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Kenya – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated May 28, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Poor rain performance in northern pastoral areas and interrupted domestic crop production related to the post-election violence in early 2008 has led to decreased food security affecting pastoralists and some internally displaced persons (IDPs) in areas of western and northern Kenya.
- Preliminary assessments indicate that up to 70 percent of Kenya's population may be severely affected by increasing food prices within the next three months. The U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) anticipates a significant increase in food prices in August due to decreased domestic agricultural production, a rise in global food prices, and the increased cost of production.
- As of mid June, more than 89,000 people displaced by post-election violence since early 2008 have settled at more than 100 transition sites near pre-crisis homes and farms, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). IDPs remaining at transit sites report security concerns, a need for further peace and reconciliation efforts, and a lack of resources to repair damaged and destroyed housing as primary reasons for remaining at transit sites.
- USAID/OFDA staff based in Nairobi continue to monitor the returns process throughout affected areas of western Kenya, assess drought and food insecurity conditions in affected northern regions, facilitate coordination and information sharing among U.N. and relief agencies, and work with implementing partners to support sustainable returns and early recovery.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
People in need of emergency food assistance countrywide	1.2 million ¹	OCHA – June 20, 2008
Estimated IDPs in camps and centers	76,858	OCHA – June 18, 2008
Estimated IDPs within host communities	196,000	NDOC ² – March 26, 2008
Estimated IDPs in transition sites	89,282	OCHA – June 18, 2008
Kenyan Refugees in Uganda	2,000	UNHCR ³ – April 18, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Kenya	\$10,255,852
USAID/FFP⁴ Assistance to Kenya	\$71,255,600
State/PRM⁵ Assistance to Kenya	\$14,943,105
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Kenya	\$96,454,557

CURRENT SITUATION

- On June 20, OCHA reported that 1.2 million people are in need of food assistance in Kenya, including populations in northwestern pastoral districts affected by below normal rains and resource-based conflicts. In addition, *peste des petits ruminants* (PPR), a viral livestock disease prevalent in 16 districts, is compounding the impact of low rainfall on pastoralists. Since late 2006, the viral disease has killed more than 350,000 sheep and goats in Turkana District, Rift Valley Province, according to OCHA. OCHA reported a 25 percent livestock mortality rate due to PPR in April.
- Between May 2 and June 18, the number of IDPs residing in camps decreased from 158,891 to 76,858, and the number of camps declined from 157 to 111, according to OCHA. USAID/OFDA staff note that while many IDP farmers have returned to pre-crisis lands, non-farmers, business people, and landless individuals are reluctant to leave IDP camps without securing GOK compensation to reestablish livelihoods.

¹ The 1.2 million figure includes 300,000 people affected by post-election violence and an additional 900,000 people in arid and semi-arid areas.

² The Government of Kenya (GOK) National Disaster Operations Center (NDOC)

³ The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

⁴ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁵ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- The number of IDPs in transition sites has increased in recent weeks, according to OCHA. Approximately half of all IDPs returning from established camps have settled in transition sites. In addition, increasing numbers of IDPs are returning from host communities in anticipation of GOK-promised assistance and compensation. During the week of June 12, approximately 12,000 IDPs moved to transition sites closer to pre-crisis homes in Rift Valley Province with an estimated 5,000 new IDPs arriving at transition sites in Uasin Gishu District.

Agriculture and Food Security

- Results of multiple nutrition surveys of arid and semi-arid areas of Northeastern and Rift Valley Provinces indicate increased rates of malnutrition, according to OCHA. Initial surveys indicate global acute malnutrition rates ranging from 21.5 percent to 28.9 percent and severe acute malnutrition rates between 1.3 percent and 5.5 percent in most-affected areas.
- As of June 24, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reports a need for an additional 55,000 MT of emergency food commodities to assist vulnerable populations through December 2008. Approximately 13,200 MT of food is required each month for post-election crisis affected areas and arid and semi-arid areas, according to OCHA.
- USAID/OFDA field staff conducted an assessment in three districts of Eastern Province from June 16 to 20. The team reported that consecutive seasons of poor rainfall in late 2007 and early 2008, renewed ethnic tensions, rising food prices, and dysfunctional boreholes are exacerbating food security concerns in Marsabit District.
- USAID/OFDA field staff also report that pastoralists in southern Laisamis District in Eastern Province have been unable to sell livestock since the closure of livestock markets in April due to PPR. The GOK has conducted a livestock vaccination campaign in order to prevent further transmission of the disease. Approximately 85 percent of individuals in Marsabit, Laisamis, and Chalbi districts are pastoralists and rely on livestock for livelihood security.
- Rising food prices and general inflation are further threatening food security in Kenya. The GOK reports that inflation increased from 26.6 percent in April to 31.5 percent in May.
- In mid-June, USAID/OFDA provided an additional \$1 million to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) to pre-position nutrition-related staff and commodities to mitigate the impact of the evolving food security crisis in northern arid and semi-arid areas in Kenya.

IDP Returns

- From June 10 to 12, USAID/OFDA staff traveled to Rift Valley Province to assess the humanitarian situation in return areas and the status of existing IDP camps. USAID/OFDA staff report that while population levels at urban Nakuru and Navaisha IDP camps have not significantly declined, the number of IDPs at Eldoret Showground camp has decreased from approximately 14,000 to 9,000 people in recent weeks.
- USAID/OFDA staff report that IDP farmers returning from Cherangani camp in Trans Nzoia District to surrounding pre-crisis home areas have settled in tents at original home sites and continue to cultivate surrounding farmland. USAID/OFDA staff observed that the majority of farmland in the area had been planted.
- In contrast, during a June 24 assessment of return areas near Molo in Nakuru District, USAID/OFDA staff reported that the majority of recent returns have settled in transit sites near pre-crisis homes. Only a limited number of Molo area returnees have been able to access their farmlands due to other community residents using the land for cultivation and grazing.
- Multiple relief agencies report that the majority of transit sites lack basic services and present significant challenges to humanitarian assistance efforts. In addition, the uncertainty of the duration of new transit sites and limited available resources to support the proliferation of new sites pose additional challenges. Identified needs include tents, blankets, and sanitation facilities. UNICEF has pre-positioned plastic sheeting and other relief commodities to assist residents of transit sites with emergency shelter needs.
- USAID/OFDA staff continues to emphasize the need for open communication and coordination between the GOK and donors, NGOs, and U.N. agencies regarding GOK IDP policy and support for sustainable returns.

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 \$10.2 million in response to the crisis, assisting affected communities with health, nutrition, shelter, protection, relief commodities, and water, sanitation, and hygiene needs.
- To date in FY 2008, USAID/FFP has contributed 71,210 MT emergency and development food assistance valued at more than \$71 million for pastoralists, internally displaced persons, and additional vulnerable groups including refugees primarily from Somalia and Sudan.
- In FY 2008, State/PRM has provided \$10 million for ongoing refugee care countrywide, including maintenance activities and water projects in Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps in northern Kenya. In response to emergency appeals for the post-election crisis, State/PRM has provided \$1.5 million to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and \$3.4 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (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
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Economy and Market Systems; Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Logistics and Emergency Relief Supplies; Protection; Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Coast, Nyanza, Eastern, Western, and Rift Valley Provinces	\$6,014,029
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Rift Valley Province	\$500,000
KRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Countrywide	\$365,400
Merlin	Health	Nyanza Province	\$189,940
UNHCR	Protection; Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$773,825
UNICEF	Health; Nutrition; and Protection	Countrywide	\$2,053,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$161,801
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$10,255,852
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	71,210 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$71,255,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$71,255,600
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	\$1,500,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$7,150,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$14,943,105
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA IN FY 2008			\$96,454,557

¹ USAID/OFDA and State/PRM funding represent anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 25, 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