

The Expanded Humanitarian Response Fund (ERF) aims to help fill critical humanitarian gaps within different sectors through readily available flexible funding for emergency response to:

1. Save lives and protect threatened livelihoods
2. Meet critical short-term humanitarian needs
3. Respond to sudden-onset complex humanitarian emergencies.

The maximum grant possible through the fund is US\$400,000. ERF resources address needs arising from both natural disasters as well as conflict-related or other man-made crises.

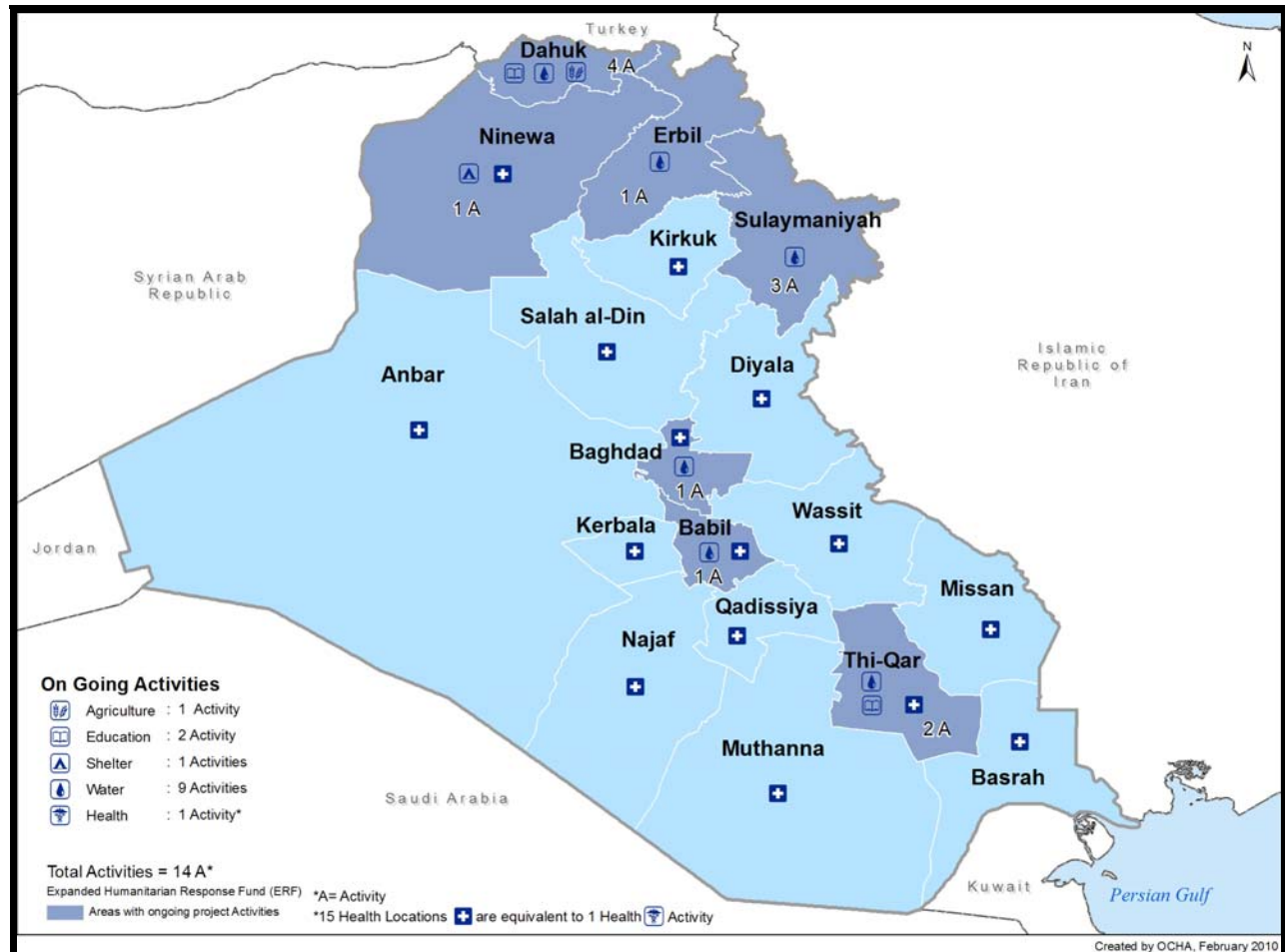
ERF Project Updates for February 2010

As of the end of February 2010, the Humanitarian Coordinator has approved 94 project proposals since the beginning of the programme in 2007. Of these, 83 have been completed. Currently the ERF team is reviewing 36 new projects for eligibility. If all these projects were approved in their current form, funding would total around US\$6,000,000.

During February 2010, 12 ERF projects (with a total of 14 activities) were underway. In addition to these 12 ongoing projects, the Humanitarian Coordinator

approved four new projects which will provide support to vulnerable Iraqi families in the water and sanitation, education, and agriculture sectors. Furthermore, the Technical Review Committee (TRC) recommended another project for approval by the Humanitarian Coordinator with a total value of US\$289,420.97 within the education sector for the rehabilitation of 12 schools in Baghdad.

The map below shows the location of the current 14 activities.

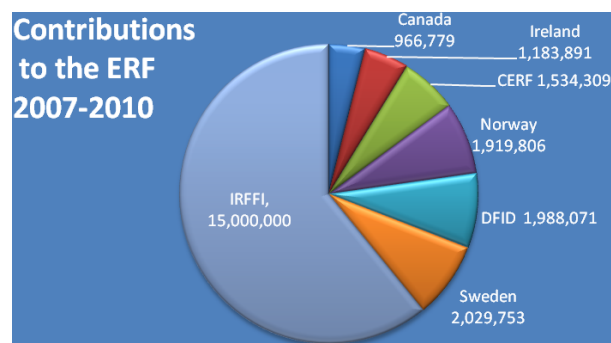
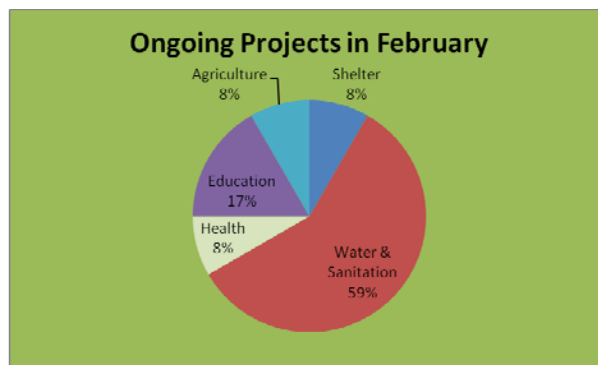


Current Projects and Funding Status

During February 2010, the ERF saw a change in the typical distribution of activities. For the first time, education projects were the second most commonly funded sector at 17 percent of all projects. The top funded sector in February was water and sanitation, as has been the case for the past five months, representing a total of 59 percent of all projects. The sectors of health, agriculture, and shelter each represented 8 percent of all ongoing ERF projects. There were no protection or food projects underway in February.

There were no new donations to the ERF in February, but a proposal has been submitted to the Iraqi Trust Fund for an additional US\$5 million in project funds. The ERF has received confirmation that this additional proposal has been approved and will be made available as soon as our current commitments equal 70 percent of the original US\$15 million given in 2009. The percentage of ITF funds committed to date equals 57 percent. Of all funds received by the Iraq ERF, the current funds committed equals 72 percent.

Contributions= US\$24,622,609
Balance remaining= US\$6,337,827



ERF Spotlight – Inter-Agency Information and Analysis Unit (IAU)

How can the IAU help ERF projects and partners?

Project planning needs a strong evidence base in order to ensure that assistance is provided in a targeted, coordinated and timely manner. As the UN's inter-agency central data repository and dissemination unit in support of the wider humanitarian and development community in Iraq, the IAU's products and services can assist project planning nationwide.

Key products and services

IAU website

The IAU website www.iauiraq.org contains a wealth of publicly available information, reports, maps and other resources. Through the IAU website, visitors can request information, maps, access to IAU secured applications and other services from the IAU team.

IAU Info database

The IAU Info database (db.iauiraq.org) can be accessed through the IAU website and contains the latest data available on over 200 indicators, disaggregated by gender and geography. This data

can be used as an evidence base for planning projects and programs.

Who does What Where database (3W)

The 3W (3w.ochairaq.org) is a regularly updated, secure database that shows users what the UN and NGOs are doing in Iraq, and where they are doing it. This helps to ensure coordination between organisations and prevent duplication. Access to the database may be granted to those organisations contributing information to the database. To enquire about contributing information to the database, please email info@iauiraq.org.

Mapping

The IAU has developed maps using data on geographical features, satellite imagery, infrastructure, and humanitarian and development indicators. Our standard maps are the Iraq Reference Map and the Areas of Vulnerability Map. The Reference Map shows waterways, main roads, land usage, oil resources and political boundaries at the district level, while the Areas of Vulnerability map gives district level comparisons according to key indicators.

These maps – and others tailored to the needs of the requesting organisations – have been distributed widely among the humanitarian and development community to plan and visualise implementation strategies. Over 700 maps were distributed during 2009.

Contact

If you would like to request a product or services or simply find out more about the IAU's work, please fill in the product request form at www.iauiraq.org/support.asp or email info@iauiraq.org

ERF Training:

In February 2010, the ERF Team had the opportunity to meet with and train 22 current and potential applicants to the fund. This training took place in Erbil from 22-24 February for representatives of Iraqi NGOs from Mosul, Dohuk, Sulaimaniya, Kirkuk and Salah Al-Din.. The purpose of the training was to better prepare our local partners to apply for, receive approval for, and implement ERF projects. Session topics included: an overview of the ERF Charter, an overview of the ERF project criteria and the types of projects eligible, humanitarian principles, Sphere minimum standards, how to write a quality proposal, monitoring and evaluation, and financial management.

This training was the first of three trainings targeting future applicants to the ERF. The second training is planned for 23-25 March for potential NGO partners from the central governorates;



Participants and facilitators from the first NGO workshop from 22-24 February in Erbil, Iraq

the third training is planned for 27-29 March for potential NGO partners from the southern governorates. For security and access reasons, all three workshops are being conducted in Erbil.

Activities eligible for funding by the ERF

In order to provide better clarity on the types of projects which are eligible for ERF funds, the following list of sample projects was prepared and agreed to by the Technical Review Committee, the Sector Outcome

Teams, and ERF staff. It should be noted that this is not intended to be an exhaustive list but rather should be considered illustrative of the types of emergency-related projects which may or may not be funded.

	Sample of Eligible Projects	Sample of Ineligible Projects
Health	Prepositioning of emergency medical supplies	Breast cancer awareness
	Mobile health clinic for communities with acute needs and no access to primary healthcare services	New construction of clinic/hospital
	Response to acute phase disease outbreak when the event exceeds capacity of the government to respond	Medical supplies for primary healthcare unit
		Primary healthcare projects
Education		Mobile health clinic to poor or remote communities
	Emergency preparedness training	Desks for schools
	Sphere training	Complete construction of new school
	Repair of damaged schools	
	Adding rooms to an existing school as a result of influx of returnee children	
	Repair of sanitation facilities at schools together	

	with hygiene awareness	
Shelter and NFI	Rehabilitation of damaged shelter	Complete reconstruction of totally destroyed home
	Distribution of non food items to those affected by a new emergency	Provision of electric fans or cold box
	Winterization assistance to internally displaced families, returnees, and host communities	Provision of canned food or pillows
	Prepositioning of non food items	
Food and Ag	Water storage provision for livestock or agriculture use	Food for orphans or widows, where this is the only criteria
	Vaccination of livestock during an outbreak to which the government cannot respond	Distribution of food to the poor, where this is the only criteria
	Distribution of food to IDPs or returnees in an acute situation	Food or other assistance to elderly, where this is the only criteria
		Provision of powdered milk
Water and Sanitation	Rehabilitation of damaged water systems	Creation of community sanitation system
	Digging of wells for communities without access to water	Provision of spare parts to government
	Rehabilitation of wells damaged water systems	Trucking of water to communities (except in acute emergency where there is no other option)
	Provision of household level water tanks	
	Cleaning of rivers	
Protection	Mine awareness	Projects targeting those at risk of "honor killing"
	Child friendly spaces	De-mining
	Psycho-social support to affected communities	Awareness raising about domestic violence
		Street children

FACTS ABOUT THE ERF:

- The ERF provides quick and flexible funding to national and international organizations for urgent humanitarian activities in Iraq to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population through emergency response to humanitarian needs.
- Typical beneficiaries of ERF-funded projects include, but are not limited to, IDPs, communities affected by violence, and other vulnerable groups.
- The ERF is not intended to respond to chronic social problems, reconstruction or other long-term development needs.
- The ERF is replenished with new contributions on a continuing basis. The fund grants a maximum of US\$400,000 and a minimum of \$25,000 per project.
- Contributions to the ERF are un-earmarked and pooled, i.e. they lose their donor identification.

All the ERF documents are downloadable in English and Arabic from
www.ochairaq.org/erf/

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