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Chad – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated April 24, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On May 11, the U.N. issued a supplementary appeal for \$23 million to support expanded assistance to approximately 140,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) over a 90-day period in eastern Chad. The appeal calls for multi-sectoral assistance through 13 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and U.N. agencies.
- According to the U.N., the number of IDPs in eastern Chad has grown from 140,000 in April to approximately 172,000. The increase represents a near tripling of the internally displaced population since November 2006. Ongoing violence and the presence of more than 234,000 Sudanese refugees continue to strain local resources.
- On May 31, U.S. Ambassador Marc M. Wall and U.S. Senator Bill Nelson visited U.S. Government (USG)-supported humanitarian programs in Guereda. The delegation toured a health clinic and school in Kounoungou refugee camp.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
IDPs	172,000	UNHCR ¹ – June 2007
Affected Host Population	700,000	OCHA ² – November 2006
Sudanese Refugees	234,000	UNHCR – May 2007
Central African Republican Refugees	50,000	UNHCR – May 2007

FY 2007 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Chad	\$3,074,910
USAID/FFP³ Assistance to Chad	\$33,053,800
USAID/OTI⁴ Assistance to Chad	\$118,188
State/PRM⁵ Assistance to Chad	\$31,018,896
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Chad	\$67,265,794

CURRENT SITUATION

- USAID has continued to monitor humanitarian developments and programs in eastern Chad through the deployment of a field officer to the region. In May and June, the field officer visited Guereda, Goz Beida, Farchana, Gaga, Koukou-Angarana, and Goz Amer to review the humanitarian situation and implementation of USAID programs.
- State/PRM is closely monitoring both the refugee and IDP situations in eastern Chad. In response to growing IDP needs, State/PRM funded a portion of UNHCR's recent appeal to assist Chadian IDPs.

Internally Displaced Populations

- Humanitarian agencies report that the IDP population includes multiple groups with varying motivations for migration. Some fled during attacks with few possessions, others seem to have fled in advance of attacks and brought some belongings, and others appear to migrate seasonally. While many IDPs are located in 9 major sites and 17 smaller sites identified in the U.N. supplementary appeal, thousands of IDPs remain outside of central locations, straining host community resources. The humanitarian community is working to identify the needs of distinct groups.
- In May, an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 IDPs relocated from Goz Bagar to Arkoum, a move of approximately two kilometers, in order to allow local residents to farm the land in Goz Bagar. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the NGO CARE are constructing latrines and drilling boreholes to improve water, sanitation, and hygiene services in Arkoum and nearby IDP sites.

¹ Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

² U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

³ USAID's Office of Food for Peace

⁴ USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives

⁵ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

Refugees

- With USAID/OTI support, the Internews Humanitarian Radio Service has begun broadcasting over its third station, Radio Sila, to refugee camps in Goz Beida and Goz Amer. The station provides information on humanitarian issues in French, Arabic, and local languages. State/PRM also supports the network, which is now capable of reaching more than 220,000 refugees through Radio Sila and stations in Iriba and Abeche.
- On June 25, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice attended a conference with the International Contact Group on Sudan/Darfur to discuss the humanitarian situation in Sudan. Discussions included the possible deployment of an international force to protect refugees, IDPs, and humanitarian workers in eastern Chad.

Humanitarian Access

- On June 19, armed men attacked a three-car convoy of staff from the NGO Oxfam and another NGO on the road between Abeche and Guereda. The men beat five Oxfam staff before abandoning them, according to an Oxfam press release. Although these vehicles were later recovered, more than 70 vehicles have been stolen from aid agencies in eastern Chad during the past two years.

Food Aid

- To date in FY 2007, USAID/FFP has provided 50 percent of all calendar year 2007 food resources requested by WFP in its appeal for eastern Chad. On May 16, WFP reported that it would provide assistance to IDPs from October to December, rather than ending assistance in September as previously planned. However, WFP is awaiting the results of an IDP crop assessment to identify the level of self-reliance of IDPs and determine whether to reduce the ration size. While insecurity has led WFP to cancel plans to assist 150,000 vulnerable individuals through food-for-work activities, the organization aims to distribute rations to 240,000 refugees and 150,000 IDPs through December 2007.

Nutrition

- A combination of factors, including poor access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services, has led to increased admissions to therapeutic feeding centers in Ade, Gassire, and Kerfi, while malnutrition rates have remained below emergency thresholds in Gouroukoun, Koloma, and Koubigou, according to UNICEF. To address nutrition issues, UNICEF has organized a nutrition task force that includes representatives from the Chadian Ministry of Health (MOH), the U.N., and NGOs. A team of U.N., MOH, and Ministry of Plan staff is conducting a nutrition survey of the IDP and host community populations and expects to release results in late July. UNICEF also plans to construct 84 water points and 1,970 latrines at 12 IDP sites in the coming weeks.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On October 4, 2006, U.S. Ambassador Marc M. Wall declared a humanitarian emergency in Chad due to ongoing insecurity and humanitarian needs. On January 14, a USAID team arrived in Chad to assess the situation in the east, focusing on host communities and IDPs. To date in FY 2007, USAID and State/PRM have provided more than \$67 million in humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected persons in eastern Chad.
- Since January 2007, USAID has completed two flights of relief commodities to eastern Chad. The flights delivered more than \$375,000 in supplies, including 850 rolls of plastic sheeting, 1,920 hygiene kits, 6,700 blankets, and 10,700 ten-liter water containers.

FY 2007 USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE⁶			
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Bahai	\$268,000
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Goz Beida	\$741,103
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Eastern Chad	\$500,000
UNICEF	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$500,000
UNHCR	Emergency Relief Supplies	Eastern Chad	\$573,479
World Concern Development Organization	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$400,000
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$92,328

TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$3,074,910
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE⁷			
WFP	33,400 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$33,053,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$33,053,800
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$118,188
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$118,188
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Africare	Food Security, Income Generation, Sanitation	Eastern Chad	\$674,645
AirServ International	Humanitarian Air Service	Eastern Chad	\$1,808,562
CARE	Psychosocial Support, Education, Reproductive Health	Eastern Chad	\$649,969
ICRC	Protection and Assistance for IDPs and Refugees	Eastern Chad	\$3,800,000
IMC	Health	Eastern Chad	\$2,171,280
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$464,440
UNHCR	Refugee and IDP Protection, Multi-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$18,500,000
UNHCR	IDP Protection, Mutl-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$1,550,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service	Eastern Chad	\$1,400,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$31,018,896
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$36,246,898
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$67,265,794

⁶ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 27, 2007.

⁷ 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. 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.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