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## *USACE Area Office in Iraq looking for strong finish on projects*

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Workmen pause during construction of the Al Harbia pedestrian bridge in Dhi Qar Province.  
(USACE photo)

**TALLIL**, Iraq – The Adder Area Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hoping to wrap up more than a dozen projects of different sorts before the end of the year.

Navy Cmdr. Mike Lang, officer in charge of the office, said the intent is to end the year “with a strong finish” by closing out a significant number of projects.

The office is part of the Corps’ Gulf Region South district, which serves Iraq’s nine southern provinces.

Among the projects being eyed for completion before year’s end are three primary healthcare centers in Dhi Qar province. These facilities are among the nearly three dozen PHC’s nearing completion across southern Iraq that will provide

essential medical services to countless Iraqis each day and also will employ many Iraqis and provide medical training for local health care workers.

One project awaiting turnover is the Al-Warka compact water unit and network in Muthanna province. It will provide clean water for the village of Al Warka, which has a population of 90,000 people. The project, which entailed the construction of two 200 cubic meter/per hour compact water units and the installation of a 3.4 kilometer piping network, cost \$948,000.

Other projects targeted for close out before the end of the year include a new convoy support center and accompanying dining facility at a cost of \$24.1 million; two electrical feeders; the first phase of the Nasiriyah Prison; a pump generator in Nasiriyah; a road project; a bridge project; and the rehabilitation of the Nasiriyah Maternity and Pediatric Hospital.

The Al Harbia pedestrian bridge in Dhi Qar province is being built at a cost of \$213,000 to give pedestrians a safe way of crossing the Euphrates River. The local community in the area lives on both sides of the river.

The Al Eshtaraki Road, a \$3.5 million project in Dhi Qar province, runs for approximately 21 kilometers and has an average width of six meters, with two meter shoulders on each side.

The Nasiriyah Maternity Hospital project has been inching toward completion for a couple months and USACE officials remain hopeful it can be wrapped up before long.

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