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## *Small Iraqi town will soon have access to clean water*

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**Babil Province**, Iraq - A tiny community south of Baghdad will soon have access to clean drinking water for the first time ever.

Snaditch, a town with about 500 households, is located in Babil Province. With the help of the Gulf Region Division,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it will soon benefit from a 200 cubic meter per hour water compact unit and distribution network.

"The local village people and nearby farmers use tributary water from the Euphrates River for drinking, cooking and

irrigation,” said Iraqi Engineer Majeed Mhammeed Abass who works for USACE. “Less than 50 miles from Baghdad, the water is laden with water born bacteria posing a health hazard.”

This is one of more than 800 water supply projects USACE has completed in Iraq. The \$1.1 million project will include the treatment facility itself, a pump station, intake riverside structure, and diesel generator, Abass added.

“The community is very happy that clean, drinking water will soon be available. It’s a significant step forward and the project offers the added benefit of providing jobs for nearly 50 people from the local area,” he concluded. The project is 30 percent complete and is expected to finish next summer.



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