



Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Protection Programs

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Background

USAID/OFDA is at the forefront of the humanitarian community's effort to place greater emphasis on protection across all levels of relief planning and implementation. Vulnerable populations—including women, children, widows, and elderly, disabled, and displaced persons—often bear a heavy toll in natural disasters and complex emergencies, having lost family and community support structures and occupying low economic and social positions. In many instances, these groups are overlooked by traditional assistance mechanisms. In insecure environments, women and girls are particularly at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA). Since 2004 when USAID adopted an agency-wide policy on IDPs, USAID/OFDA has worked with multiple offices within USAID/DCHA and other U.S. government (USG) agencies to implement and strengthen protection activities to meet the needs of vulnerable populations. In FY 2006, USAID/OFDA began funding protection activities as a stand-alone humanitarian sector. Since October 2005, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$7.4 million in stand-alone humanitarian protection assistance to combat SEA and to provide child-friendly spaces, women's centers, psychosocial support, family reunification and child-tracing projects, and advocacy training. Together with other USAID/DCHA offices, USAID/OFDA is continuing to support the mainstreaming of protection into traditional humanitarian sector activities.

USAID/OFDA Stand-Alone Protection Activities

West Africa

- **Capacity Building in Liberia:** With nearly \$170,000, USAID/OFDA is supporting the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Liberia to address SEA, including the promotion of common standards, practices, procedures, protocols, and approaches to SEA among local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs). IRC's program, which is also supported by the U.S. Department of State Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM), is working to improve access to safe complaint mechanisms for communities and staff, attempting to strengthen the ability of NGOs to investigate reports of SEA, working to enhance coordination between government and NGOs to prevent exploitation, and increasing local awareness of referral services for victims of SEA.
- **Protection Workshops in West Africa:** In FY 2006, USAID/OFDA committed nearly \$60,000 to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) to facilitate protection workshops in Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia for WFP and partner agency staff. The workshops focused on how staff consider and integrate protection issues into strategies and action plans targeting IDPs and refugees. Workshop conclusions pointed to the need for additional training for field-based staff and improved avenues for sharing information.

East Africa and Sudan

- **Protection Activities in Northern Uganda:** To address ongoing vulnerability of populations in northern Uganda, USAID/OFDA has provided \$300,000 to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support protection officers, coordination, information collection and assessments, and training of service providers. USAID/OFDA has also provided \$150,000 to the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) for training, mentoring, and empowering human rights monitors to promote local protection initiatives. In partnership with USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth and Trade (USAID/EGAT), USAID/OFDA has provided \$200,000 for a technical evaluation of the performance and acceptability of energy-efficient stoves in Uganda, which are provided to reduce the need for women to walk long distances for firewood.
- **Protection for Women and Children in Darfur:** Since October 2005, OFDA has committed nearly \$3 million to Save the Children/US (SC/US), IRC, and Samaritan's Purse for stand-alone protection activities in Darfur. With this funding, SC/US is increasing the capacity of Community Child Protection Committees; providing psychosocial support to children and women through child-friendly spaces and women's centers; and monitoring and coordinating assistance for vulnerable women and children through community outreach and camp coordination activities. By creating child-friendly spaces, youth development centers, and women's centers, IRC is working to protect vulnerable children, youth, and women from potential violence and abuse and to ensure that they receive appropriate assistance. IRC's programs are also providing psychosocial support and economic opportunities for at-risk populations, particularly women and girls, to develop livelihoods that reduce their vulnerability to sexual and gender-based violence.

Samaritan's Purse is mitigating the effects of gender-based violence through livelihood development, psychosocial support, and education activities in eight women's centers in Darfur.

- Mobile Protection Teams in non-Darfur Sudan: Components of two USAID/OFDA FY 2006 grants are supporting stand-alone protection activities in Southern Sudan. With a portion of a \$290,000 capacity-building grant, IRC is facilitating protection training for community-based organizations and regional health departments to meet the needs of approximately 45,000 IDPs. With more than \$480,000 for emergency relief supplies, USAID/OFDA partner World Vision is supporting family reunification services and the creation of Mobile Protection Teams. The teams are using innovative methods to train communities on rights and responsibilities and advocate for the protection needs of returnees. World Vision Protection Monitors are also traveling with Emergency Relief teams to monitor distributions and ensure that relief supplies are shared equitably.

Asia and Middle East

- Protection Activities during the South Asia Earthquake Response: In response to the 2005 South Asia Earthquake, USAID/OFDA funded several activities in Pakistan to protect earthquake-displaced populations. As part of a grant to SC/US, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$120,000 for the construction of safe play spaces, implementation of family tracing and reunification activities, and establishment of temporary schools for displaced children in affected areas. Through a \$275,000 grant to IRC, USAID/OFDA supported family reunification activities and the creation of child-friendly spaces and activity centers to mitigate the traumatic effects of the earthquake on children and restore the children's psychosocial well-being.
- Youth and Child Protection in Sri Lanka: To address the surge in internal displacements that followed renewed fighting in Sri Lanka in August 2006, USAID/OFDA is providing \$300,000 to UNICEF for protection initiatives. Specifically, USAID/OFDA is supporting the registration and supervision of unaccompanied and separated children, the creation of child-friendly spaces, and the monitoring and prevention of underage military recruitment and other violations of children's rights.
- Protection Support for Lebanese IDPs: In FY 2006, USAID/OFDA provided approximately \$475,000 to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for health activities to prevent and mitigate domestic violence, such as psychological and social support for resident and displaced Lebanese, and for the creation of child-friendly spaces, youth centers, and women's centers for affected IDPs. USAID/OFDA also provided more than \$400,000 to Mercy Corps to support psychosocial activities for an estimated 10,000 war-affected people. With more than \$125,000, IMC is delivering psychosocial support to an estimated 10,000 people through the establishment of youth and women's centers. In FY 2007, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$600,000 to CHF International and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) for psychosocial activities specifically addressing the needs of women and children.

Global

- Fuel Needs in Conflict Settings: Through IRC, USAID/OFDA has committed more than \$105,000 to the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children (WCRWC) to promote a coordinated strategy for addressing overall fuel needs in conflict-affected settings. The WCRWC program is examining the connection between sexual and gender-based violence and women's collection of wood and brush for cooking and heat.
- Protection Surge Capacity: Through the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), USAID/OFDA has provided \$200,000 toward a protection surge capacity (PROCAP) program administered by the Norwegian Refugee Council. The program, which is also funded by other donors, deploys qualified protection professionals to assist in humanitarian responses around the globe.
- NGO Protection Capacity Building: In partnership with State/PRM, USAID/OFDA has provided \$98,000 through a cooperative agreement with InterAction to the International Council of Voluntary Agencies to develop a common NGO approach to address allegations of SEA. The activities have strengthened the capacity of NGOs and humanitarian staff to prevent and, when suspected, investigate charges of SEA against refugees and IDPs.
- Review of Humanitarian Protection Activities: With more than \$220,000 from USAID/OFDA, the U.K.-based Overseas Development Institute (ODI) is reviewing ongoing field based protection initiatives and researching best practices in the protection sector to improve the ability of humanitarian agencies to implement protection activities.

USAID/OFDA Mainstreamed Protection Assistance

- **Liberia**: USAID/OFDA partner IMC is incorporating protection initiatives into health activities in Liberia by training program staff and government officials in how to respond to the needs of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. With USAID/OFDA support, IMC is also creating methods for humanitarian responders to share information about vulnerable populations and SEA.
- **Zimbabwe**: USAID/OFDA partner International Organization for Migration has included the hiring of protection staff as part of a FY 2006 program to distribute relief supplies to displaced households in Zimbabwe.
- **Kenya**: USAID/OFDA partner CARE is incorporating protection considerations into broader water and sanitation activities in Kenya by increasing the yield of existing water points in Kenya's Mandera District. CARE's program aims to reduce the amount of time that women spend searching for water, decrease distances to water points, and minimize harassment that occurs at water points.
- **Uganda**: Through multiple grants, USAID/OFDA partners are mainstreaming protection activities into water and sanitation projects in Northern Uganda. By increasing water availability, implementing partners are limiting the need for women and girls to retrieve water from dangerous areas and reducing the amount of time that women and girls wait in line at water pumps where they are susceptible to harassment and exploitation.
- **Sudan (Darfur)**: USAID/OFDA has supported numerous activities that have mainstreamed protection activities in Darfur. Examples include ensuring appropriate and confidential medical case management for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence; implementing referral links between health providers, psychosocial support networks, and income generation opportunities for vulnerable individuals; identifying, monitoring, and coordinating assistance for vulnerable households and individuals; and providing income generation opportunities for girls, women, and youth as an alternative to livelihoods practices that place these populations at risk for sexual and gender-based violence. These activities were funded as part of the initiative to combat violence against women, started in 2005 at the behest of U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.
- **Southern Sudan**: In addition to stand-alone activities, USAID/OFDA's programs in Southern Sudan are mainstreaming protection considerations throughout regional interventions targeting women, IDPs, and returnees. For example, all of USAID/OFDA's health, water and sanitation, and infrastructure programs in Southern Sudan are incorporating the creation of community committees into a broader initiatives to improve health and hygiene systems. These committees are serving a protection purpose by encouraging peace building, conflict mitigation, and rights awareness training into the scope of the programming. USAID/OFDA partner Vétérinaires Sans Frontières/Belgium is providing veterinary services at the same time as the organization is establishing committees and mechanisms for inter-community dialogue on critical conflict issues such as grazing rights and resource sharing. These committees are helping to decrease conflict, cattle raids, and cattle-related fighting, which are among the primary sources of injuries in Southern Sudan.

USAID/OFDA FY 2006 AND FY 2007 STAND-ALONE IDP AND PROTECTION ASSISTANCE

<i>Location</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA STAND-ALONE IDP AND PROTECTION ASSISTANCE - FY 2006¹			
Côte d'Ivoire	Coordination, personnel, and advocacy	WFP	\$59,514
Lebanon	Psychosocial services, child-friendly spaces, women's centers	CRS	\$478,906
	Psychosocial services	Mercy Corps	\$408,746
	Youth centers, women's centers, and psychosocial services	IMC	\$125,250
Liberia	Coordination, personnel, and advocacy	IRC	\$167,156
Pakistan	Child-friendly spaces, child tracing, and family reunification	SC/US	\$119,600
	Coordination, personnel, and advocacy	IRC	\$275,000
Southern Sudan	Coordination and capacity building	IRC	\$289,207
	Family reunification and advocacy	World Vision	\$482,593
Sri Lanka	Various protection activities	UNICEF	\$300,000
Sudan (Darfur)	Psychosocial services, women's centers, child-friendly spaces	SC/US	\$442,325
	Child-friendly spaces, youth centers, women's centers	IRC	\$2,054,678
	Gender-based violence reduction, women's centers	Samaritan's Purse	\$411,416
Uganda	Coordination, personnel, and advocacy	UNICEF	\$300,000
	Coordination, personnel, and advocacy	UNOHCHR	\$150,000
	Gender-based violence reduction	USAID/EGAT	\$200,000
Global	Coordination, personnel, and advocacy	UNOCHA	\$200,000
	Advocacy	ICVA	\$98,000
	Advocacy	ODI	\$222,807
	Gender-based violence reduction	IRC	\$105,802
USAID/OFDA STAND-ALONE IDP AND PROTECTION ASSISTANCE IN FY 2006			\$6,785,198

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USAID/OFDA STAND-ALONE IDP AND PROTECTION ASSISTANCE - FY 2007¹			
Lebanon	Psychosocial services	CHF	\$359,728
	Psychosocial services	IOCC	\$312,181
USAID/OFDA STAND-ALONE IDP AND PROTECTION ASSISTANCE IN FY 2006			\$671,909

TOTAL USAID/OFDA STAND-ALONE IDP AND PROTECTION ASSISTANCE IN FY 2006 AND 2007			\$7,457,107
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¹USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 9, 2006.