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Chad – Complex Emergency

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BACKGROUND AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Ongoing conflicts in neighboring Sudan and the Central African Republic (CAR) continue to fuel significant refugee inflows and instability in Chad, while the presence of armed opposition groups, ethnic tensions, and widespread banditry within Chad have displaced tens of thousands of residents within the last three months, further exacerbating humanitarian needs. Heightened violence and insecurity has restricted access and led relief agencies to reduce staff, hindering efforts to provide emergency assistance to conflict-affected populations.
- On January 14, a six-member USAID Assessment Team, including representatives from USAID/OFDA, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) and the Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI), arrived in Chad to assess the current humanitarian situation in the east with a particular focus on host communities and internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by recent conflict. The team is assessing humanitarian needs resulting from the deteriorating security environment and will coordinate the USG humanitarian response and recommend additional USG humanitarian support as required.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
IDPs	112,000	OCHA ¹ - January 2007
Affected Host Population	700,000	OCHA - November 2006
Sudanese Refugees	234,000	OCHA - November 2006
CAR Refugees	50,000	OCHA - November 2006

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE (FY 2006 AND FY 2007)

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Chad	\$3,893,032
USAID/FFP Assistance to Chad	\$42,168,200
USAID/OTI Assistance to Chad	\$610,947
STATE/PRM² Assistance to Chad	\$52,640,480
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Chad	\$99,312,659

CURRENT SITUATION

Internally Displaced Populations

- Since December 2005, increased insecurity in the border region with Sudan has resulted in the displacement of more than 100,000 Chadians, including 20,000 in December 2006, according to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The recent surge in IDPs is attributed to cross-border attacks by Sudanese militias and rising inter-communal violence.
- On January 18, the USAID Assessment Team visited the IDP sites of Goz Bagar and Goundiang, located 60 km south of Farchana. An estimated 12,000 IDPs have arrived at the two sites since November. According to IDPs interviewed by the USAID Assessment Team, Sudanese militias attacked Chadian villages located near the Sudanese border, forcing the population to flee. IDPs are not expected to return to villages of origin until security can be guaranteed, prompting concerns that IDPs will be unable to prepare farmland for the upcoming April planting season. In addition, many IDPs fled with little or no personal possessions, increasing their vulnerability.
- The USAID Assessment Team is examining the situation and collaborating with partners to address the humanitarian needs of conflict-affected populations. Needs identified thus far include food, clean water, sanitation, and relief commodities. USAID/OFDA currently supports five non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and two U.N. agencies implementing emergency programming in eastern Chad. USAID/FFP is assisting 66,000 IDPs in Chad through the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), which has pre-positioned one month's worth of food stocks in the region. State/PRM supports UNHCR and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) programs in eastern Chad, which deliver services to both IDPs and refugees.

¹ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

² Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

- On January 15, ICRC launched an airlift into Abeche to deliver non-food items for approximately 40,000 IDPs in sites along the southeastern border. The USAID Assessment Team observed the ICRC distribution underway in Goz Bagar and Goundiang.

Refugees and Host Communities

- Since April 2003, more than 234,000 Sudanese refugees from Darfur have fled to eastern Chad, straining scarce resources such as water and grazing pasture for livestock, impacting an estimated host community population of 700,000, according to OCHA. Southern Chad has long hosted refugees from CAR, and these numbers have increased from 30,000 to 50,000 since 2005. The continued presence of the refugees has taxed relations between refugee populations and host communities.
- Previously unregistered Darfur refugees, living with Chadian host families in villages along the border, are increasingly arriving in Gaga camp, according to UNHCR.
- The USAID Assessment Team reports that Chadian communities hosting the newly internally displaced have needs for humanitarian assistance nearly as great as the IDPs. The host communities are sharing their own stocks of food and non-food items with the refugees.
- In addition to addressing the basic needs of host communities and IDPs, the nearly \$3.9 million in USAID/OFDA-funded programming focuses on reducing resource-based tensions and conflict between Sudanese refugees and the local population. Combined efforts to reduce the need for firewood, increase access to clean water, and implement mixed refugee and host community committees for conflict resolution have markedly reduced tension in affected areas.
- State/PRM supports protection and assistance programs for Sudanese refugees in Chad in partnership with UNHCR, WFP, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and a broad range of NGOs. Funded programs deliver essential services including food security, shelter, health, physical security, and water and sanitation, in addition to education, livelihoods training, and awareness on HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence.

Humanitarian Access

- Escalating violence and the current U.N. Phase IV security status in the region is hindering the humanitarian community’s ability to maintain current levels of programming and to augment their capacity to respond to the needs of the newly displaced.
- The USAID Assessment Team is meeting with partner organizations to determine the impact of the security situation on the transport of relief supplies and personnel and the ability to provide humanitarian support to conflict-affected populations.

Coordination

- According to the USAID Assessment Team, current weaknesses in coordination exist, including the lack of a strong lead agency for IDPs. The burgeoning IDP population which has doubled from 60,000 to an estimated 112,000 in the last three months has created programming challenges. The assessment team is meeting with U.N. partners on the ground to address efforts to improve agency coordination and to insure coverage of expanding needs.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$200,000 to OCHA towards establishing a coordinating office in Abeche to facilitate a more robust field presence.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2007			
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE ¹			
WFP	20,410 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$19,970,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$19,970,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Africare	Food Security, Income Generation, Sanitation	Eastern Chad	\$691,645
CARE	Psychosocial Support, Education, Reproductive Health	Eastern Chad	\$649,969
UNHCR	Refugee Protection, Multi-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$8,050,000

TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$9,391,614
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2007			\$29,361,614
FY 2006			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE²			
CARE	Income Generation; Protection; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Iriba, Guereda	\$493,743
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Food Security and Agriculture	Farchana, Guereda	\$500,000
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization	Food Security and Agriculture	Eastern Chad	\$500,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health	Guereda	\$650,038
International Relief Development (IRD)	Food Security and Agriculture; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Goz Beida, Iriba	\$1,099,251
OCHA	Coordination	Eastern Chad	\$200,000
UNICEF	Relief Commodities	Eastern Chad	\$400,000
U.S. Embassy N'Djamena	Food Security and Agriculture	Goz Beida	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$3,893,032
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	23,740 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$22,198,200
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$22,198,200
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$610,947
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$610,947
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Africare	Income Generation; Nutrition; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$500,535
Air Serv	Humanitarian Flights for NGOs and the U.N.	Eastern Chad	\$2,759,958
CARE	Capacity Building, Education, Protection, Psychosocial Services	Eastern Chad	\$948,715
Christian Children's Fund	Child Protection, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, and Non-Formal Education	Eastern Chad	\$483,582
CRS	Capacity Building; Income Generation; Protection; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$497,900
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	Psychosocial Services	Eastern Chad	\$652,776
ICRC	Protection and Assistance for Displaced Chadians and Refugees	Eastern Chad	\$1,700,000
IFRC	Camp Management; Education; Nutrition; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$1,800,000
IMC	Health, Psychosocial Services	Eastern Chad	\$1,800,000
Internews	Education, Humanitarian Information Service for Refugees, Protection	Eastern Chad	\$385,074
International Rescue Committee	Camp Management; Education; Health; Protection; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$1,960,557
IRD	Livelihoods; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$499,617

MENTOR	Health	Eastern Chad	\$656,913
Refugee Education Trust	Education	Eastern Chad	\$799,970
UNHCR	Refugee Protection, Multi-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$22,737,269
UNICEF	Education; Health; Nutrition; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$4,066,000
WFP	Air Support	Eastern Chad	\$1,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$43,248,866
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2006			\$69,951,045

¹ Estimated value of food assistance.

² USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of January 22, 2007.

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 emergency response efforts in Chad can be found at www.interaction.org. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Chad may be available at www.reliefweb.org.
- 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