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Construction Rollup: Project Starts, Completions

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division, completed 86 construction projects between May 31 and June 29, 2007, bringing the total number of completed projects to 3,886.

Currently, there are 662 construction projects ongoing – all funded through the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund, the Development Fund for Iraq, the Commander's Emergency Response Program, the Economic Support Fund and the Iraq Security Forces Fund.

Six of the completed projects are Primary Healthcare Centers – four clinics in the Gulf Region Central district; and two in the Gulf Region North district. Each facility, with construction costs ranging between \$600k - \$950k, has medical/dental examination rooms; X-ray rooms, a testing laboratory, a pharmacy and public education room. Some of the clinics also have an emergency department and ward, procedure rooms, a labor and delivery department, pre/post delivery rooms, a newborn nursery, ultrasound room, laundry and sterilization areas and staff living quarters.

Each clinic was designed to receive approximately 110 patients a day; however, demand at already opened clinics is has them on track to each see more than 35,000 patients annually.



“Some of the completed PHCs are seeing 350 or more patients per day,” said Col. Paul Babin, GRD Facilities Sector lead. “The PHCs are being built in muhallas (neighborhoods) across Iraq -- near the people they will serve...some PHCs are treating twice as many people.”

Other results of GRD's reconstruction efforts include:

Due to added capacity and normal operation and maintenances of systems, electrical generation is at 4,236 megawatts, with an end goal of 6,000 MW and 1.3 million homes served. Electrical generation megawatts are dynamic owing to interdiction of lines by insurgents and unscheduled maintenance.

Potable water is at 473,000 m³/day with 2.3 million people affected with an end goal of 1.1 million m³/day and an end goal of 5.2 million people affected.

GRD met its end goals set for crude oil production - 3 million barrels per day; LPG production - 3,000 metric tons per day; natural gas production capacity – 800 million standard cubic feet per day.

Throughout Iraq, U.S. government on-going projects contribute to the ever-improving quality of life and economic stability helping to provide the foundation for the country to build upon as it overcomes a generation of neglect.

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