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Kenya – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated August 25, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- According to the Kenya Long Rains Assessment report, overall annual crop production in 2008 declined 9 percent compared to 2007 and 12 percent compared to the five-year average. As a result of the crop shortfall and the compounding effects of high commodity prices, post-election violence, livestock diseases, water shortages, and associated conflict over resources, nearly 1.4 million people, including 300,000 affected by the post-election violence, require food assistance, totaling nearly 126,000 metric tons (MT), over the next six months. The most food insecure areas include Turkana District, Rift Valley Province; Marsabit District, Eastern Province; and Mandera District, North Eastern Province.
- In Mandera District, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports an emerging acute food and livelihood crisis due to drought conditions and severe water shortages resulting from consecutive failed rains. According to OCHA, many wells and water pans have dried up and some communities are dependent on water trucking to meet basic water needs. In addition, an influx of pastoralists from neighboring countries has further increased pressure on scarce resources leading to increased conflict and tensions that have resulted in seven deaths since September 12.
- The Long Rains Assessment also highlighted precarious food security among urban populations, indicating that between 3.5 and 4.1 million urban slum dwellers may be highly food insecure due to rising food prices, up from 3 million in 2007.
- USAID/OFDA staff based in Nairobi continue to monitor the return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) to pre-crisis homes in western regions and assess drought and food insecurity conditions in northern regions. In addition, the Nairobi team regularly coordinates with U.N. and additional relief agencies to share information regarding priority needs and with implementing partners to support sustainable population returns and early recovery from the post-election crisis.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
People in need of emergency food assistance countrywide	1,382,000	KFSSG ¹ – August 19, 2008
Estimated IDPs in official camps	12,037	MSSP ² – September 15, 2008
Estimated IDPs in transit sites	99,198	OCHA – September 10, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Kenya	\$11,323,040
USAID/FFP³ Assistance to Kenya	\$91,300,300
State/PRM⁴ Assistance to Kenya	\$23,980,030
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Kenya	\$126,603,370

CURRENT SITUATION

Nutrition

- According to the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF), more than 95,000 children under the age of five and pregnant and lactating women are malnourished in Kenya out of the nearly 1.4 million people identified as in need of food assistance, including 10,000 severely malnourished individuals.
- To date in FY 2008, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$1.2 million for nutrition programs for displaced and vulnerable populations affected by growing food insecurity, including \$1 million to UNICEF to pre-position nutrition-related staff and commodities in northern arid and semi-arid areas in Kenya.

¹ The Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG)

² The Government of Kenya (GOK) Ministry of State for Special Programs (MSSP)

³ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁴ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

Agriculture and Food Security

- According to GOK Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) estimates, Kenya will produce 2.3 million MT of maize in 2008, 12 percent below the 2007 total. The MOA attributes the decline to reduced production in Central and Rift Valley provinces due to a 30 percent increase in the cost of production and a 10 percent decrease in the area planted resulting from post-election violence displacement.
- On September 8, USAID-supported Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) reported that the Strategic Grain Reserve in Kenya currently holds less than one-quarter of the 360,000 MT statutory requirement. The GOK has announced plans to import approximately 80,000 MT of maize to address the shortfall in coming weeks, according to OCHA.
- On September 5, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reported distributing August food rations to the majority of the 223,000 targeted beneficiaries in Rift Valley Province. WFP expects to complete remaining distributions in the month of September. Currently, the WFP food pipeline contains sufficient contributions through October

IDP Returns

- According to the MSSP, 12,037 people remain displaced in 26 camps in Rift Valley Province as of September 15. An additional 99,198 IDPs are living in 160 transit sites in pre-crisis home areas, according to the Kenya Red Cross Society, WFP, and a U.N. interagency assessment.
- As of September 15, the GOK had registered 130,000 households as eligible to receive cash assistance, of which nearly 44,000 have not been paid. The GOK plans to follow up with the remaining families, as well as approximately 50,000 individuals living in host communities in Central and Nyanza provinces who have not registered. However, OCHA reports that frequent payment delays and postponements by the government continue to prevent some IDPs from leaving established camps.
- On September 10, the MSSP and the U.N. Development Program (UNDP) launched a joint initiative in Molo District, Rift Valley Province, to construct 40,000 permanent shelters for families displaced by the post-election violence. USAID/OFDA staff emphasize the need for increased coordination between the new initiative and existing shelter programs to prevent duplication or inadequate coverage of beneficiary needs. The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration, and GOAL continue to implement individual shelter projects, including the USAID/OFDA-funded UNHCR shelter project in Molo and Uasin Gishu districts, Rift Valley Province.
- Humanitarian partners note a growing trend in IDPs forming groups to collectively purchase land on which to resettle and live communally. In a recent field assessment, USAID/OFDA staff visited the Mai Mahu settlement in Nakuru District, Rift Valley Province, where residents had purchased land by combining individual GOK cash payments.
- On September 4 and 5, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Michael E. Ranneberger and USAID/OFDA staff traveled to Eldoret and Burnt Forest towns, Rift Valley Province, to meet with beneficiaries and discuss the U.S. Government response to the post-election violence. As part of the two-day program, the delegation visited Rukuini Farm in Burnt Forest town to discuss USAID/OFDA programs and highlighted USAID/OFDA post-election violence interventions in surrounding areas.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On January 3, U.S. Ambassador Michael E. Ranneberger declared a disaster due to the effects of election-related violence in Kenya. To date in FY 2008, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$11.3 million for emergency relief commodities, health, nutrition, shelter, protection, economy and market systems, humanitarian coordination and information management, and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities benefiting communities affected by the post-election crisis and growing food insecurity. A USAID/OFDA Disaster Assistance Response Team based in Nairobi continues to monitor food insecurity conditions throughout the region and coordinate with U.N. and relief agencies to identify response priorities for affected areas.
- To date in FY 2008, USAID/FFP has contributed 87,300 MT of emergency and development food assistance valued at more than \$91 million for pastoralists, IDPs, and additional vulnerable groups, including refugees primarily from Somalia and Sudan.
- In FY 2008, State/PRM has provided nearly \$24 million for ongoing refugee care countrywide, including maintenance activities and water projects in Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps in northern Kenya. In response to emergency appeals for the post-election crisis, State/PRM has provided more than \$10.5 million to UNHCR and \$3.4 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) using Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance funding. In FY 2007, State/PRM allocated more than \$14 million in support of refugee programs in Kenya, primarily for activities in Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)	Health	Nairobi	\$197,857
CRS	Economy and Market Systems, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics and Emergency Relief Supplies, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Coast, Nyanza, Eastern, Western, and Rift Valley Provinces	\$6,014,029
German Agro Action	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Coast, Eastern Provinces	\$1,006,250
IMC	Health, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Rift Valley Province	\$500,000
KRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Countrywide	\$365,400
Merlin	Health	Nyanza Province	\$189,940
UNHCR	Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$773,825
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, and Protection	Countrywide	\$2,053,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$222,739
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$11,323,040
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
ADRA	4,280 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Central Province	\$3,571,900
CARE	3,590 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Nyanza Province	\$3,096,800
Food for the Hungry International (FHI)	3,210 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Province	\$2,753,400
WFP	76,220 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$81,878,200
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$91,300,300
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
CARE	Refugee Assistance in Dadaab Camp	North Eastern Province	\$1,747,633
Film Aid	Refugee Assistance	North Eastern Province	\$180,000
Handicap International	Refugee Assistance	North Eastern Province	\$290,000
ICRC	IDP Protection and Assistance, Health, Shelter, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Countrywide	\$3,400,000
IRC	Refugee Assistance in Kakuma Camp	Rift Valley Province	\$1,437,236
Lutheran World Relief	Refugee Assistance in Kakuma and Dabaab Camps	Rift Valley and North Eastern Provinces	\$765,868
Norwegian Refugee Council	Refugee Assistance in Dadaab Camp	North Eastern Province	\$1,650,000
Save the Children	Refugee Assistance in Dadaab Camp	North Eastern Province	\$452,000
UNHCR	Refugee Protection and Assistance, IDP Assistance, Camp Coordination and Management, and Emergency Shelter	Countrywide	\$10,550,000

WFP	Refugee Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$3,500,000
Heshima Kenya	Refugee Assistance	Nairobi	\$7,293
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$23,980,030
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA IN FY 2008			\$126,603,370

¹ USAID/OFDA and State/PRM funding represent anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 17, 2008.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

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. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Kenya may be available at www.reliefweb.int.
- 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; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int