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IRAQ: SCOTLAND SPEECH – additional points

The missing answers:

(a) Iraqi children. "In the centre and south of Iraq, under-five mortality rates are 131 per 1,000 live births - worse than the Democratic Republic of Congo or Mozambique." If you want further examples, you could add that 70% of these deaths are from diarrhoea and respiratory infections which are easily preventable. You could also say that almost a third of children born in the centre and south of Iraq have chronic malnutrition.

(g) More country comparisons. The ones I have already given you are the best.