Iraq: war, law and humanitarian protection
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The conflict in Iraq and its aftermath have presented humanitarian agencies with profound and complex challenges. How does international law apply, and what difference does the law make? What do aid agencies need to know about it? What are the roles, duties and responsibilities of the various international, state and non-state actors involved? Is principled humanitarian action possible when closely associated with political and military intervention?

This ODI Humanitarian Policy Group resource guide presents a collection of important resources relating to the conflict and the developments that have followed.

Humanitarian situation in Iraq

HPG Briefing Note, April 2003: Humanitarian Principles and the Conflict in Iraq

ReliefWeb

The Internally Displaced People of Iraq, October 2002


HIC (Humanitarian Information Center) for Iraq - a data and information resource initiated by OCHA to support humanitarian response and coordination.


UNICEF report, ‘Results of the 1999 Iraq Child and Maternal Mortality Surveys’

HRW World Report 2003, Iraq section

Medact report, 'Collateral Damage: the health and environmental costs of war on Iraq', Nov 2002


Merlin and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine report, ‘Hope for the best, prepare for the worst: how humanitarian organisations can organise to respond to weapons of mass destruction’, Jan 2003


Law

A report by Amnesty International on the responsibilities of the Occupying Powers

An aide memoire on International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

The Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols

The Refugee Convention

The Convention on the Rights of the Child

The International Bill of Human Rights


International Humanitarian Law Research Portal - a searchable database of links to current research, reference materials and news on IHL This includes a special portal on Monitoring IHL in Iraq (http://www.ihlresearch.org/iraq/)

The Crimes of War Project - a collaboration to promote understanding of international humanitarian law and its application to situations of conflict.

Aid, politics and principles


