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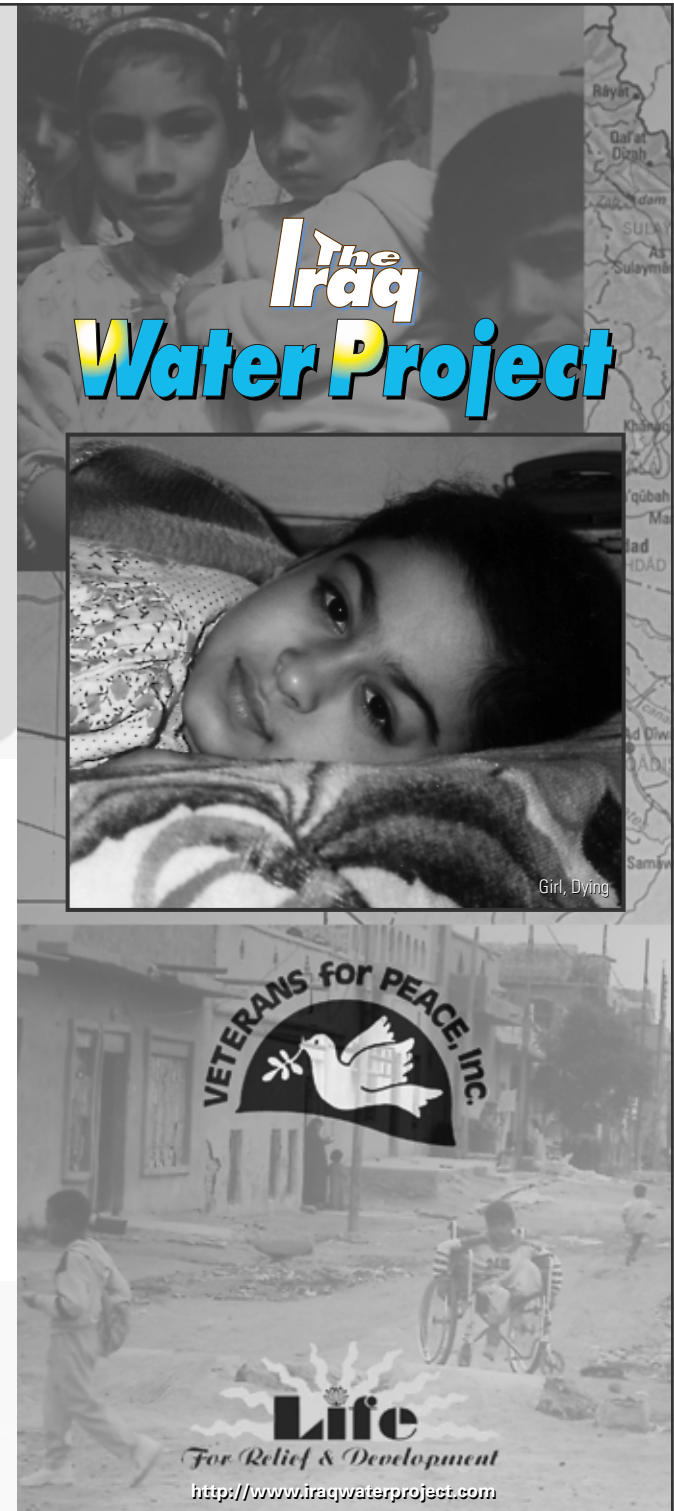
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“ Approximately 250 people die every day in Iraq as a direct result of UN sanctions.”

—UNICEF, April 1998

250 people died today in a faraway land. In Iraq. Not in car crashes, not from domestic violence or crime. Not even from war. In the eleven years of UN sanctions imposed upon Iraq well over a million unoffending Iraqi civilians have been tipped into their graves.

What is the Iraq Water Project?

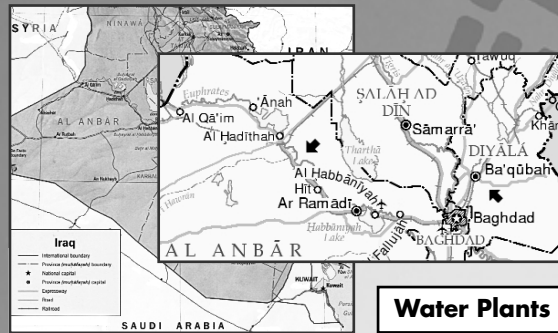
The Iraq Water Project is an effort by Veterans for Peace Inc. to help ease and eventually end the suffering of Iraqi people caused by the sanctions. VFP sends teams of US service veterans and nonveterans dedicated to nonviolent conflict resolution into Iraq to help rebuild water treatment plants destroyed by war and sanctions. A contaminated water supply is perhaps the largest contributor to the sanctions-related death toll, with diarrhea and amoebic dysentery leading the charge against countless children and old people. Restored availability of safe domestic water will save many lives.

History

Since inception of the project in 1999, four water treatment plants in the Abu Khaseeb valley of southern Iraq have been repaired. 66,000 people are now once again getting clean water from these facilities. For the next phase of the project VFP has selected two new plants, one at a place called Tawi on the Euphrates river in central Iraq, serving 10,000 people, 2 schools and one medical clinic; and another at Old Hudaidah on the Diyala river northeast of Baghdad, serving 5,000 people, one school and one clinic. And that's not all! When these are done VFP intends to go on rebuilding water plants until the sanctions are lifted.

Veterans for Peace has so far sent two delegations to Iraq, and is planning a third. Team members are not just visitors and observers; as a gesture of solidarity with the people, they actually work alongside the Iraqi laborers repairing the plants. This is an occasion for both astonishment and good will with the local people.

In order to keep costs to a minimum and insure that as much money as possible goes into the essential work of providing clean water, all members of VFP delegations must pay their own travel and personal expenses. Nobody receives a salary. This is a strictly volunteer endeavor creating employment for no one other than Iraqi workers.



A word about sanctions

The most comprehensive and destructive sanctions any country has ever endured were imposed upon Iraq with the UN Security Council's Resolution 661 of August 6, 1990, which called for a stop to all transactions and trade with Iraq. The sanctions regime was modified with the "Memorandum of Understanding" signed by the UN and Iraq in May 1996, which was based on UNSCR 986 ("Oil for Food"). The money Iraq earns from oil sales goes into an escrow account managed by the UN. Using these funds Iraq can import goods if the UN Committee 661 approves it. This gives the US and UK representatives in the Committee 661 the power to block essential imports completely or temporarily with reference to 'dual use', meaning both civil and military use. Because numerous items in a modern society have a potential 'dual use', the lists of blocked contracts are long and contain all kinds of items. From medicine and vaccine for children or animals, medical equipment and ambulances, all kinds of spare parts to pencils for school children, the Iraqi people are punished daily. Veterans for Peace is firmly opposed to the use of sanctions as a weapon of war. Please join us in helping to put an end to this intolerable situation.

Life for Relief and Development

Hundred thousands of unfortunate people worldwide have benefitted from the humanitarian aid generated by Life for Relief and Development ("LIFE"). Outside of major operations in Iraq, Kosovo, and Sierra Leone, LIFE has contributed to relieve the suffering of victims of war and natural disasters in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Canada, Chechnya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kashmir, Lebanon, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan, the United States, and Yemen.

Veterans for Peace is a proud and thankful beneficiary of a unique partnership with LIFE. Why? Because to date, LIFE is the only relief organization in existence that has permission to conduct humanitarian work inside Iraq from both the U.S. and Iraqi governments. This ensures the legality of both our operations, and of your donation. As a result of their gracious assistance, they will be facilitating most of the logistics inside Iraq through their representative in Baghdad.

Committee in Solidarity with the People of Iraq

The newest group to join our effort, this Dallas based committee has had exemplary success raising community awareness of issues and substantial funds for the project. VFP actively seeks the support and involvement of other peace and justice organizations in its Iraq Water Project.

Who are Veterans for Peace, Inc.?

Veterans for Peace, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational and humanitarian organization dedicated to the abolishment of war. VFP was founded in 1985 by ex-service people committed to sharing the horrors they experienced. Our membership (which at the time of the Gulf War numbered 3,400) comprises veterans of conflicts stretching from the Spanish Civil War to the Gulf War. These members are distributed amongst 86 nationwide chapters, and dozens of international affiliations.

Our international activities include working with our affiliations in El Salvador, Russia, Canada, Japan, Guatemala, Vietnam, The Netherlands, Chiapas (Mexico), France, England, Cuba, Nicaragua, Vieques (Puerto Rico), and others. A member of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Coalition to Ban the Sale and Use of Landmines, VFP has been undertaking arduous tasks since its inception. From bringing medical aid to Central American nations, to evacuating wounded children from war-torn Bosnian hospitals and securing their medical treatment elsewhere around the globe, or just sitting down with American high school kids so that they make choices for themselves based on reality, and not myth, we remain firmly committed to the abolition of war.

We know the consequences of American foreign policy because once, at a time in our lives, so many of us carried it out. We find it sad that war seems so attractive, so often, to those who have no knowledge of it. We will proudly, and patriotically, continue to denounce war despite whatever misguided euphoria supports it.



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