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Iraq - DFID Timeline and Financial Commitments: 2003 to 2009

February – March 2003

DFID commitments:

- £1.6 million bilateral contingency planning and deployment to theatre
- £7 million to UN agencies (mainly UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, WFP)
- £2 million to ICRC and Iraqi Red Crescent
- £3 million to NGOs

UN launches a flash appeal for Iraq seeking humanitarian assistance.

April 2003

DFID commitments:

- £51 million to UN agencies (mainly WFP, UNICEF, UNDP)
- £30 million to ICRC and Iraqi Red Crescent
- £0.2 million to NGOs

Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Affairs (ORHA) in charge of reconstruction and governance of Iraq.

May 2003

DFID commitments:

- £1.9 million for DFID secondments and consultants to CPA
- £5.5 million to UN agencies (mainly WHO)
- £0.2 million to NGOs

More than 200 UN international staff return to Baghdad

UNSCR 1483: recognition of occupation; creation of Development Fund for Iraq (DFI) and International Advisory and Monitoring Board (IAMB)

June 2003

DFID commitments:

- £1.7 million further for DFID secondments and consultants to CPA
- £1.3 million to NGOs (CARE and demining)
- £0.4 million to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Replacement of ORHA by Coalition Provisional Authority under Paul Bremer

July 2003

DFID commitments:

- £6.0 million to infrastructure rehab in S. Iraq (RIG)
- £6.8 million to UNICEF for water and sanitation projects
- £3.2 million to IMF (economic and financial management advice)
- £1.8 million for CRG armed protection for DFID
- £1.2 million to NGOs

Appointment by CPA of 25-member Iraqi Governing Council
First attacks on international organisation staff

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August 2003

DFID commitments:

- £2.2 million for support to S Iraq Governorates
- £0.7 million additional for RIG (S. Iraq infrastructure rehab)
- £0.9 million for additional DFID secondments and consultants to CPA
- £6.1 million to BBC WS Trust for broadcasting in S. Iraq
- £5.1 million to UNDP for electricity projects
- £0.5 million to Institute of War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)
- £0.2 million to NGOs

Unrest in Basra over fuel and power shortages

Bombing of UN building in Baghdad, killing Sergio Vieira de Mello and 20+ other staff

September 2003

DFID commitments:

- £20 million for S Iraq Emergency Infrastructure Programme
- £2.7 million further for DFID secondments and consultants to CPA
- £0.3 million to UN (demining)

Appointment of 25 Iraqi ministers

Redeployment of most UN international staff out of Iraq

October 2003

DFID commitments:

- £5.5 million for consultancy support to CPA South
- £0.8 million to NGO (AMAR)

Madrid Donor Conference: \$32bn total new commitments in grants and soft loans (\$18.4bn US Supplemental funding); 73 countries attended.

UK commitment: £544m from April 2003-March 2006 (including £38.5m as our share of then-planned EC assistance)

ICRC offices bombed

November 2003

DFID commitments:

- £1.2 million for additional consultancy support to CPA South
- £6.7 million for CRG armed protection

Closure of ICRC offices in Baghdad

Announcement that sovereign authority would transfer by end June 2004

December 2003

DFID commitments:

- £3 million for Emergency Public Administration Programme
- £1.2 million for additional DFID secondments and consultants to CPA
- £3 million to UNSECOORD for enhanced UN security

January 2004

DFID commitments:

- £2 million for ILAC justice support project
- £0.9 million for additional support to S Iraq Governorates

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- £3.1 million to UNDP for Umm Qasr Port projects
- £0.7 million to UNEP for environmental assessments

February 2004

DFID commitments:

- £5 million for Political Participation Fund
- £1.2 million to NGO for demining
- £0.5 million to UNIFEM

DFID publish Interim Country Assistance Plan (ICAP) for Iraq.

First visits to Baghdad by Lakhdar Brahimi and UN constitutional and election advisory team.

First IRFFI Donor Meeting, Abu Dhabi. Launch of UN and WB Trust Funds.

March 2004

DFID commitments:

- £70 million to IRFFI (£40m to WB; £30m to UN)
- £8.5 million to IFC Small Business Facility
- £0.9 million to UNDP for S Iraq Employment Programme
- £0.2 million for additional bilateral support to S Iraq Governorates

Announcement of Transitional Administrative Law, plus timetable for elections and negotiation of a new constitution.

April 2004

DFID commitments:

- £0.5 million for CRG armed protection

Sharp deterioration in security situation: first US Marines' assault on Falluja; attempt to arrest Muqtadr al Sadr sparked violence across Shia areas.

May 2004

DFID commitments:

- £5 million for Civil Society Support Fund
- £1.2 million for additional DFID secondments and consultants to CPA
- £1million further for RIG (S. Iraq infrastructure rehab)
- £0.5 million for additional support to S Iraq Governorates

Second meeting of IRFFI Donor Committee, in Doha

June 2004

DFID commitments:

- £1 million further for Public Admin Programme
- £0.6 million further for BBC WS Trust in S. Iraq
- £0.2 million for additional support to S Iraq Governorates

Formation of Iraqi Interim Government (IIG) replacing the IGC – appointment of Iyad Allawi as PM

UNSCR 1546 endorses IIG and timetable for political transition

Dissolution of CPA and handover of sovereign authority to IIG

July 2004

DFID commitments:

- £20.5 million for Capacity Building in S. Iraq Governorates

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- £16.5 million for S. Iraq Employment and Service Programme (SIESP)
- £3.5 million for Reconstruction Transition Programme in S. Iraq
- £3 million for Macroeconomic Reform
- £0.5 million for Media Development Project

Appointment of Ashraf Jehangir Qazi as UN Special representative for Iraq, based in Baghdad

August 2004

DFID commitments:

- £0.3 million for Ministry of Planning donor coordination and liaison
- £0.2 million further for ILAC (justice sector)

Convening of 1000-delegate National Conference in Baghdad, which appointed a 100-member National Council intended to oversee the IIG

September 2004

Agreement of \$436 million IMF Emergency Post-Conflict Assistance package

October 2004

DFID Commitments

- £0.1 million further for Media Development Project

Tokyo IRFFI 3rd Donor Committee meeting

November 2004

DFID commitments:

- £0.15 million support for Electoral Commission

Paris Club agreement to write off 80% of Iraq's debt to members

Sharm El Sheikh Ministerial Meeting to strengthen international support and regional cooperation for Iraq

January 2005

Democratic elections

- £0.2 million further for Public Admin Programme

February 2005

DFID commitments:

- £40 million for Infrastructure in southern Iraq
- £14 million for Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal

Negotiations on formation of new transitional Government

July 2005

DFID commitments:

- £13.26 million for Support to Centre of Government (SCOG)
- £13 million for Economic Reform Programme (ERP) Phase II (both include life support costs)

Tokyo 4th IRFFI Donor Committee Meeting

October 2005

Referendum on Iraqi Constitution

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November 2005

Review of DFID ICAP

December 2005

National elections

February 2006

Final certified election results announced. Bombing of Shia shrine in Samarra leads to a sharp rise in sectarian violence and the start of a major displacement crisis.

March 2006

Iraqi Parliament inaugurated

April 2006

Following experience in Afghanistan, UK-led Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) established in Basra.

May 2006

Prime Minister Maliki forms government

July 2006

DFID commitments:

- £4 million for Better Basra Plan

DFID, FCO and MoD agree a Better Basra Plan.

September 2006

DFID commitments:

- £1 million for Medium Term PCRU Support (for PRTs)

November 2006

UK announces an additional £100 million increasing our total pledge to £644 million.

January 2007

DFID commitments:

- £4 million for Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal

UNHCR issue an humanitarian Appeal for \$60 million to meet the needs of refugees and IDPs.

March 2007

DFID commitments:

- Additional £3 million for Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal
- £1.5 million for UNHCR Appeal
- £1 million to IOM
- £0.5 million for OCHA

Istanbul 5th IRFFI Donor Committee Meeting

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April 2007

UN holds a conference in Geneva on the international response to the displacement crisis.

May 2007

UK announces an additional £100 million increasing our total pledge to £744 million.

September 2007

UN appoints a new Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, David Shearer, with a view to improving UN coordination and performance in Iraq.

October 2007

UK and Iraqi Prime Ministers jointly announce UK support for new economic initiative in Basra.

Bari 6th IRFFI Donor Committee Meeting

November 2007

DFID humanitarian commitments:

- Additional £3 million for Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal
- Additional £1.5 million for UNHCR Appeal
- Additional £0.5 million for OCHA

March 2008

DFID humanitarian commitments:

- Additional £5 million for UN-led 2008 Consolidated Appeal (CAP) for humanitarian assistance inside Iraq.
- Additional £7 million for ICRC 2008 Appeal
- Additional £3 million for UNHCR 2008 Appeal

DFID project commitments:

- £17.4 million for Technical Support to Iraq (TSI) Programme

April 2008

DFID humanitarian commitments:

- £2 million for World Food Programme (WFP)

June 2008

Establishment of Baghdad-based Basra Support Office (BSO) – headed by DFID, to tackle Baghdad-based blockages to Basra's progress and to promote investment in Iraq at national and Basra Provincial level.

July 2008

Baghdad 7th IRFFI Donor Committee Meeting

November 2008

DFID humanitarian commitments:

- £6 million for UN-led 2009 Consolidated Appeal (CAP) for humanitarian assistance inside Iraq.
- Additional £6 million for ICRC 2008 Appeal

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- £2 million for UNHCR Appeal

December 2008

Successful visit by UK Prime Minister. Commitment to UKTI presence in Basra and Baghdad, and enlarged DFID role on economic growth.

February 2009

Political bloc headed by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki scores big wins in provincial elections.

Naples 8th IRFFI Donor Committee Meeting

April 2009

DFID project commitments:

- £1 million for Youth Employment Pilot Programme (YEPP)

Successful Iraq Investment Conference held in London (DFID funded).

May 2009

DFID project commitments:

- £1.38 million for CHF Small Business Finance Programme

June 2009

DFID leave Basra and programme run from Baghdad.

July 2009

Elections for the regional government of Kurdistan.

August 2009

DFID project commitments:

- £4 million contribution to World Bank Private Sector Development Programme

September 2009

DFID project commitments:

- £3 million contribution to the Development Partnerships in Higher Education Programme (DePHE)

Iraq Programme Team

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