

**ERF:** the Expanded Humanitarian Response Fund (ERF) aims to help fill critical humanitarian gaps within different sectors through readily available flexible funding for emergency response to: **1. Save lives and protect threatened livelihoods; 2. Meet critical short-term humanitarian needs and 3. Respond to sudden-onset complex humanitarian emergencies.**

The maximum grant is US\$400,000. ERF resources address needs arising from both natural disasters as well as conflict-related crises

### Operational Updates:

#### The Expanded Humanitarian Response Fund (ERF):

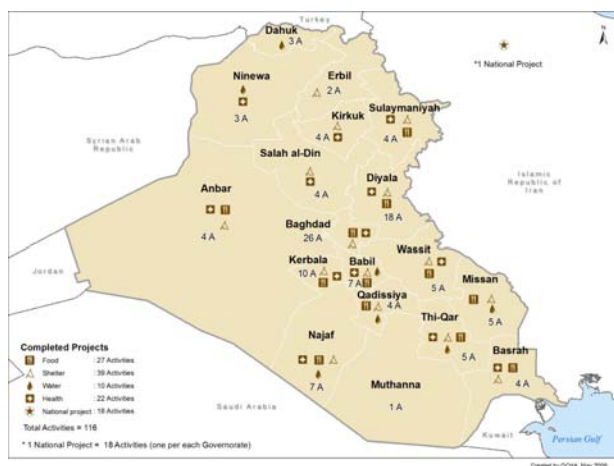
##### Projects and Financial Status:

Seventeen ERF projects are under implementation as of the end of May 2009 for a total amount of 2,454,638 USD (please see map below) including two approved projects for the total amount of \$462,023. Overall, the ERF's Technical Review Committee (TRC) has approved 66 project proposals since 2007.

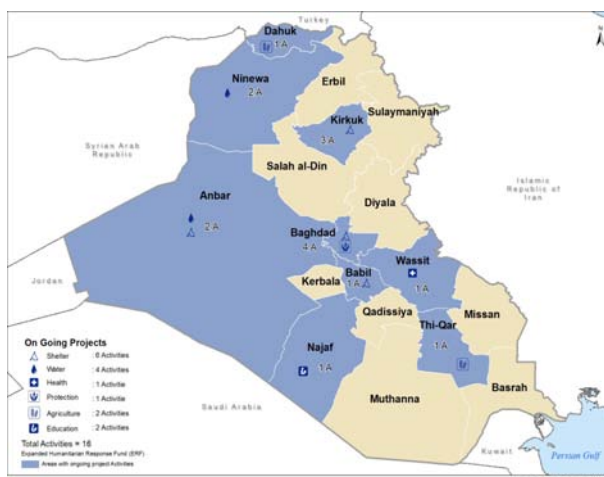
The average size of approved projects in 2009 is 151.300 USD.

Fifteen projects, including two received during the reporting period, totaling an estimated \$2,080,863 are currently under review. One project received in April, was rejected by the Food and Shelter Sector Outcome Teams, due to overlapping with UN agencies activities.

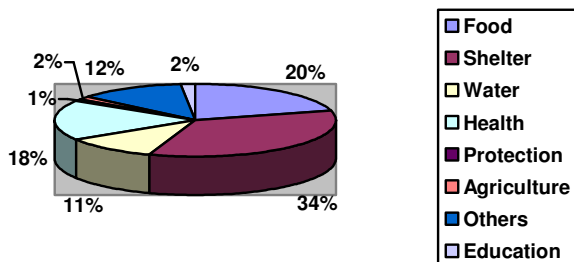
#### COMPLETED ERF PROJECTS (activities)



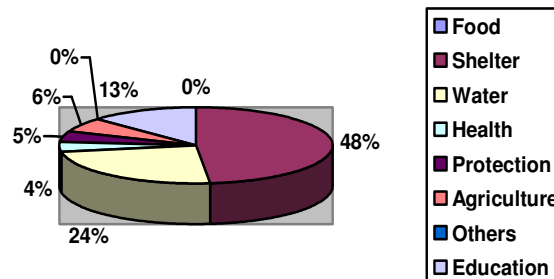
#### ONGOING ERF PROJECTS (activities)



#### % OF ACTIVITIES BY SECTOR 2007-PRESENT

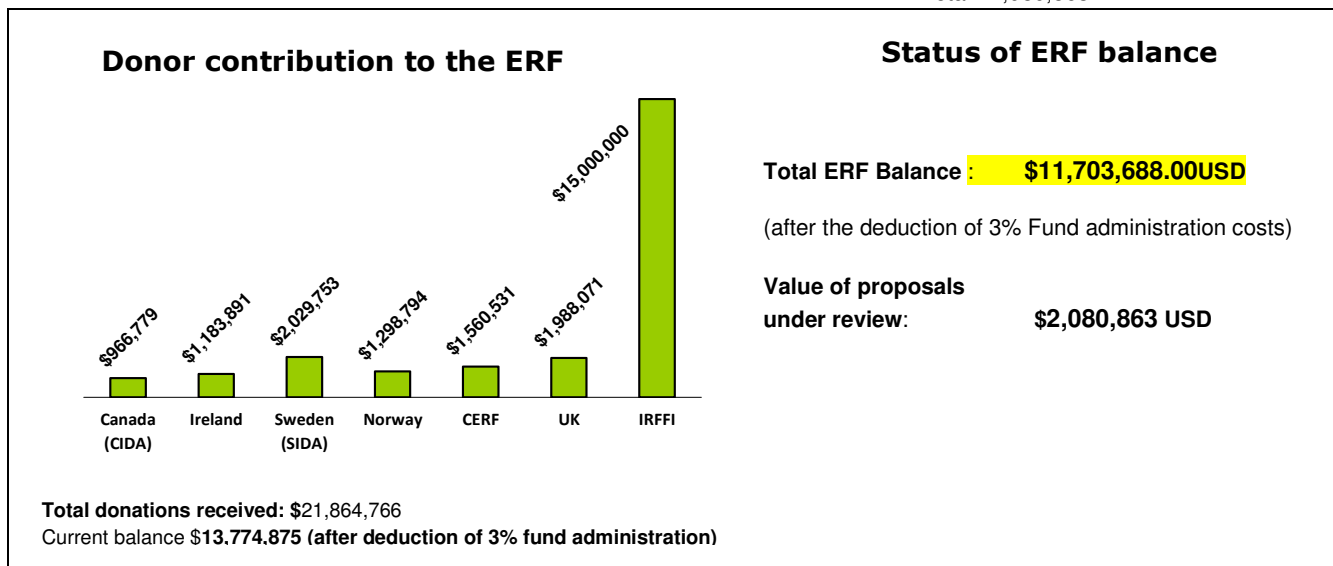


#### % OF FUNDS BY SECTOR IN 2009



Approved Projects				
Sector	Location / Governorate	No and type of Beneficiaries	Funds sought (US\$)	Duration
Shelter	Thi Qar	1000 IDP and HC families	287,700	2 months
Education	Baghdad	3485 School Children	174,323	6 months
			462,023	Total
Projects Under Review				
Sector	Location / Governorate	No and type of Beneficiaries	Funds sought (US\$)	Status-Under review/Approved
Health	Diyala	505 individual of IDP and Host Community	124,650	Under final Review
Water	Muthana	520 families	53,885	Under final Review
Education	Thi Qar	950 Student of IDP and Host Community	88,805	Under final Review
Shelter	Qadissiya	200 families	25,000	Under final Review
Shelter	Erbil	400 Families	316,000	Under review
Health	Thi Qar	110 handicap	43,550	Under review
Water	Baghdad	1300 families	142,776	Under review
Water	Dohuk	1700 families	174,365	Under final review
Food Security and Shelter	Diyala	370 families	32,307	Under review
Health	Dohuk	4000 families	184,906	Under review
Water	Basra	6000 families	300,476	Under final review
Water	Diyala	1080 families	83,530	Under review
Shelter and Water	Basra / Thi Qar	16004 families	399,983	Under final review
Water	Babylon	118 IDP families	31,630	Under review
Water	Wassit	4725 families	79,000	Under initial stage

Total : 2,080,863



## FACTS ABOUT THE ERF:

- The ERF provides quick and flexible funding to national and international organizations for urgent humanitarian activities in Iraq to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population through emergency response to humanitarian needs. Typical beneficiaries of ERF-funded projects include, but are not limited to, IDPs, communities affected by violence, widows and persons with disabilities. The ERF is not

intended to respond to chronic social problems, reconstruction or other long-term development needs.

- The ERF is replenished with new contributions on a continuing basis. The Fund grants a maximum of \$400,000 and a minimum of \$25,000 per project.
- Contributions to the ERF are un-earmarked and pooled, i.e. they lose their donor identification.

## The new Technical Review Committee (TRC)

The new Technical Review Committee of the ERF is now fully on board. Welcome to the new members (UNDP, Premiere Urgence, International Medical Corps, SIDA and OFDA) and thank to IOM for its renewed commitment. This TRC term will last until mid-November 2009.

The Technical Review Committee (TRC), Chaired by OCHA/HC, is composed by six members: two representatives from UN/International Organizations, two from NGOs and two donors. The task of the TRC is to analyze the feasibility and relevance of proposed projects and offer technical recommendations in accordance with the Charter. The TRC can monitor projects at any time and should problems be identified with the implementation, the TRC will decide on action. The outcome of the internal consultation process is presented by OCHA to the Humanitarian Coordinator for the final approval/rejection of a given proposal.



the participants for the level of engagement and interest they showed throughout the two days. A third ERF training is scheduled in the Southern Iraq in mid-June, covering the remaining four Governorates (Missan, Muthanna, ThiQar and Basra).

## ERF Training in Erbil

The ERF Team carried out the second round of trainings on 13 and 14 May in Erbil. 36 representatives from Iraqi NGOs from Ninewa, Dahuk, Suleymanyah, Erbil and Kirkuk participated. The training was extended of half day in order to give more time to the attendees to carry out working groups activities on the main ERF documents and to challenge themselves with scenarios, tailored on the Iraqi context. Training sessions included: ERF Charter overview, understanding of the ERF objectives and of the humanitarian principles; drafting a rapid needs assessment with case studies and plenary discussion; drafting an ERF project proposal; results based management tools and reporting techniques. The training was another occasion to meet current and prospective ERF partners and to get essential insights of the humanitarian situation from within the civil society. The ERF Team would like to thank again all

## OCHA Iraq Field Coordinators

The OCHA Iraq Field Coordinators (IFCs), an initiative funded by OFDA, are currently under final recruitment. All 17 IFCs will be on board in their respective Governorates of assignment by mid-June 2009. The IFCs will be a crucial resource for the ERF, being tasked to support the Sector Outcome Teams and the Technical Review Committee in the approval phase of a proposal, as well as to carry out monitoring activities on behalf of OCHA during the implementation of an intervention. The IFCs for Dohuk and Sulaimaniya participated to the ERF training on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May in Erbil. They will also produce significant analysis of the humanitarian indicators in each Governorate and highlight gaps to be addressed. A warm welcome to all the IFCs by the ERF Team and best wishes for their endeavors.

### Story from an ERF project: Mine and UXO Awareness in Baghdad.

Darstan, an Iraqi NGO active, among others, in the protection field, is currently implementing a project in Baghdad (saving lives and limbs of 15000 children and teenagers and 3000 women).

Several waves of violence in the last five years significantly exposed Baghdad to a large number of Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs), ammunitions (such as fuses and detonators) and small arms, which are still scattered in many districts, in particular in Thawra area (Madinat Al-Sadir).



The following is a story written by one child from Baghdad:

*"This story happened to my cousin, a 12 years old boy. He used to go out collecting bullets and small ammunitions from an old military garrison near his house. Once, he and his friend started beating two mortars shells against each other. They did not realize how dangerous this behavior was...not until they heard the sound of the explosion... One of the mortars, because of the friction, exploded and my cousin got severely injured: he lost his right hand fingers, and the fragments injured his right shoulder and disfigured him. May God keep us away from such dangers".*

The existence of these UXOs and Explosive Remnants of war, and other ammunitions has already claimed the lives and limbs of many children and teenagers, who either unknowingly plays with them, or collect scrape materials to sell them for economic reasons.

The project objectives are: 1. Raising the awareness of 15.000 children and teenagers (school children as well as street children) and 3000 women from different parts of Baghdad about threats of Explosive Remnant of War/Booby traps/roadside bombs, with the view to save lives and protect children and their families from injuries; 2. Conduct public



education campaigns about the threats of ERW/booby traps in Baghdad through distribution and dissemination of a radio and a TV spot through 6 TV and radio channels; 3. Conducting train-of-trainer (TOT) sessions for 200 school teachers from 50 schools across Baghdad in order to enable them to continue educating the school children about the risk of Explosive Remnants of War in their own schools

A booklet on the "Explosive Remnants of War Awareness" has been produced and children themselves substantially contributed in designing the scenarios for the TV and radio spots.

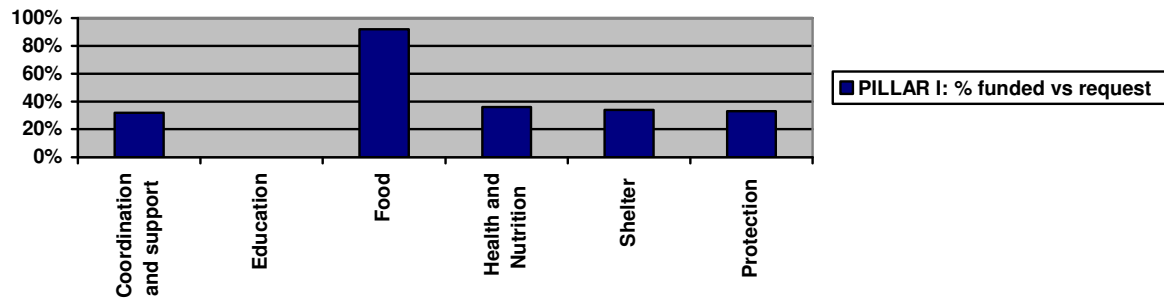
Often in the recent past lower security incidents rates and lower intensity conflict make us decrease our level of alert, but this project reminds us that war-related threats remain for years or decades even after the end of fighting. This project is therefore an essential contribution to the protection of civilians in general and, in particular of the most vulnerable categories.

### CAP 2008 & 2009

The 2008 Consolidated Appeal, requesting 274,253,721 USD (revised) for humanitarian operations in Iraq stands funded at 76.3% (209 mil USD).

The ERF appealed for 20 million USD and received from the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund (ITF) 15 mln USD to be programmed by October 2010 a pledge for an additional 5 mln USD.

The 2009 Consolidated Appeal for Iraq is requesting 191,585,707 USD to address both the humanitarian needs of vulnerable Iraqis inside the country (Pillar I) and another 355,008,505 USD (Pillar II) to respond to the humanitarian needs of up to 2 million Iraqi refugees in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey, Iran and the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries as well as to provide assistance to Palestinian, Iranian, Turkish and other refugees in Iraq. Pillar I of the CAP 2009 has so far received 85.395.977 USD equal to 45% of the appealed funds.



For more information on Iraq CAP 2008 funding, please visit:  
<http://ocha.unog.ch/fts2/pageloader.aspx?page=emerg-emergencyDetails&appealID=808>

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