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Kenya – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated March 26, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On April 8, media sources reported increased tensions and street protests in Nairobi’s Kibera slum and Kisumu, Nyanza Province, following the suspension of power-sharing agreement talks between Kenya’s President Mwai Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga. USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff note concern for the potential of renewed violence and further displacement due to current tensions and insecurity.
- From April 2 to 6, the Director of USAID/OFDA visited Kenya and met with the USAID/DART, non-governmental organizations, and U.N. partners to assess the humanitarian situation following post-election violence. In addition, the Director participated in assessments of internally displaced persons (IDP) camps throughout Rift Valley Province, including Naivasha, Nakuru, Molo, Makutano, Timboroa, Burnt Forest, Cherangani, Geta, and Kitale and Eldoret Showgrounds. The team observed a need to upgrade existing camps shelter resources, particularly with the onset of the March to June rain, and continues to emphasize long-term camp management as a priority due to protracted displacement.
- The USAID/DART continues to conduct field assessments throughout affected regions of central and western Kenya, engage with U.N. and partner relief agencies to identify evolving humanitarian needs, and facilitate coordination and information sharing regarding response efforts.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Conflict-Affected Population at Risk of Poverty¹	2,000,000	The World Bank – January 18, 2008
Estimated IDPs in camps and centers	169,789	KRCS ² – April 8, 2008
Estimated IDPs within host communities	196,000	NDOC ³ – March 26, 2008
Deaths⁴	1,020	NDOC – April 8, 2008
Refugees in Uganda	12,000	UNHCR ⁵ – February 26, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Kenya	\$6,039,498
USAID/FFP⁶ Assistance to Kenya	\$39,719,000
State/PRM⁷ Assistance to Kenya	\$10,843,105
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Kenya	\$56,601,603

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of April 8, KRCS reported that approximately 170,000 IDPs remain in 182 camps. KRCS notes that most IDPs are remaining in or moving into camps due to perceptions of ongoing insecurity in pre-crisis homes, in addition to hopes of restitution for damaged or destroyed business and personal property resulting from post-election violence.
- On March 27, the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya visited Kibera in Nairobi to assess the impact of post-election violence. The Ambassador noted that while violence had affected Kibera’s population, the majority of people had returned to pre-conflict lands and are rebuilding destroyed homes and businesses with community assistance. In addition, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that as of April 4, several IDP camps in Nyanza Province have closed.

¹ While exact estimates of the total population affected by post-election violence vary, the World Bank estimated that 2 million Kenyans may be driven into poverty as a result of the ongoing complex emergency.

² Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS)

³ The Government of Kenya’s (GOK) National Disaster Operations Center (NDOC).

⁴ The number of deaths reported by NDOC only include those confirmed by area hospitals and morgues. The complete number of deaths is still not known.

⁵ Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

⁶ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁷ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- During mid-March field assessments in Rift Valley Province, the USAID/DART emphasized the need to systematically register IDPs in both camps and host communities in order to better target assistance to vulnerable populations. On April 4, OCHA reported that detailed IDP registration is underway in Nakuru, Rift Valley Province. The registration is expected to provide details of IDP intentions and land ownership and assist relief agencies in preparations for future IDP returns.

Eldoret

- From March 26 to 30, the USAID/DART traveled to Eldoret town in Rift Valley Province with representatives from the U.S. Department of Defense's Combined Joint Task Force for the Horn of Africa (CTJF-HOA) and implementing partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to assess the humanitarian situation for IDPs who have expressed interest in returning to pre-crisis lands. The USAID/DART noted that although community and church leaders are contributing to relief efforts, underlying tensions between ethnic groups continue to hinder IDP returns. However, the team reported that IDPs and other affected populations from these villages are making positive steps towards reconciliation, particularly in comparison to nearby areas such as Burnt Forest where ongoing insecurity and political and ethnic tensions are prohibiting displaced families from returning to agricultural lands.
- On March 29, the USAID/DART, CRS, and the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret facilitated separate meetings with different ethnic groups to delineate criteria for beneficiary selection. To address sensitivities regarding the perceived provision of unequal assistance to different ethnic communities, the USAID/DART emphasizes the importance of transparent, targeted interventions that are based on the emergency needs of the most affected populations from the post-election crisis.

Food Security

- According to multiple USAID/DART assessments, IDPs have identified the upcoming planting season as a significant motivating factor for displaced families to return to pre-crisis lands. However, security concerns have prevented many IDPs from preparing fields. For the few farmers who have returned, a lack of cash or access to credit has made acquiring seeds and fertilizer difficult. In order to encourage livelihood rehabilitation and restore assets in areas where IDPs express a willingness to return to pre-crisis lands, the USAID/DART supports the provision of an agricultural assistance package for targeted beneficiaries.
- The USAID/DART reports that the window to plant maize for the upcoming harvest season will close on April 10, according to farmers. As a result, the majority of IDP farmers are likely to miss the staple cereals planting season, exacerbating food security concerns.
- To date, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) has provided 7,708 metric tons (MT) of food assistance through KRCS to address the food needs of Kenyans affected by post-election violence. USAID/WFP has provided approximately 30 percent of WFP food distributions for the current crisis, or 2,256 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance.

Protection

- According to USAID/DART field assessments, the GOK has established two police stations in Eldoret to enhance security. Despite an augmented police presence, IDPs state that fear and uncertainty are hindering them from returning to pre-crisis homes. The USAID/DART emphasizes that GOK involvement is essential to enhance the security environment and facilitate the return of displaced families.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$303,000 to support U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) protection programs to implement emergency registration and family reintegration activities for affected populations.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On January 3, U.S. Ambassador Michael E. Ranneberger declared a disaster due to the effects of election-related violence in Kenya. To date in FY 2008, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$6 million in response to the crisis, assisting affected communities with health, nutrition, shelter, protection, relief commodities, and water, sanitation, and hygiene needs. The USAID/DART in Kenya is conducting humanitarian assessments in affected areas, identifying emergency needs, and coordinating the USG response in conjunction with the GOK, relief agencies, and other donors.
- USAID established a Humanitarian Task Force in Nairobi, which includes representatives from USAID/Kenya, USAID/East Africa, USAID/OFDA, USAID/FFP, the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, and other USG agencies, to facilitate information sharing and coordinate response efforts for the ongoing crisis. USAID staff will continue to conduct field assessments as security permits, liaise with relief partners, and identify emergency priority needs.
- To date in FY 2008, USAID/FFP has contributed 45,140 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance valued at nearly \$40 million to WFP emergency drought response and refugee feeding operations in Kenya. In response to the post-election crisis, WFP redirected 2,256 MT of USAID-provided food relief to KRCS for distribution to IDPs and other vulnerable groups, representing approximately 30 percent of KRCS' total food distribution to conflict-affected persons to date.

- To date in FY 2008, State/PRM has provided support to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and to Lutheran World Federation (LWF) for ongoing refugee care and maintenance projects in the Kakuma refugee camp in Turkana District, Rift Valley Province, and to CARE for camp management and water projects in the Dadaab refugee camp in Garissa District, North Eastern Province. In response to U.N. and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) emergency appeals, State/PRM has provided \$500,000 to UNHCR and \$3.4 million to ICRC using Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance funding. In FY 2007, State/PRM allocated more than \$14 million in support of refugee programs in Kenya, primarily for activities in Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)	Health	Nairobi	\$197,857
CRS	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Countrywide	\$198,395
CRS	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Logistics and Emergency Relief Supplies; Protection; and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Coast, Nyanza, Eastern, Western, and Rift Valley Provinces	\$2,815,081
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Rift Valley Province	\$500,000
KRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies	Countrywide	\$200,000
Merlin	Health	Nyanza Province	\$189,940
UNHCR	Protection; Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$773,825
UNICEF	Health; Nutrition; and Protection	Countrywide	\$750,000
UNICEF	Protection	Countrywide	\$303,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$111,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$6,039,498
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	45,140 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$39,719,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$39,719,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
CARE	Refugee Assistance to Dadaab Camp	North Eastern Province	\$1,000,000
ICRC	IDP Protection and Assistance; Health; Shelter; and Water and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,400,000
IRC	Refugee Assistance to Kakuma Camp	Turkana District, Rift Valley Province	\$1,437,236
LWF	Refugee Assistance to Kakuma Camp	Turkana District, Rift Valley Province	\$455,869
UNHCR	IDP Protection and Assistance; Camp Coordination and Management; Emergency Shelter; HIV/AIDS	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$4,050,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$10,843,105
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA IN FY 2008			\$56,601,603

¹ USAID/OFDA and State/PRM funding represent anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 9, 2008.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

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 organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Kenya may be available at www.reliefweb.int.
- 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