3.4 Iraq Telecommunications

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For more information on telecoms contacts, please see the following link: 4.11 Additional Services Contact List.

Telephone Services		
Is there an existing landline telephone network?	Yes	
Does it allow international calls?	Yes	
Number and Length of Downtime Periods (on average)	N/A	
Mobile Phone Providers	Asia Cell, Zain, and Korek	
Approximate Percentage of National Coverage	All Iraq	

Telecommunications Regulations

Regulations on Usage and Import				
	Regulations in Place?	Regulating Authority		
Satellite	Yes	Ministry of Telecommunication		
HF Radio	Yes	Ministry of Telecommunication		
UHF/VHF/HF Radio: Handheld, Base and Mobile	Yes	Ministry of Telecommunication		
UHF/VHF Repeaters	Yes	Ministry of Telecommunication		
GPS	Yes	Ministry of Telecommunication		
VSAT	Yes	Ministry of Telecommunication		
Individual Network Operator Licenses Required				
Yes, controlled by Ministry of Telecommunications.				
Frequency Licenses Required				
Yes, to be obtained from Ministry of Telecommunications.				

Existing Humanitarian Telecoms Systems

Existing UN Telecommunication Systems						
	UNDP	WFP	wно	UNHCR	UNICEF	UNAMI
VHF Frequencies	Restricted. Not for general distribution.					
HF Frequencies	Restricted. Not for general distribution.					
Locations of Repeaters	Restricted. Not for general distribution.					
VSAT	UN Compound					

Internet Service Providers (ISPs)

Internet Service Providers			
Are there ISPs available?	Yes		
If yes, are they privately or government owned?	Private		
Dial-up only?	No		
Approximate Rates (local currency and USD - \$)	Dial-up	N/A	
	Broadband	Yes	
Max Leasable 'Dedicated' Bandwidth	100 MB		

Mobile Network Operators (MNOs)

For information on MNOs please visit the GSM Association website.

Company	Number of Agent Outlets by Area	Network Strength by Area	Contracted for Humanitarian or Government Cash Transfer Programmes?	Services Offered (i.e. Merchant Payment, Bulk Disbursement, Receive & Make Payment)
Zain	N/A	Cover all Iraq	Yes	Yes
Asia Cell	N/A	Cover all Iraq	Yes	Yes
Korek	N/A	Cover all Iraq	Yes	Yes