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## **Latin America and the Caribbean – Hurricane Season 2007**

Fact Sheet #8, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

September 21, 2007

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 12, 2007.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On September 17, USAID/OFDA airlifted an additional 120 rolls of plastic sheeting and 12,000 ten-liter water containers to Puerto Cabezas, in the North Atlantic Autonomous Region (RAAN) of Nicaragua. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Nicaraguan Red Cross (NRC) distributed the materials in hurricane-affected communities, where the plastic sheeting was used for temporary roof repairs for health clinics and schools. The USAID/OFDA emergency relief supplies are valued at \$94,190, including transport.
- The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), in collaboration with USAID/OFDA, assisted in the delivery of approximately 25 metric tons (MT) of U.N. World Food Program emergency food commodities to communities around the Sandy Bay area of RAAN on September 16. The emergency food commodities will sustain the affected communities for 30 days.
- On September 14, the U.N. launched a \$39.2 million flash appeal for Nicaragua in response to Hurricane Felix. The appeal calls for \$22.8 million for the relief phase to assist approximately 162,000 people and an additional \$16.4 million as the estimated initial requirement for early recovery over the next six months.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>HURRICANE FELIX *</b>		
<b>El Salvador</b>	560 families affected	Government of El Salvador – September 4, 2007
<b>Honduras</b>	124 houses damaged or destroyed	PAHO – September 6, 2007
<b>Nicaragua</b>	102 dead, 73 missing, 188,726 affected, 19,202 houses damaged or destroyed	SINAPRED <sup>1</sup> – September 17, 2007
<b>HURRICANE DEAN</b>		
<b>Dominica</b>	2 dead, 30 injured, 1500 houses damaged	PAHO – August 21, 2007 CDERA <sup>2</sup> – August 21, 2007
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	1 dead, 300 houses destroyed or partially destroyed	PAHO – August 21, 2007
<b>Haiti</b>	9 dead, 4,151 families affected	OCHA <sup>3</sup> – August 24, 2007 IFRC <sup>4</sup> – August 26, 2007
<b>Jamaica</b>	4 dead, 3,207 houses damaged	ODPEM <sup>5</sup> – August 24, 2007
<b>Martinique</b>	1 dead	OCHA – August 24, 2007
<b>Mexico</b>	9 dead, 140,000 affected, 52,000 houses damaged	Mexican Red Cross – August 26, 2007
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	1 dead	OCHA – August 24, 2007

\*Numbers may increase in countries affected by Hurricane Felix.

### **FY 2007 Humanitarian Funding to Date**

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Belize .....	<b>\$161,954</b>
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Dominica .....	<b>\$85,648</b>
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Honduras .....	<b>\$25,000</b>
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Jamaica .....	<b>\$572,244</b>
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Mexico .....	<b>\$249,957</b>
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Nicaragua.....	<b>\$1,264,486</b>
USAID/OFDA Assistance to St. Lucia .....	<b>\$40,432</b>
<b>Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean for Hurricanes .....</b>	<b>\$2,399,721</b>
<b>Total DOD Humanitarian Assistance to Nicaragua for Hurricane Felix .....</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean for Hurricanes.....</b>	<b>\$3,899,721</b>

<sup>1</sup> National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation, and Assistance (SINAPRED)

<sup>2</sup> Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA)

<sup>3</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA)

<sup>4</sup> The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

<sup>5</sup> The Government of Jamaica's Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

### ***Nicaragua***

- As of September 17, SINAPRED reported that Hurricane Felix destroyed approximately 10,145 houses and blew away the roofs of more than 9,000 others, as well as damaged approximately 179 public buildings in RAAN and Jinotega and Nueva Segovia departments. Hurricane Felix also damaged fruit orchards and affected approximately 95,000 hectares of corn, rice, and other crops.
- On September 18, the Government of Nicaragua (GON) concluded the emergency response in RAAN. The RAAN regional government will begin planning the rehabilitation process in hurricane-affected communities.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$375,000 through USAID/Nicaragua to implementing partners, including NRC, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), CARE, Misión Para Cristo, and Iglesia Morava to support relief efforts. USAID/OFDA also provided partial funding to DOD for the second phase of the airlift of emergency relief supplies to hurricane-affected areas from Puerto Cabezas.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- USAID pre-positioned 23 disaster specialists in Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, and Mexico in advance of Hurricane Felix. USAID/OFDA also provided \$75,000 to support emergency preparedness activities in Nicaragua, Belize, and Honduras prior to the storm. Prior to hurricane season, USAID pre-positioned approximately \$45,000 in relief supplies with NRC to respond to emergency needs.
- Since 2000, USAID has provided more than \$142 million in response to the devastating effects of hurricanes and tropical storms throughout Central America and the Caribbean, prior to the current hurricane season.

### ***Belize***

- On August 23, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Leonard A. Hill declared a disaster in Belize due to the impact of Hurricane Dean. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Belize for the purchase and transport of emergency relief supplies to hurricane-affected northern Belize. In addition, USAID/OFDA airlifted relief commodities, such as plastic sheeting, blankets, hygiene kits, and chainsaws for debris removal, valued at nearly \$87,000, including transport. A USAID emergency team in Belize conducted assessments and identified needs in conjunction with the Government of Belize (GOB).
- In anticipation of Hurricane Felix’s impact, USAID/OFDA provided \$25,000 in preparedness assistance to support emergency relief activities in Belize. USAID/OFDA also pre-positioned six disaster specialists to work with the U.S. Embassy in Belmopan and the GOB to assess the storm’s impact and possible humanitarian needs.

### ***Dominica and St. Lucia***

- On August 23, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Clyde I. Howard declared a disaster in Dominica and St. Lucia due to the effects of Hurricane Dean. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$25,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown to the Dominica Office of Disaster Management for the local purchase and transport of emergency shelter repair materials to affected areas. Two USAID disaster specialists deployed to Dominica and St. Kitts to assess hurricane-related damage. On August 24, USAID/OFDA airlifted plastic sheeting to help meet shelter needs on both islands. The total value of the plastic sheeting including transport was approximately \$101,000.

### ***El Salvador***

- In advance of Hurricane Felix, USAID deployed one disaster specialist to work with USAID/El Salvador, the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador, and the Government of El Salvador to assess the storm’s impact and possible humanitarian needs.

### ***Guatemala***

- In advance of Hurricane Felix, USAID deployed three disaster specialists to work with USAID/Guatemala, the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City, and the Government of Guatemala to assess the storm’s impact and possible humanitarian needs.

### ***Honduras***

- In anticipation of Hurricane Felix’s impact, USAID provided \$25,000 in preparedness assistance to USAID/Honduras to support emergency relief activities. From September 4 to 8, a seven-member USAID emergency team worked with USAID/Honduras, the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, and the Government of Honduras to assess emergency needs.

### ***Jamaica***

- On August 20, U.S. Ambassador Brenda LaGrange Johnson declared a disaster due to the damage caused by Hurricane Dean. In response, USAID/OFDA dispatched relief commodities, such as plastic sheeting, blankets, 10-liter water containers, and hygiene kits, valued at more than \$297,000 including transport. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided \$275,000 to support emergency health services and for the purchase of additional emergency relief supplies. From August 16 to 25, a USAID six-member assessment team supported emergency response efforts. One disaster specialist remains in Jamaica to help monitor relief programs.

### ***Mexico***

- On August 27, U.S. Ambassador Antonio O. Garza, Jr. requested USAID/OFDA assistance in Mexico due to the effects of Hurricane Dean. In response, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$250,000 through the American Red Cross to the Mexican Red Cross for the local purchase and transport of roof repair materials to affected areas. USAID/OFDA's assistance is benefiting 4,000 hurricane-affected families in Quintana Roo State. In advance of Hurricane Dean, USAID deployed six disaster specialists to work with USAID/Mexico, the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, and the Government of Mexico (GOM) to assess the storm's impact and possible humanitarian needs.
- In advance of Hurricane Felix, USAID deployed four disaster specialists to work with USAID/Mexico, the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, and GOM authorities to assess the storm's impact and possible humanitarian needs.

### ***Nicaragua***

- On September 5, U.S. Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli declared a disaster due to the effects of Hurricane Felix. In response, USAID/OFDA has provided \$675,000 to support emergency programs for affected populations and funding for local purchase of essential supplies. USAID/OFDA has also delivered 940 rolls of plastic sheeting, 3,552 hygiene kits, 3,875 blankets, 13,000 ten-liter water containers, and 100 body bags from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Miami to Puerto Cabezas via six airlifts. The total value of emergency relief supplies, including transport, is \$589,486.
- Between September 6 and 17, DOD has delivered an estimated 165 MT of emergency relief supplies provided by USAID/OFDA and various donated supplies transported from Managua via a total of 115 relief flights from Puerto Cabezas to 37 hurricane-affected communities in RAAN. A total of 20 GON Ministry of Health personnel were also airlifted to various affected communities. In addition, 74 injured or sick persons were airlifted to Puerto Cabezas. USAID/OFDA has contributed partial funding for the second phase of the DOD airlift.
- From September 4 to 19, a 10-person USAID assessment team coordinated hurricane response activities with U.N. agencies, DOD, GON authorities, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Two USAID assessment team members remain in Nicaragua to follow up on the hurricane response.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
U.S. Embassy Belmopan	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$50,000
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Belize Red Cross	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$86,954
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$161,954</b>
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<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of September 21, 2007.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DOMINICA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Dominica Office of Disaster Management	Emergency Shelter Repair Supplies	Affected Areas	\$25,000
Dominica Office of Disaster Management	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$60,648
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DOMINICA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$85,648</b>
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<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of September 21, 2007.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
USAID/Honduras	Emergency Preparedness	Affected Areas	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$25,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of September 21, 2007.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
ODPEM	Pre-positioned Emergency Preparedness Supplies	Affected Areas	\$25,000
ODPEM and NGOs	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
USAID/Jamaica	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$50,000
PAHO	Emergency Health Activities	Affected Areas	\$100,000
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$297,244
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$572,244</b>
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**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Mexican Red Cross	Emergency Shelter Repair Supplies	Affected Areas	\$249,957
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$249,957</b>
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**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
USAID/Nicaragua	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$14,878
ADRA	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$115,980
CARE	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$58,275
CRS	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$68,924
Inglesia Morava	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$10,000
Misión Para Cristo	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$6,950
NRC	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$99,993
PAHO	Emergency Health Services	Affected Areas	\$300,000
ADRA, CRS, NRC, PAHO	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$589,486
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$1,264,486</b>
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<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSISTANCE</b>			
DOD	Airlift of USAID/OFDA Emergency Relief Supplies from Puerto Cabezas to affected areas	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
DOD	Airlift of third party relief supplies from Puerto Cabezas to affected areas	Affected Areas	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$2,764,486</b>

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**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ST. LUCIA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
St. Lucia National Emergency Management Organization	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$40,432
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ST LUCIA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$40,432</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ST LUCIA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$40,432</b>

<sup>1</sup>USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of September 21, 2007.

<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2007</b>	<b>\$2,399,721</b>
<b>TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANE FELIX IN FY 2007</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2007</b>	<b>\$3,899,721</b>

## **PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION**

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their hurricane response efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean can be found in the “How Can I Help” section of [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin\\_america\\_caribbean/hurr\\_2007/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/hurr_2007/), or by calling the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914. USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering services can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Hurricane
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - InterAction: [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org) → “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).