BACK BETTER

The World Bank worked closely with the Government of Iraq to prepare for and organize the *Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq* in Feb 2018. The conference raised US\$30 billion in commitments for Iraq and highlighted the Bank's close coordination with the international community and ability to catalyze support to countries going through challenging times.

IRAQ - DAMAGE AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT (DNA)

In the leadup to the Kuwait Conference, the World Bank prepared in cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Planning a *Damage and Needs Assessment (DNA)* that estimated the reconstruction and recovery needs in seven of the most affected Iraqi governorates at US\$ 88.2 billion. The DNA assessed the impact of the Iraq conflict across 19 sectors and thematic areas. The assessment relied primarily on ground-based data provided by the relevant ministries and was complemented by data from social media and satellite imagery.

RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (RDF)

In preparation for the Kuwait Conference, the World Bank supported Iraq in the preparation of a *Reconstruction and Development Framework (RDF)*. The framework addressed the reconstruction and development challenges all over Iraq. The RDF also proposed concrete reform priorities sequenced over time, as well as a joint GoI- international community follow-up coordination mechanism.

VISION 2030

The World Bank supported the Iraqi government in developing the *Iraq Vision 2030* which defines the elements and the strategic reforms to establish a new social contract for peace. The Vision is complemented by an implementation strategy which define immediate, short-term policies to show tangible reforms and a medium and long-term reform agenda.

POVERTY REDUCTION PLAN

The World Bank is supporting the Central Statistics Offices to implement a *Rapid Welfare Monitoring Survey (SWIFT)* which allows the government to monitor living standards of the Iraqi population when large scale household surveys are not feasible. The survey also provides indirect estimates of the poverty rate using innovative methodology. In February 2018, Iraq launched its *Second Poverty Reduction Strategy (2018-22)* with the support of the World Bank.