

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

Project Summary Sheet

Project #: A5 - 04

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Participating UN Organisation: FAO	Sector: Agriculture and Food Security
Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible: Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR)	

Programme/Project Number: A5-04 (OSRO/IRQ/404/UDG)


Title	Assessment, Emergency, Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Community Irrigation Schemes and Restoration of Water Supply in Rural Areas				
Location	Iraq				
Project Cost	US\$ 16,958,942				
Duration	3 Years				
Approval Date (SC)	23/07/2004	Starting Date	01/07/2004	Completion Date	30/06/2008
Project Description	Repair / restoration / replacement of irrigation infrastructures and equipment, on the basis of a priority list established after a needs assessment carried out in close collaboration with the local communities and administrative and technical authorities. Promotion of technological innovations among irrigation farmers to increase efficiency of water use and enhance agricultural production.				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

Improve rural livelihoods through the restoration of adequate levels of water supply in the project area in order to assure an appropriate level of irrigated agricultural and livestock production and to safeguard water-needs for human consumption. Immediate objectives include the repair/restoration/replacement of a number of irrigation infrastructures and equipment in order to provide water in deprived communities and the promotion of technological innovations among irrigation farmers with a view to achieving greater efficiency in the use of water and soil resources and increasing agricultural production.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joint assessments carried out with central and local institutions of the damage to the irrigation infrastructure and equipment, and their effect on food availability and water supply to the different population groups in the affected areas;- Essential infrastructure-items repaired and made operational. It is estimated that 70 Km of secondary tertiary canals can be rehabilitated while some 20,000 ha of gravity irrigation schemes can be put back into production;- Conditions created for these irrigation infrastructures to be properly managed and maintained by the users-beneficiaries and /or the concerned local institutions of the Ministries of Agriculture and Water Resources;
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Activities

- Emergency maintenance and rehabilitation of the infrastructure
- Institutional development and training in operation and maintenance
- Training of private technicians, extension experts and farmers in improved irrigation techniques and practices



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