



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #10, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

December 29, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated December 8, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On December 10, the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) departed Lebanon following a 21-week deployment. The DART completed mission objectives to assess humanitarian needs, program emergency and early recovery assistance, and coordinate the USG humanitarian response to the crisis in Lebanon.
- USG-funded humanitarian programs are reaching more than 2 million beneficiaries in over 500 villages across 24 of Lebanon's 26 districts. USG emergency and early recovery programs will continue through May 2007.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE - LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,191	Government of Lebanon (GOL) – December 29, 2006
Injured	4,409	GOL – December 29, 2006
Total Displaced Population	200,000	GOL – December 29, 2006
Estimated Returns to Date	774,184	GOL – December 29, 2006

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$108,336,243

Total USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged to Lebanon \$230,000,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- The GOL's Higher Relief Council (HRC) reports that 774,184 displaced persons have returned to their home areas since the August 14 ceasefire. At the height of the emergency, HRC estimated that nearly 975,000 Lebanese fled their homes. Most of the remaining 200,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees are staying with host families. According to HRC, the conflict killed 1,191 Lebanese and injured approximately 4,409 others.

Infrastructure Rehabilitation

- Since the cessation of hostilities, USG partners have rehabilitated 350 housing units and 141 community spaces, as well as 35 health clinics reaching nearly 340,000 beneficiaries. Implementing partners are distributing nearly 23,000 shelter kits, more than 7,000 heaters and stoves, nearly 5,000 tarps, and fuel for shelter winterization for more than 400,000 people in 20 districts. In addition, 48 USG-supplied generators are in place to support community water systems, schools, and health clinics.
- Direct and indirect effects of the conflict, including aerial attacks and wear from serving as temporary shelters for IDPs, damaged or destroyed more than 350 schools in Lebanon, according to the GOL. Following the ceasefire, many IDPs stated that the reopening of schools would be a key condition for returning to areas of origin. To support the returns process, as well as U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) longer-term education assistance programs, the USG funded the rapid rehabilitation of 80 schools, benefiting more than 29,000 children.

Shelter

- As of December 26, the GOL Council of the South has issued nearly \$29 million in first-round compensation payments to households whose homes were partially or totally destroyed in 117 villages in southern Lebanon. The GOL has planned more than \$1.4 billion in compensation payments for residents of 331 villages.

Livelihoods and Agriculture

- Physical damage from the conflict negatively impacted income-generating activities, affecting individual livelihoods, small businesses, and the national unemployment rate. In particular, damage to the agricultural sector amounted to more than \$275 million, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). USG-funded livelihood interventions provided 9,675 small cash grants to businesses, more than 5,000 cash grants to individuals, cash-for-work programs that employed fishermen in oil spill clean-up efforts, and vocational training for more than 14,000 individuals.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

- On December 28, a USG partner launched a billboard campaign in southern Lebanon designed to educate and alert the general population about the presence of UXO. The campaign aims to disseminate information on the appearance and possible location of cluster bombs and UXO, safe behavior and reporting procedures, and the nature of injuries from UXO-related accidents. The messages are displayed on 500 posters throughout southern Lebanon.
- On December 24 and 25, two separate UXO-related accidents injured three people in Tyre (Sur), and two children near Nabatiye, according to international media reports. Since the ceasefire, the National Demining Office has received

nearly 200 reports of UXO incidents. To date, the USG has provided more than \$9 million for UXO clearance and demining activities as well as mine risk awareness and victim assistance efforts.

USG ACTION

- On July 25, U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Jeffrey Feltman declared a humanitarian emergency in Lebanon due to ongoing insecurity and humanitarian needs. U.S. President George W. Bush authorized \$230 million in USG humanitarian and reconstruction assistance for persons affected by conflict in Lebanon.
- On July 23, the DART, led by USAID, arrived in the region to prioritize USG assistance. During the height of the emergency, a Washington, D.C.–based Response Management Team supported the DART.
- USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) contributed nearly \$66 million in humanitarian assistance to Lebanon. USAID/OFDA provided funding to partners ACDI/VOCA, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Church World Service (CWS), CHF International, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Mercy Corps, World Vision, and World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF) for the distribution of food and relief supplies, food security and agriculture, health services, infrastructure rehabilitation, livelihood recovery activities, nutrition, protection, psychosocial support, transitional and winterization shelter activities, security training for relief organizations, and/or water, sanitation, and hygiene services. USAID/OFDA provided \$1 million to Seacor Environmental Services (SES) to assist in clean-up efforts associated with the mid-July oil spill. USAID's Bureau for Asia and the Near East complemented this funding by providing an additional \$4 million.
- The USG provided more than \$9.6 million for demining and UXO clearance activities in Lebanon. USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$1.2 million to MAG for demining and UXO clearance activities and \$600,000 to WRF for mine risk education and a victims' assistance program. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs provided \$2 million to the U.N. Mine Action Service (UNMAS). The Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (State/PM/WRA) provided \$420,000 to MAG and \$384,000 to RONCO for demining and UXO clearance activities, as well as \$30,000 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAFA) for the mapping of UXO. The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) provided \$5 million for humanitarian assistance in Lebanon to the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (State/S/CRS), who apportioned this \$5 million to State/PM/WRA. Of this \$5 million, State/PM/WRA provided \$2.8 million to MAG and \$2.2 million to RONCO for UXO clearance and demining activities.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$7 million to support the U.N. Flash Appeal for Lebanon to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC) for logistics and coordination; the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) for water, sanitation, and hygiene activities; the FAO for agriculture and livelihoods projects; and the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and OCHA's Humanitarian Information Center (HIC) for coordination and information management. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) provided \$7.5 million to the U.N. Flash Appeal to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the U.N. Relief Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) for protection, shelter, and emergency relief supplies; the U.N. Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) for safety and security activities; and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for transportation of third-country nationals. State/PRM also contributed more than \$13.5 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) emergency appeal for protection, food, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities.
- In response to needs identified by the GOL, USAID/OFDA provided approximately \$15 million in funding to seven relief organizations and UNICEF for water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions throughout Lebanon. Working through GOL regional water authorities, USG-supported partners identified more than 230 villages throughout the country for water projects targeting nearly 600,000 people. With USAID/OFDA support, humanitarian aid organizations have distributed nearly 10,000 household water tanks to families throughout Lebanon since the end of the conflict and plan to distribute an additional 3,650 water tanks in the coming weeks. In addition, aid agencies are delivering nearly 50 generators to public facilities and repairing or replacing key components of almost 60 community water systems. USAID/OFDA partners are also providing cash grants of up to \$10,000 to villages for small-scale repair projects prioritized by the community.
- From July 25 to August 24, USAID/OFDA provided 3,000 tarps, 40,000 blankets, and 18 emergency health kits in support of relief operations in Lebanon. The DART consigned these relief supplies to ICRC, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), IMC, and Mercy Corps for delivery to nearly 300,000 beneficiaries in Beirut and southern Lebanon. Total USG-donated commodities are valued at more than \$590,000, including transport.
- The USG provided nearly \$10 million in wheat flour, wheat, and lentil commodities. USAID's Office of Food for Peace is providing 1,000 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to support WFP operations. Through the Food for Progress program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided 25,000 MT of wheat to the GOL.
- In addition to evacuating nearly 15,000 American citizens, the U.S. Military provided transport to Beirut for both the DART and USAID emergency relief supplies.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006–2007¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2006 USG ASSISTANCE			
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
CRS	Psychosocial support, food, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$6,352,741
CHF International	Psychosocial support, health, livelihoods, food security and agriculture, emergency relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,261,358
CWS	Security training for relief workers	Jordan	\$25,916
ICRC	Protection, food, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Countrywide	\$13,512,000
IMC	Health, psychosocial support, emergency relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,413,917
IOM	Evacuation of third-country nationals	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
IOCC	Health, psychosocial support, infrastructure rehabilitation, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,999,427
Mercy Corps	Shelter, nutrition, emergency relief supplies, health, food security and agriculture, school rehabilitation, protection, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Mt. Lebanon, South Lebanon, Nabatiye, Bekaa, Beirut	\$8,369,974
MAG	Demining and UXO clearance	Countrywide	\$1,199,984
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OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
OCHA/HIC	Information management	Countrywide	\$200,000
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	Countrywide	\$384,000
SES	Oil spill clean-up activities	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon	\$5,000,000
UNDSS	Safety and security for humanitarian operations	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNJLC	Logistics	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNICEF	Coordination and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
UNHCR	Protection, shelter, and emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$4,200,000
UNRWA	Food, health, and emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
VVAF	UXO mapping	Countrywide	\$30,000
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies and water, sanitation, and hygiene	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut, Nabatiye	\$1,563,584
WFP	Logistics and coordination	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	300 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$280,000
GOL	25,000 MT of USDA Food for Progress Assistance	Countrywide	\$9,200,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies, including transport	Affected areas	\$590,271
Multiple	Administration and operations	Affected areas	\$244,748
TOTAL FY 2006 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$76,347,920
FY 2007 USG ASSISTANCE			
ACDI/VOCA	Food security, agriculture, shelter, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa	\$501,344
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,205,500

CRS	Psychosocial support, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,939,534
CHF International	Food security and agriculture and protection	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,163,685
FAO	Food security and agriculture	Countrywide	\$196,900
Habitat for Humanity	Shelter and livelihoods	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,918,421
IOCC	Agriculture, food security, protection, relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,733,405
UNMAS	Demining and UXO clearance ²	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
MAG	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$2,800,000
Mercy Corps	Relief supplies, protection, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Nabatiye, Mt. Lebanon	\$4,822,436
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$2,200,000
WFP	700 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$426,000
WRF	Mine risk education and victims' assistance	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$600,001
World Vision	Relief supplies and shelter	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut, Nabatiye	\$5,475,797
Multiple	Administration and operations	Affected areas	\$5,300
TOTAL FY 2007 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$31,988,323
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006 AND FY 2007			\$108,336,243

¹USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of December 29, 2006.

²This amount is reprogrammed FY 2005 funding.

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 (keyword: Lebanon) 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; 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