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THE CARIBBEAN – Hurricanes

Fact Sheet #4, Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

September 21, 2004

Note: This report updates the last fact sheet dated September 17, 2004.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

SOURCE

Dominican Republic	Nearly 30,000 displaced	USAID/Dominican Republic – September 18
Haiti	80 percent of Gonaïves flooded 30 percent of Port-de-Paix flooded	USAID/Haiti – September 21
Grenada	85,000 to 90,000 people affected	USAID/DART – September 16
Jamaica	18,000 people displaced	ODPEM* – September 16
Bahamas	800 people displaced	USAID/DART – September 14

Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean..... \$2,031,602

CURRENT SITUATION

USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) for the Caribbean

- USAID/DART members are currently located in Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Republic

- According to USAID/Dominican Republic, as of September 18, Hurricane Jeanne has killed 6 people and injured 246 others. According to the USAID/DART, more than 19,000 people sought refuge in shelters, and more than 10,000 are staying with family or friends.
- Flooding has damaged or destroyed several major bridges, including the bridge over the Chavon River connecting La Romana with Higüey.

Haiti

- As of September 21, international media sources reported that extensive flooding caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne has resulted in more than 600 deaths.
- Representatives of U.N. agencies and the Government of Haiti (GOH) have conducted rapid assessments of Gonaïves in the Artibonite Department and of Port-de-Paix in the North-West Department. Initial reports indicate severe flooding in Gonaïves, affecting 80 percent of the population and inundating most of the agricultural land. In addition, 30 percent of Port-de-Paix is flooded.

Grenada

- On September 17 and September 18, the USAID/DART conducted assessments of St. George’s, St. David’s, and St. Andrew’s parishes and reported extensive damage, including destroyed houses, as well as demolished roofs and boats.
- Two USAID/OFDA-funded electrical engineers conducted assessments of the electrical system in Grenada during the week of September 13 and reported that Hurricane Ivan destroyed approximately 78 percent of the island’s electrical system. Preliminary estimates indicate that replacement costs will total \$24 million, and rebuilding could take 10 months.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) is planning an emergency feeding program for 1 to 2 months for approximately 20 percent of the population of Grenada, which includes all persons in shelters plus an additional 10 percent of the population. According to the USAID/DART, food assistance continues to arrive in Grenada, including a Venezuelan and Taiwanese shipment.
- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has identified 272 shelters housing 6,947 people throughout 5 parishes. According to the USAID/DART, the National Emergency Relief Organization (NERO) is obtaining information from the displaced families to determine the extent of damage to homes and the needs of Grenadian residents affected by the hurricane.

Jamaica

- According to local media reports, several schools that suffered damage from Hurricane Ivan reopened on September 20, despite some school administrators indicating a lack of potable water and damaged roofs.

* Jamaican Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

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Dominican Republic

- On September 17, 2004, U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Hans H. Hertell issued a disaster declaration due to the damage caused by Hurricane Jeanne. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to World Vision to purchase and distribute emergency relief supplies, including hygiene kits, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, blankets, bedding, water containers, and plastic sheeting.
- A USAID/DART member remains in Santo Domingo to coordinate with USAID/Dominican Republic and local disaster officials and to assist with damage assessments as necessary.

Haiti

- On September 21, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti James B. Foley issued a disaster declaration due to the magnitude of the effects of Tropical Storm Jeanne in the Artibonite and North-West departments of Haiti.
- USAID/OFDA is providing \$50,000 through USAID/Haiti to CARE for the distribution of hygiene kits, cooking sets, blankets, water containers, and other relief supplies to those most affected by the floods.
- A two-person USAID/DART has traveled to Port-au-Prince to assist with further evaluation of the disaster and to coordinate with USAID/Haiti and local disaster officials. In addition, USAID/OFDA has secured an Air Serv International plane to provide aerial assessments and transport of personnel and relief commodities as required. Based on information from damage assessments and in consultation with USAID/Haiti, USAID/OFDA will provide additional support if necessary.

Grenada

- On September 8, 2004, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Mary Ellen Gilroy issued a disaster declaration for Grenada due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$100,000 to the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown to support the local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies, in-country air transport, and aerial assessments of affected areas.
- To support health services and damaged infrastructure, USAID/OFDA has approved \$150,000 to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). In addition, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to fund assessments of the island's electrical system.
- As of September 21, USAID/OFDA has funded 4 flights of emergency relief supplies to Grenada, carrying 1,042 rolls of plastic sheeting, 4 water bladders, 4,332 hygiene kits, 6,800 five-gallon water jugs, 3,360 ten-liter water jugs, 1 high-capacity water purification unit, and 12 chainsaws for debris removal. The plastic sheeting will meet the needs of 40,000 beneficiaries. The water treatment unit is capable of processing enough water for 10,000 people per day. The total value of all commodities to date is \$375,560.

Jamaica

- On September 12, 2004, U.S. Ambassador Sue M. Cobb issued a disaster declaration due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/Jamaica, of which \$25,000 was provided to Jamaica Red Cross for shelter operation costs and \$25,000 was provided to the Salvation Army for relief activities.
- On September 14, USAID/OFDA airlifted emergency relief supplies to Jamaica including 8 Zodiac boats with motors, 80 life vests, 200 hygiene kits, 2,000 jerry cans, and 230 rolls of plastic sheeting. The zodiac boats and life vests will facilitate search and rescue efforts. The plastic sheeting will provide shelter for 11,500 beneficiaries.
- On September 15, USAID/OFDA sent a second flight of commodities with 270 rolls of plastic sheeting and 1,824 hygiene kits. The plastic sheeting will provide shelter for 13,500 beneficiaries.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$247,998 to World Vision for the purchase and transportation of relief supplies, including medical supplies, hygiene kits, and plastic sheeting.
- USAID/OFDA has also approved \$150,000 to PAHO to support health services and damaged infrastructure.
- A USAID/DART Field Officer is coordinating with USAID/Jamaica, the Jamaican Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM), and the Ministry of Health regarding possible support for emergency water and sanitation relief activities in Jamaica.

Commonwealth of the Bahamas

- On September 5, 2004, U.S. Ambassador John D. Rood issued a disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas due to the effects of Hurricane Frances.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$100,000 to support local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies, in-country air transport, and aerial assessments of affected areas in the Bahamas.
- As of September 21, USAID/OFDA has conducted 3 airlifts of emergency relief supplies from Miami to the Bahamas, carrying 4,000 blankets, more than 2,300 hygiene kits, 4,800 jerry cans, 200 rolls of plastic sheeting, 9 water bladders, and 1 high-capacity water purification unit. The hygiene kits will support the needs of one family for two weeks, and the plastic sheeting will meet the needs of 10,000 beneficiaries. The water purification unit is capable of processing enough water for 10,000 people per day. The total value of the relief supplies is \$149,124.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CARIBBEAN¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC			
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO HAITI			
CARE	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA			
U.S. Embassy	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments	Countrywide	\$100,000
PAHO	Health services and infrastructure	Countrywide	\$150,000
Consultants	Electrical Assessments	Countrywide	\$50,000
Various	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$375,560
Various	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$206,450
	Administration	Countrywide	\$95,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$977,010
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA			
Jamaica Red Cross	Shelter materials, operational costs	Countrywide	\$25,000
PAHO	Health	Countrywide	\$150,000
Salvation Army	Food assistance	Countrywide	\$25,000
World Vision	Purchase and air transport of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$247,998
Various	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$31,400
Various	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$190,370
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$669,576
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS			
U.S. Embassy	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments	Countrywide	\$100,000
Various	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$149,124
Various	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$35,700
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$284,824
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CARIBBEAN.....			\$2,031,602

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of September 21, 2004.

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 response to Hurricane Ivan can be found in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov - Keyword: Ivan, 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 can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org – “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.org.