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Latin America and the Caribbean – Hurricane Season 2007

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Note: This is the final Hurricane Season 2007 fact sheet. The last fact sheet for Hurricane Season 2007 was dated September 21, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- In Nicaragua, USAID/OFDA provided \$300,000 on September 27, 2007 through USAID/Nicaragua to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) for livelihoods and capacity building in areas affected by Hurricane Felix. Also in FY 2007, USAID/OFDA provided an additional \$45,000 for emergency preparedness supplies in Nicaragua.
- In the Dominican Republic, USAID/OFDA has provided an additional \$387,970 since November 8, 2007 to various organizations, including local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), for mosquito nets, other humanitarian commodities, and relief activities benefiting populations affected by Tropical Storm Noel in the Dominican Republic.
- In response to Tropical Storm Noel, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$550,000 in additional funding to affected populations in Haiti since November 8, 2007. With \$100,000 from USAID/OFDA, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is providing emergency relief supplies to populations in affected areas. Save the Children/United States (SC/US) is implementing protection programs for 800 internally displaced persons in Port-Au-Prince, with approximately \$45,000 from USAID/OFDA. With a grant of more than \$105,000, World Vision provided safe drinking water, rehabilitated water points, and distributed hygiene and kitchen sets, serving a total of 12,000 beneficiaries. USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$150,000 to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for agricultural tools, seeds, and plants, benefiting 400 people in affected areas. In addition, with a grant of \$150,000, the World Concern Development Organization provided 1,950 beneficiaries with agricultural and livelihoods inputs and training.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
TROPICAL STORM NOEL		
Dominican Republic	87 dead, 42 missing, 79,730 people displaced, 3,185 houses destroyed, 9,288 houses damaged	GODR ¹ – November 7, 2007 OCHA ² – November 16, 2007
Haiti	103 dead, 20 missing, 25,397 families affected, 3,132 houses destroyed, 14,015 houses damaged	GOH ³ – November 3, 2007
HURRICANE FELIX		
El Salvador	560 families affected	Government of El Salvador – September 4, 2007
Honduras	124 houses damaged or destroyed 32,216 people evacuated	PAHO – September 6, 2007 IFRC ⁴ – October 30, 2007
Nicaragua	102 dead, 73 missing, 188,726 affected, 19,202 houses damaged or destroyed	SINAPRED ⁵ – September 17, 2007
HURRICANE DEAN		
Dominica	2 dead, 30 injured, 1500 houses damaged	PAHO – August 21, 2007 CDERA ⁶ – August 21, 2007
Dominican Republic	1 dead, 300 houses destroyed or partially destroyed	PAHO – August 21, 2007
Haiti	9 dead, 4,151 families affected	OCHA – August 24, 2007 IFRC – August 26, 2007
Jamaica	4 dead, 3,207 houses damaged	ODPEM ⁷ – August 24, 2007
Martinique	1 dead	OCHA – August 24, 2007
Mexico	9 dead, 140,000 affected, 52,000 houses damaged	Mexican Red Cross – August 26, 2007
Saint Lucia	1 dead	OCHA – August 24, 2007

¹ Government of the Dominican Republic (GODR)

² U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

³ Government of Haiti (GOH)

⁴ International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

⁵ National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation, and Assistance (SINAPRED)

⁶ Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA)

⁷ The Government of Jamaica's Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

FY 2007 AND FY 2008 Humanitarian Funding for 2007 Hurricane Season

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Belize	\$161,954
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Dominica	\$82,188
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Dominican Republic	\$1,538,498
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti	\$648,723
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Honduras	\$30,700
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Jamaica	\$572,244
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Mexico.....	\$249,957
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Nicaragua.....	\$1,612,422
USAID/OFDA Assistance to St. Lucia	\$40,432
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean for Hurricanes	\$4,937,118
Total DOD Humanitarian Assistance⁸	\$3,310,061
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean for Hurricanes.....	\$8,247,179

CURRENT SITUATION

- In 2007, USAID/OFDA responded to Hurricane Dean, Hurricane Felix, and Tropical Storm Noel, providing a total of more than \$4.6 million to affected populations in Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, and St. Lucia.
- Working with USAID/OFDA, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) delivered food commodities and emergency relief supplies to affected populations, providing more than \$3.3 million in assistance to individuals affected by the 2007 hurricane season.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- From 2000 to 2007, USAID provided nearly \$147 million in response to the devastating effects of hurricanes and tropical storms throughout Central America and the Caribbean.

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 for the purchase and transport of emergency relief supplies and airlifted additional relief commodities valued at nearly \$87,000, including transport. A USAID emergency team conducted assessments in Belize 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 and pre-positioned six disaster specialists to work with the U.S. Embassy in Belmopan and the GOB to assess the storm’s impact and 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. 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 and transport was approximately \$98,000.

Dominican Republic

- On October 31, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Roland W. Bullen declared a disaster due to the effects of Tropical Storm Noel. In response, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$1.5 million in assistance. USAID/OFDA delivered ten 10,000-liter water bladders, 150 rolls of plastic sheeting, 6,000 blankets, 11,400 ten-liter water containers, and 11,136 hygiene kits from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Miami to Santo Domingo via two airlifts. USAID/OFDA also transported 5,000 insecticide-treated mosquito nets on a third airlift from Miami to Santo Domingo. USAID/OFDA distributed the relief supplies through the GODR and implementing partners, including local NGOs.
- Between October 31 and November 16, members of a nine-person USAID/OFDA assessment team worked with officials from USAID/Dominican Republic, the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo, DOD, and the GODR to evaluate humanitarian conditions, provide recommendations for assistance, and program USAID/OFDA funding.
- DOD and the U.S Coast Guard provided helicopter support estimated at more than \$200,000 for the distribution of USAID/OFDA, DOD, and U.N. humanitarian cargo. DOD transported a total of 243,881 pounds of relief supplies on 137 sorties. DOD provided other commodities, including chainsaws, water purification tablets, hygiene kits,

⁸ Reimbursement from USAID/OFDA to DOD for transportation of humanitarian commodities in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic is pending.

food, diapers, and other supplies, worth more than \$250,000. In addition, DOD donated vaccines—28,700 typhoid doses and 7,380 Peditrix doses—worth more than \$1.3 million.

Haiti

- On November 7, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Thomas C. Tighe declared a disaster due to the effects of Tropical Storm Noel. In response, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$400,000 for emergency relief activities and the provision of humanitarian commodities. In addition, from November 8 to 14, a four-person USAID/OFDA assessment team coordinated with the U.S. Embassy in Port-Au-Prince, USAID/Haiti, and GOH officials to survey flooding impacts and determine humanitarian needs.

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 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 humanitarian needs.

Honduras

- In anticipation of Hurricane Felix's impact, USAID provided \$25,000 in preparedness assistance to Honduras. USAID/OFDA provided additional funding to support the seven-member USAID emergency team that collaborated with USAID/Honduras, the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, and the Government of Honduras from September 4 to 8 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 nearly \$300,000 including transport. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided \$275,000 for emergency health services, emergency preparedness supplies, and relief commodities. From August 16 to 25, a six-member USAID assessment team supported emergency response efforts.

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 to the Mexican Red Cross through the American Red Cross for the local purchase and transport of roof repair materials, benefiting 9,150 individuals. 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 humanitarian needs.
- In advance of Hurricane Felix, USAID deployed four disaster specialists to collaborate with USAID/Mexico, the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, and GOM authorities to conduct impact and needs assessments.

Nicaragua

- On September 5, U.S. Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli declared a disaster due to the effects of Hurricane Felix. In response, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$1.6 million in emergency assistance to affected populations. USAID/OFDA assistance included the delivery of 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 the emergency relief supplies, including transport, was \$583,122.
- From September 6 to 17, DOD delivered an estimated 165 metric tons of emergency relief supplies provided by USAID/OFDA and various third-party supplies via a total of 115 relief flights to 37 hurricane-affected communities. DOD also airlifted a total of 20 Government of Nicaragua (GON) Ministry of Health (MOH) personnel to various communities and 74 sick or injured persons to Puerto Cabezas. USAID/OFDA contributed partial funding for the second phase of the DOD airlift. The total value of DOD assistance to Nicaragua was \$1.5 million.
- From September 4 to 19, a 10-person USAID assessment team coordinated hurricane response activities with U.N. agencies, DOD, GON authorities, and NGOs.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007¹			
U.S. Embassy Belmopan	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$50,000
Belize Red Cross	Emergency Preparedness	Affected Areas	\$25,000
Belize Red Cross	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$86,954
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE IN FY 2007			\$161,954
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BELIZE IN FY 2007			\$161,954

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of February 29, 2008.**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DOMINICA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007¹			
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	\$57,188
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DOMINICA IN FY 2007			\$82,188
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DOMINICA IN FY 2007			\$82,188

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<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008¹			
GODR MOH, Asociación para el Desarrollo de San José de Ocoa (ADESJO), Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sur (FUNDESUR), GODR, El Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral (IDDI), Oxfam, Dominican Red Cross, and World Vision	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Ázua, Barahona, Duarte, María Trinidad Sanchez, Monseñor Nouel (Bonaio), Peravia, San Cristobal, San José de Ocoa, and Santo Domingo Provinces	\$350,528
ADESJO, FUNDESUR, MOH, World Vision, Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicano (MUDE), IDDI, TU MJUER, and Fundación de Desarrollo Ázua, San Juan, y Elías Piña (FUNDASEP)	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Affected Areas	\$175,144

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CRS	Emergency Relief Supplies, Shelter	San Cristobal, San José de Ocoa Provinces	\$265,937
Family Health International/Conecta (FUNDASUR, MUDE, FUNDASEP, TU MUJER and ADESJO)	Emergency Relief Supplies; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; and Other Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$250,000
Food for the Poor/New York Yankees	Emergency Food Assistance/Transportation	San Juan Province	\$11,154
Movimiento de Mujeres Dominico-Haitiana (MUDHA)	Emergency Relief Supplies; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; and Other Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$11,305
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$200,000
USAID/Dominican Republic	Emergency Relief Supplies; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; and Other Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$722
Plan International	Emergency Relief Supplies; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; and Other Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$35,000
USAID/Dominican Republic	Aerial Assessment	Affected Areas	\$738
World Vision	Emergency Relief Supplies	Bahoruco and Barahona Provinces	\$200,000
World Vision, FUNDASUR, MUDHA	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$37,970
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN FY 2008			\$1,538,498
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN FY 2008			\$1,538,498
DOD ASSISTANCE-SOUTHCOM IN FY 2008			
Dominican Military, MOH, NGOs	Emergency Relief Supplies, Shelter Supplies, Vehicles, Chainsaws	Affected Areas	\$255,751
Dominican Military ¹	Transport of Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$206,000
Dominican MOH	Health	Affected Areas	\$1,348,310
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN FY 2008			\$1,810,061
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN FY 2008			\$3,348,559

¹ Estimated amount of DOD support, including fuel and personnel, to the Dominican Military for relief operations.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2008¹			
CRS	Agriculture, Food Security	Affected Areas	\$149,995
IOM	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
SC/US	Protection	Port-Au-Prince	\$43,169
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$100,000
World Concern Development Organization	Agriculture, Livelihoods	Affected Areas	\$150,000
World Vision	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	West Department	\$105,559
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$648,723
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$648,723

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007¹			
USAID/Honduras	Emergency Preparedness	Affected Areas	\$25,000
	Administrative Support	Affected Areas	\$5,700
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS IN FY 2007			\$30,700
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS IN FY 2007			\$30,700

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007¹			
ODPEM	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 Services	Affected Areas	\$100,000
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$297,244
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA IN FY 2007			\$572,244
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA IN FY 2007			\$572,244

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007¹			
Mexican Red Cross	Emergency Shelter Repair Supplies	Quintana Roo State	\$249,957
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO IN FY 2007			\$249,957
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO IN FY 2007			\$249,957

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007¹			
Nicaraguan Red Cross (NRC)	Emergency Preparedness Supplies	Affected Areas	\$45,000
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
Iglesia 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

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USAID/Nicaragua	Livelihoods and Capacity Building	Affected Areas	\$300,000
ADRA, CRS, NRC, PAHO	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$583,122
	Administrative Support		\$9,300
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA IN FY 2007			\$1,612,422
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA IN FY 2007			\$1,612,422
DOD ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007			
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
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA IN FY 2007			\$1,500,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA IN FY 2007			\$3,112,422

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ST. LUCIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007¹			
St. Lucia National Emergency Management Organization	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Affected Areas	\$40,432
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ST LUCIA IN FY 2007			\$40,432
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ST LUCIA IN FY 2007			\$40,432

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TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2007

TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2007	\$2,749,897
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANE FELIX IN FY 2007	\$1,500,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2007	\$4,249,897

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008

TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008	\$2,187,221
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANE FELIX IN FY 2008	\$1,810,061
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008	\$3,997,282

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/, 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 – Keyword: Hurricane
 - 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.int.