

Reconstruction and Stabilization Activities



A soccer match in Iraq.



Rebuilding the infrastructure in Serbia.



Vocational training in Afghanistan.



A school girl in Sudan.

During our 10 years of relief and development experience, International Relief & Development (IRD) has become a specialist in working in conflict and post-conflict environments. Starting in 1999, when IRD was one of the only international NGOs to run programs in Serbia during the Milosevic regime, when most NGOs thought the obstacles were too great, we have taken on the challenge of working in some of the hottest conflict zones on the planet. For example, we currently work in 15 major cities and all governor-

ates across Iraq. We work in nearly every province in Afghanistan, monitoring thousands of structures that USAID funds. Our programs are aimed at improving the quality of life for vulnerable groups, including displaced persons, refugees, and others. We provide targeted critical services such as essential commodities, food aid, water and sanitation, and medicines, intended to meet immediate needs of affected populations. Involving communities in their own reconstruction is also central to our approach, one with proven success.

Afghanistan

Human Resources and Logistics Support (HRLS)

- **Supports USAID by facilitating and monitoring the reconstruction of Afghanistan's infrastructure.**
- **Inspects construction and provides quality assurance.**
- **Provides vocational training to Government of Afghanistan (GoA) ministries, GoA operating entities, and the private sector.**

Donor USAID
 Date May 2004 – present
 Amount \$81 million

Under HRLS, IRD provides support to USAID's Office of Infrastructure, Energy, and Engineering in Afghanistan. This program will oversee the construction and rehabilitation of seven major roads, 480 schools, 341 clinics, 24 power projects, and 25 irrigation and water projects, and the development of an environmental assessment initiative.

Strategic Provincial Roads (SPR) Project

- **Creates access to rural Afghan communities through road construction.**
- **Involves communities in infrastructure priority decisions.**
- **Builds local engineering capacity.**

Donor USAID
 Date December 2007 – present
 Amount \$400 million

The goal of SPR is to increase stability and security in Eastern and Southern Afghanistan. The project will rehabilitate 2,000 kilometers of gravel roads, with an integrated, substantial program for community involvement and training. IRD will work with local engineering firms and organizations whenever possible.

Afghan Vouchers for Increased Productive Agriculture (AVIPA)

- **Targets the most vulnerable farmers, including widows and sharecroppers.**
- **Develops a sustainable network of local agricultural suppliers.**

- **Will enable 147,000 Afghan families to increase their access to food and income.**

Donor USAID
 Date September 2008 – September 2009
 Amount \$60 million

During the one-year program, IRD provides farmers affected by drought with vouchers to access agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilizer. As an alternative to direct food distribution, the voucher system underlines the importance of farmer-to-supplier/supplier-to-farmer relationships. The system not only supports agriculture input access for crop production, but more intimately engages the supply market and farmer demand.

Construction Trades Training Center

- **Targeted former or potential insurgents.**
- **Trained 100 construction workers, 50 foremen, and 10 field engineers per month.**
- **Contributed to Afghanistan's reconstruction.**

Donor USAID
 Date February 2006 – February 2008
 Amount \$2.8 million

The program provided construction trades training to Afghan workers to enhance employment opportunities. More than 3,400 students graduated, with more than 85 percent going on to find employment in construction trades. At the end of the program, IRD helped the CTTC establish itself as an independent and self-funding NGO.

Chad

Emergency Food for Work and Agricultural Assistance Initiative for Affected Villages in Eastern Chad

- **Provided emergency food security and agricultural improvement opportunities.**
- **Worked with underserved members of communities.**
- **Developed an innovative response to a complex emergency.**



Donor USAID/OFDA
 Dates May 2005 – April 2006, extended into August 2006
 Amount \$1.2 million

This project offered agricultural opportunities to rural villages in eastern Chad affected by the influx of Darfur refugees. IRD achieved this goal through community-based food-for-work and agriculturally-based income generation activities in Iriba District, northeastern Chad. Coping with the constantly evolving realities of the region devastated by the complex emergency, IRD reached out to the most vulnerable host communities to help rebuild their livelihoods.

Emergency Program for IDPs in Southeastern Chad

- **Delivered seeds and tools to displaced Chadian families.**
- **Developed an innovative response to a complex emergency.**

Donors WFP and the U.S. Embassy
 Date June – December 2006
 Amount \$150,000 cash; 1,000 metric tons food

To address the immediate needs of the large number of IDPs outside of Goz Beida in southeastern Chad, IRD worked with seeds and tools provided by the U.S. Embassy in Chad along with food and cash resources provided by the World Food Program (WFP) to provide for needed crops and agricultural improvement-based food-for-work projects. IRD expanded its programming through funds provided by USAID's OFDA to continue these needed activities into 2007.

Indonesia

SERASI

- **Helps local civil society organizations, public institutions, and other partners target the causes and consequences of violent conflict.**
- **Relies upon broad range of existing partnerships with local organizations across Indonesia.**

- **Handles programmatic, administrative, and logistical support for strategic grants and technical assistance program.**

Donor USAID
 Dates March 2008 – present
 Amount \$44 million

IRD supports USAID's SERASI program to mitigate social conflict and encourage peacebuilding initiatives across Indonesia. IRD will use participatory decentralized development planning to determine the most strategic use of grants for local, provincial, and national projects that promote respect for human rights and improved inter-group relations; institutionalize a legitimate peace process in Aceh and three other areas; increase capacity to manage conflict; and support a democratic and transparent security sector.

Iraq

Iraq Community Assistance Program (CAP)

- **Encourages community residents to join community action groups, giving them a voice to communicate with local government.**
- **Provides grants and training for micro, small, and medium businesses.**
- **Assists accidental civilian victims of Coalition Forces.**

Donor USAID
 Date July 2003 – October 2009
 Amount \$107 million

CAP fosters democratic principles at the grassroots level, encompassing civil society, economic development, and community infrastructure strategies in order to create a more capable and sustainable Iraqi civil society. Currently, IRD has 232 active Community Action Groups working in Baghdad. To date, IRD has completed more than 2,600 projects benefiting more than 7 million people. CAP has also provided assistance to more than 3,000 accidental civilian victims of Coalition Forces with prosthetics, small business grants, and school and clinic repairs.



Community Stabilization Program (CSP)

- **Increases sustainable employment through training, job placement assistance, and business development.**
- **Assists Iraqi communities with conflict mitigation.**
- **Reaches out to Iraqi youth considered at risk for recruitment into insurgency.**

Donor USAID
Date May 2006 – October 2009
Amount \$644 million

CSP works directly with community groups, local government officials, and provincial reconstruction teams to foster more productive and peaceful communities. IRD has placed more than 23,000 Iraqis in long-term jobs, graduated over 16,500 trainees from CSP-sponsored vocational training courses, and placed nearly 5,200 in apprenticeship programs to further their skills. To date, CSP has engaged nearly 69,000 Iraqi youth in over 100 different CSP-sponsored sports and arts programs.

Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq (HAI)

- **Improves access to potable water and sanitation services.**
- **Increases access to primary health care services.**
- **Provides emergency relief commodities.**

Donor USAID
Date December 2004 – March 2009
Amount \$34.6 million

HAI provides humanitarian assistance and relief services to internally displaced persons and returnees affected by the war in 10 governorates around the country. To date, HAI has implemented 370 projects and activities benefiting more than 2 million people, including the construction of wells, rehabilitation of health care centers, assistance in making necessary arrangements for voluntary returnees, and training of regional administration and other partner NGOs on issues relating to international protection standards, reintegration, and human rights.

Iraq Cultural Heritage Project (IChP)

- **Rehabilitates museum facilities in Baghdad.**
- **Trains museum staff in conservation and historic preservation.**

Donor US State Department
Date October 2008 – December 2010
Amount \$13 million

IRD is reconstructing the Iraq National Museum in Baghdad, including developing new collections storage facilities and improving museum gallery and conservation laboratory space. The program is also establishing a Conservation and Historic Preservation Institute in Erbil and a two-year professional development program to build a cadre of professionals who may be employed as conservators, collection managers, registrars, and other experts necessary for an effectively functioning museum.

Montenegro

Community Revitalization through Democratic Action (CRDA)

- **Worked with local communities to determine reconstruction priorities.**
- **Provided technical assistance, training, monitoring, and oversight to ensure the sustainability of projects.**
- **Encouraged development of local NGOs.**

Donor USAID
Dates April 2002 – April 2007
Amount \$23 million

CRDA program priorities were identified by the local community and completed with support from both communities and local governments. Projects included building and renovation of low-voltage electrical networks, irrigation systems, farm-to-market roads, livestock and green markets, water and wastewater facilities, and tourism facilities. Over the course of the program, IRD implemented more than 550 projects, generating \$10 million in income.



Serbia

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Donor USAID
 Date July 2001 – July 2007
 Amount \$40 million

Projects under CRDA were identified and completed with support from both local communities and governments. IRD implemented over 1,000 activities, including community mobilization and development, solid waste management and environmental public awareness, community infrastructure, economic revitalization, and family planning, reproductive health, and women’s initiatives. Over 5.5 million people benefitted, with additional income for participants of \$34 million and an increase in agricultural sales of \$8.7 million.

Southern Sudan

Return and Reintegration of IDP and Refugee Returnees in Rural Communities

- Provides infrastructure for IDPs and refugees returning to Southern Sudan.
- Builds capacity of communities to absorb, accommodate, and cope with the influx of new residents.
- Enhances community conflict resolution and peace-building skills.

Donor UNHCR
 Date February 2006 – present
 Amount \$197,000

IRD established a field office in Southern Sudan in February 2006. This multi-donor, multi-sector program will rebuild health clinics and schools, train health personnel, provide livelihood materials such as agricultural and fishing tools and seeds, and enhance community conflict resolution and peace-

building capacity, as well as increase the skills of local NGOs.

Livelihood Recovery and Stabilization for Southern Sudanese Returnees and Receiving Communities in Upper Nile State

- Promotes agricultural diversification through community gardens and agronomic training.
- Helps receiving communities to absorb, accommodate, and cope with the influx of returnees.
- Develops community water points for crops and livestock.

Donor BPRM
 Date January 2008 – present
 Amount \$499,968

Building off a UNHCR-funded project in 2006 and FAO- and WFP-funded activities in 2007, IRD supports the recovery and reintegration of some 21,500 returning IDPs and the communities receiving them in Upper Nile State of Southern Sudan. The project expands livelihood opportunities and self-sufficiency by providing agricultural trainings and introducing community gardens and orchards and agricultural and fishing tools and seeds. It also offers community conflict management trainings.

Rapid Impact Emergency Projects

- Relies on non-monetary contributions local NGOs.
- Generates income through community improvement projects.

Donor UNDP
 Date March 2008 – present
 Amount \$2 million

These twin projects focus on generation of income, capacity building for local NGOs, and improvements in basic urban infrastructure in two state capitals in Southern Sudan: Malakal, Upper Nile State; and Kuajok, Warrap State.



Radio Distribution and Civic Education project

- **Increases the availability of, and access to, independent information for the citizens of Southern Sudan.**
- **Provides a forum for understanding the peace process and the Constitution, and for requiring government accountability.**

Donor NDI/USAID
Date April 2008 – present
Amount \$231,000

IRD, in partnership with the National Democratic Institute, will monitor and track the 15,000 radios it will distribute in the 12 counties of Upper Nile State. Parallel to the distribution of radios, IRD will establish 20 listening groups that will convene twice-monthly in group gatherings to listen to the “Let’s Talk” radio program. IRD will also evaluate the general outcomes of Let’s Talk and assess the impact on civic education.

West Bank and Gaza

Infrastructure Needs Program IQC

- **Uses local NGOs and other partners to build infrastructure capacity.**
- **Improves quality of life for residents.**

Donor USAID
Date August 2008 – August 2012
Ceiling \$300 million

Under this indefinite quantity contract, a USAID funding mechanism that allows for quick awarding of task orders, IRD will be rebuilding various infrastructure projects in the West Bank and Gaza. Task orders awarded so far include schools, roads, and water supply systems valued at over \$30 million.

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