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## ***Somalia – Complex Emergency***

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*NOTE: The last fact sheet was dated March 16, 2007.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- Escalating insecurity in Mogadishu has resulted in the displacement of more than 40,000 people since early February, according to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (USG/DART) reports that the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and UNHCR are providing emergency relief supplies to displaced families. The USG/DART will continue to monitor the situation through partner agencies and assess the need for additional assistance if population movements continue.

### **HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE (FY 2006 AND FY 2007)**

<b>USAID/OFDA Assistance to Somalia</b> .....	<b>\$14,195,555</b>
<b>USAID/FFP<sup>1</sup> Assistance to Somalia</b> .....	<b>\$96,276,600</b>
<b>State/PRM<sup>2</sup> Assistance to Somalia</b> .....	<b>\$4,520,000</b>
<b>USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia</b> .....	<b>\$114,992,155</b>

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

#### *Population Movements*

- UNHCR estimates that approximately 22,500 Somalis have arrived in Ethiopia’s Somali Region as a result of the security situation in Somalia. Aid agencies speculate that the majority of new arrivals had fled during the height of military operations in Somalia and may return to areas of origin once security improves. State/PRM is working with UNHCR and the Government of Ethiopia’s Administration of Refugee and Returnee Affairs to confirm the number of new arrivals and assess the need for humanitarian assistance.

#### *Humanitarian Access*

- Transportation of humanitarian cargo from Kenya into Somalia has improved significantly, with several humanitarian agencies sending convoys of relief supplies and food aid in recent weeks. Prior restrictions on cross-border movement delayed the provision of humanitarian assistance to flood- and conflict-affected communities in southern Somalia.
- While access to southern Somalia via Kenya is improving, U.N. agencies report an increase in roadblocks along roads from Mogadishu to Lower Juba and Middle Juba regions. In addition, the Mogadishu-Beletweyne road is deemed insecure due to periodic ambushes.

#### *Health*

- Overall reports of acute watery diarrhea (AWD) and suspected cholera have declined in southern Somalia. However, in Mogadishu escalating insecurity has limited basic services and the ability of relief agencies to respond to AWD. Since January 1, health facilities reported 2,366 cases of AWD, including 40 deaths, in Mogadishu, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The U.N. World Health Organization confirmed that nine samples from Mogadishu were taken to Nairobi, Kenya for laboratory testing and tested positive for cholera. The USG/DART is working with aid agencies to mitigate the spread of the disease and determine if additional treatment services are needed.

#### *Food Security and Agriculture*

- The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization’s (FAO) Food Security and Analysis Unit Somalia (FSAU) reports that cereal availability is improving in most areas of southern Somalia, as farmers begin to harvest crops planted when flood waters receded after the October to December short (*deyr*) rains. The increase in supply has lowered cereal prices and improved purchasing power for poor households in the riverine areas. With USAID/OFDA support, FSAU and partners will conduct a flood recession crop harvest assessment along riverine areas in Gedo, Lower Juba, Middle Juba, Hiran, Lower Shabelle, and Middle Shabelle regions from March 17 to April 4.

<sup>1</sup> USAID’s Office of Food for Peace

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

**USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- USAID/OFDA emergency relief activities in Somalia benefit more than 2 million people affected by repeated shocks of drought, floods, and conflict. Current USAID/OFDA relief efforts in southern and central Somalia complement ongoing programs from FY 2006. USAID/FFP is providing food assistance with carryover commodities from FY 2006 funding, supplemented by additional stocks funded in FY 2007.
- State/PRM is assisting Somali refugees in Kenya and Ethiopia and relief efforts in Somalia through FY 2007 and ongoing FY 2006 refugee programs. To date in FY 2007, State/PRM has provided \$5.6 million in earmarked funding for UNHCR operations in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia, and \$2 million to CARE for assistance to Somali refugees in Kenya. In FY 2006, State/PRM provided nearly \$15 million in earmarked funding for vulnerable populations in Somalia as well as Somali refugees in the Horn of Africa.

**USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>FY 2007</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Matrix	12 Zodiac Boats and Motors	Flood-affected Areas	\$243,523
UNICEF	U.N. Common Air Service	Countrywide	\$878,470
UNICEF <sup>2</sup>	Rapid Response Fund	Flood-affected Areas	\$250,000
UNICEF	Health, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$850,000
	Program support costs	Countrywide	\$55,150
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$7,277,143</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
WFP	22,390 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$14,876,600
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$14,876,600</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
UNHCR	Global Appeal	Countrywide	\$450,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$450,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$22,153,743</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007</b>			<b>\$22,603,743</b>
<b>FY 2006</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
Action Contre la Faim	Water and Sanitation	Bakool Region	\$852,569
Adventist Development and Relief Agency	Water and Sanitation, Food Security and Agriculture	Bakool Region	\$1,315,133
International Medical Corps	Nutrition, Food Security and Agriculture	Bakool Region	\$638,716
FAO	Nutrition Surveillance	Countrywide	\$700,000
UNICEF	Water and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$2,550,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$200,000
World Concern	Food Security and Agriculture, Water and Sanitation	Middle Juba Region	\$399,994
World Vision	Water and Sanitation	Middle Juba Region	\$250,000
	Administrative and Support Costs	Countrywide	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$6,918,412</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
CARE	73,410 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern and Central Somalia	\$48,113,000
WFP	48,350 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$33,287,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$81,400,000</b>

<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
International Committee of the Red Cross	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$1,070,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$4,070,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2006</b>			<b>\$88,318,412</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2006</b>			<b>\$92,388,412</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 23, 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Through a standing agreement with UNICEF, USAID/OFDA approved the use of \$250,000 in rapid response funds to Somalia.

<sup>3</sup> 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 identifying such organizations is available in the “How Can I Help” section of [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Somalia 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 can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).