



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #40, Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

September 19, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated September 15, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), a U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) assessment team visited Tair Debba, Bazouriye, Aaitit, and Qana in Tyre (Sur) District. The team reported that health centers in the villages are intact and most of them have water and access to electricity. A WHO team also visited two health facilities in Tyre and reported that the facilities were intact, functioning, and providing health services. WHO provided health kits to health centers in Deir Aamess, Srifa, Kafra, and Yaroun.
- According to the U.N. Human Rights Council (UNHRC), from September 7 to 13, a team of independent human rights experts visited Lebanon and conducted assessments. The team—including specialists on internally displaced persons (IDPs), housing, physical and mental health, food, and extrajudicial executions—will submit a joint report during the September 18 to October 6 meeting of UNHRC in Geneva.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE – LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,189	Government of Lebanon (GOL) – September 19, 2006
Injured	4,399	GOL – September 19, 2006
Total Displaced Population	215,413	GOL – September 19, 2006
Estimated Returns to Date	758,771	GOL – September 19, 2006

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$69,663,367

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

CURRENT SITUATION

- The GOL Higher Relief Council (HRC) reports that 758,711 displaced persons have returned to their home areas since August 14. At the height of the emergency, HRC estimated that nearly 975,000 Lebanese fled their homes. Most of the remaining 215,413 IDPs and refugees are staying with host families. According to HRC, 1,189 Lebanese were killed and approximately 4,399 injured during the conflict.
- U.N. relief agencies are finalizing plans for the phase-out of emergency activities and handover to U.N. Development Program leadership by October 24, the end of the U.N. Flash Appeal for Lebanon. The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reports that WFP will reduce U.N.-assisted humanitarian cargo movement within Lebanon by October 10, but will continue limited operations until October 24. WFP assistance for cargo movement from Syria into Lebanon will cease at the end of September.

Water and Sanitation

- On September 18, OCHA reported that the Ouadi Jilou water pumping station in Tyre District and the Ouazzani pumping station in Hasbeya District are now operational. The Ouadi Jilou station is currently pumping between 15,000 and 17,000 cubic meters of water daily to 42 villages. The Ouazzani station is pumping between 6,000 and 7,500 cubic meters of water daily to 70 villages, including Markaba, Khiam, Taibe, and Aadaisse in Marjayoun District. However, the pipe network between Ouazzani and Bent Jbail remains under repair.
- According to OCHA, the Nabatiye Water Authority reported that the water output of wells in Nabatiye District is nearly back to pre-conflict levels. Of the four wells damaged in the district during the conflict, one is awaiting funding for repairs, two have been repaired, and the fourth is expected to be operational by September 22. Although village water networks in the district have been repaired, OCHA reports that not all households are receiving water due to electricity irregularities, seasonal shortages, and the need to replenish household tanks.

Assessments and Remaining Needs

- According to OCHA, during the week of September 11, a U.N. team visited the villages of Ain Qana, Arab Salim, Jarjouaa, Jbaa, Kfar Fila, Maifadoun, and Qaaqaait ej Jisr in Nabatiye District. OCHA reports that workers have restored water and electricity supply to pre-conflict levels in the villages. All villages have received food aid but the municipalities of Qaaqaait ej Jisr and Maifadoun expressed concern about food security during Ramadan and have requested additional support.
- According to OCHA, a number of village representatives have visited the U.N. humanitarian hub in Tyre to request assistance. The representatives are from smaller villages that may have been overlooked by relief agencies. OCHA staff are documenting their concerns and providing information to the relevant agencies or cluster heads.

USG Partner Updates

- On September 15, USG partner Mercy Corps completed the last scheduled food distribution to southern Lebanon. Mercy Corps will continue to distribute additional food to targeted vulnerable individuals in the district as needs arise. In addition, Mercy Corps has discontinued bottled water distribution to Marjayoun and Nabatiye districts. Mercy Corps has increased water tank distributions in Marjayoun, delivering a total of 303 tanks from September 14 to 17.
- On September 18, Mercy Corps began repairs on 16 schools in Nabatiye and Marjayoun districts. All schools are expected to be rehabilitated prior to the beginning of the school year in October.
- Working with the local water authority, USG partner CHF International has begun reconstruction of the water delivery system in Sidon (Saida) and Jezzine districts. As of September 15, CHF has procured 8,280 meters of pipes to restore access to clean water for thousands of residents.
- From September 15 to 16, USG partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) delivered 7,500 family hygiene kits, 2,500 baby hygiene kits, 3,000 family food kits, 2,000 baby food kits, 40,848 liters of water and 60 MT of food commodities to be distributed in Sidon and Marjayoun districts, according to the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC).

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 has authorized \$230 million in USG humanitarian and reconstruction assistance for persons affected by conflict in Lebanon.
- On July 23, the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (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.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided 3,000 tarps, 40,000 blankets, and 18 emergency health kits in support of relief operations in Lebanon. The DART has consigned these relief supplies to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), WHO, International Medical Corps (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.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$7 million to support the U.N. Flash Appeal for Lebanon to WFP and UNJLC for logistics and coordination, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) for water and sanitation activities, and 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) has 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, to the U.N. Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), and to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for transportation of third-country nationals. State/PRM has also contributed more than \$13.5 million to ICRC's emergency appeal for protection, food, health, and water and sanitation activities.
- USAID/OFDA has contributed nearly \$31 million to American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), CRS, CHF International, IMC, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Mercy Corps, and World Vision for distribution of food and relief supplies, food security and agriculture, health services, infrastructure rehabilitation, livelihood recovery activities, nutrition, protection, psychosocial support, risk reduction, transitional shelter activities, and/or water and sanitation services. USAID/OFDA has also provided nearly \$26,000 to Church World Service (CWS) for security training for relief NGOs.
- The USG has provided nearly \$10 million in wheat flour, wheat, and lentil commodities. USAID's Office of Food for Peace is providing 1,000 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.
- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political and Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement will provide \$420,000 in FY 2006 and up to \$2 million in FY 2007 to Mines Advisory Group for demining activities in Lebanon, subject to Congressional approval.
- In addition to evacuating nearly 15,000 American citizens, the U.S. Military has been integral in providing transport to Beirut for both the DART and USAID emergency relief supplies.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
CRS	Water and sanitation, psychosocial support, food, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, and protection	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$6,358,073
CHF International	Water and sanitation, psychosocial support, health, livelihoods, food security and agriculture, and emergency relief supplies	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, Nabatiye, North Lebanon, South Lebanon	\$5,261,358
CWS	Security training for relief workers	Jordan	\$25,916
ICRC	Protection, food, health, and water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$13,512,000
IMC	Water and sanitation, health, psychosocial support, and emergency relief supplies	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,413,917
IOM	Evacuation of third-country nationals	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
IOCC	Water and sanitation, health, psychosocial support, infrastructure rehabilitation, emergency relief supplies, and livelihoods	Bekaa, Nabatiye, South Beirut, South Lebanon	\$1,999,427
Mercy Corps	Water and sanitation, shelter, nutrition, emergency relief supplies, health, food security and agriculture, school rehabilitation, protection, and livelihoods	Mt. Lebanon, South Lebanon, Nabatiye, Bekaa, Beirut	\$8,369,973
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
OCHA/HIC	Information management	Countrywide	\$200,000
UNDSS	Safety and security for humanitarian operations	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNJLC	Logistics	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNICEF	Coordination and water and sanitation	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
World Vision	Water and sanitation and emergency relief supplies	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut	\$1,563,584
WFP	Logistics and coordination	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	1,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$624,800
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	DART administrative costs	Affected areas	\$244,048
TOTAL FY 2006 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$69,663,367

¹USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 19, 2006.**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