



Regional Reconstruction Team in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region

FACT SHEET

Regional Reconstruction Team Quick Facts

- The RRT is the 10th team to commence work since the Provincial Reconstruction Team program started in November 2005.
- The RRT covers the three Kurdistan Region provinces: Dohuk, Erbil, and Sulaimaniyah.
- The RRT is the only team that is regional. All other teams cover only one province.
- The RRT is a Coalition team that is led by the Republic of Korea.
- Ambassador Park Kyu-Ock from the Republic of Korea is the Team Leader of the RRT. James Yellin from the United States is the Deputy Team Leader.

Economic Development Activities in the KRG area

From as early as June 2003, the United States has been working in the Kurdistan Region to provide humanitarian assistance, and support for health care, economic growth and agriculture development, community based infrastructure development, education and civil society strengthening.

As the focus of reconstruction activities shifts towards local governance capacity building, a number of programs are being developed that will provide technical assistance to Kurdistan Regional governing authorities. For example:

- The RRT is currently providing assistance to the Kurdish National Assembly and the Kurdistan Regional Investment Board to assist in developing the regulations and procedures needed to implement the KRG's new Investment Law.
- USAID's National Capacity Development (NCD) Program will help create an institute for public administration at Salahaddin University to train managers in KRG ministries that provide essential services

- The US Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) facilitates the participation of US private capital and development investment in countries in transition to market economies. In the KRG, OPIC is assisting in facilitating private investment for a bonded warehouse at the Erbil International Airport and a bottling plant near Mosul.
- The RRT will provide technical assistance for tariff and billing reforms will be provided to the KRG Ministry of Electricity to help attract private investment to regional energy projects.
- The US Foreign Commercial Service will launch “Iraq’s Kurdish Gateway”, a series of business showcases that will bring Kurdish, Iraqi, and foreign business leaders together to forge partnerships that will foster an integrated national economic system.
- A new Provincial Economic Growth (PEG) Project will be launched this summer to promote small business development by providing training to the banking sector to increase bank lending to small and medium-sized businesses, providing bank loan guarantees through the Iraq Corporation for Bank Guarantees, promoting the formation of business associations, and encouraging association-based advocacy for legal and regulatory reforms.

Reconstruction Funding for the Kurdistan Region

Approximately \$595M in reconstruction dollars has been invested in the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) area (Dohuk, Erbil, and Sulaymaniyah Provinces). These funds are implemented under the supervision of the Department of State’s Iraq Reconstruction Management Office (IRMO) and the US and Coalition Forces in the field which include the Gulf Region Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The overall funding includes approximately \$551M from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) and approximately \$44M from the Commanders Emergency Response Program (CERP).

KRG AREA SECTOR BREAKOUT	BUDGET BY CATEGORY
Electric Sector	\$180M
Health Care	\$23.6M
Justice, Public Safety, Infrastructure, and Civil Society	\$9M
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	\$9.2M
Security And Law Enforcement	\$125M
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$204.2M
CERP	\$43M
TOTAL	\$595M

NOTE: All figures are approximate due to rounding

In the KRG area, approximately \$595M has been allocated on approximately 546 projects, approximately 425 projects are completed and valued at approximately \$443M, 119 projects are in progress which are valued approximately \$141M, and approximately \$11M in projects is still in the planning stage.

In addition to this funding breakdown, approximately \$14M from the U.S. State Department's Economic Support Fund (ESF) has recently been allocated to the Regional Reconstruction Team (RRT) for the KRG area for public welfare infrastructure projects.

In addition to this funding breakdown, the Iraqi central government is also allocating about \$2.9 Billion, some 8.4 percent of the National Budget, for the Kurdistan Region in 2006. Seventeen percent of the national budget--\$6.8 billion dollars assuming a budget of \$40 billion--is supposed to be allocated for the Kurdistan Region in 2007.

Notable Projects Include:

- Main Water Supply Project, Ifraz-Erbil City, Erbil Province: This project was paid for using Iraq Reconstruction funds and was carried out by the GRD PCO. The project's objective is to provide a consistent and clean source of water to a 1,000,000+ service area in Erbil City from Ifraz on the Great Zab River approximately 40km west of Erbil City. The pre-existing water supply network for Erbil City consisted of approximately 300+ shallow wells located around Erbil City. The project involves the construction of a water treatment plant capable of producing 6,000 cubic meters per hour of treated water, approx. 40 km of transmission piping, and the construction of booster pump stations. The project was transferred to the custody the Ministry of Municipalities in 2006. The project was budgeted at approximately \$191 million dollars.
- Border Enforcement Academy, Sulaymaniyah, Sulaymaniyah Province: This project was paid for using Iraq reconstruction funds and was carried out by the Gulf Region North (GRN). The project's objective was to expand the existing substandard facility to provide modern classroom, administrative facilities, barracks, a dining facility and maintenance facilities along with complete water, sewer and electrical systems for Iraqi border patrol staff. It is the only facility of its type in the province with potable running water and a state of the art dining facility. The Dept of Border Enforcement (DBE) Academy, a training facility developed to help train Iraqi soldiers to protect its own borders will generate new jobs. This facility will employ 12 officers, 28 teachers, 800 trainees and 50 civilians working as cooks and maintenance personnel. The project was completed in 2005 and was budgeted at approximately \$17.7 million dollars.

- Electrical Substation Feeder, Atrush, Dohuk Province: This project was paid for using Iraq reconstruction funds and was carried out by the GRD PCO. The project's objective was to upgrade the electrical capacity of the substation feeder infrastructure in the Atrush area. The project was completed in 2006 and was budgeted at approximately \$10.7 million dollars.
- Maternity & Pediatric Hospital Modernization, Erbil City, Erbil Province: This project was being paid for using Iraq Reconstruction funds and is being carried out by the GRD PCO. The project's objective was to upgrade the facilities at the primary maternity and pediatric hospital with a service area of 1,000,000+ in Erbil City. The project was completed 2006 and was budgeted at approximately \$6.2 million dollars.
- Electrical Substation, Dawagin, Sulaymaniyah Province. This project was paid for using Iraq reconstruction funds and was carried out by the GRD PCO. The project's objective was to upgrade the electrical capacity and improve the efficiency of the existing local transmission system in the Dawagin area by constructing a new 33/11KV electric substation with the capacity of (63MVA). This new facility replaces the older, substandard Dawajeen substation. The project was completed in 2006 and was budgeted at approximately \$4.8 million dollars.
- Military Base/Military Academy Renovation, Zakho, Dohuk Province: This project was paid for using Iraq reconstruction funds and was carried out by the Gulf Region North (GRN). The project's objective was to construct training, housing and peripheral facilities for a military base/academy near Zakho City. The project was completed in 2006 and was budgeted at approximately \$5.8 million dollars.