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Chad – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last situation report was dated October 17, 2007.

BACKGROUND AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Fighting between armed opposition groups and Government of Chad (GOC) forces in the capital city of N’Djamena between February 1 and 6 displaced thousands of N’Djamena city residents to neighboring countries. In recent weeks, fighting has exacerbated the existing humanitarian emergency in eastern Chad, causing relief agencies to relocate staff from the region and limiting humanitarian activities that serve 180,000 internally displaced Chadians and 240,000 Sudanese refugees.
- On February 2, the U.S. Embassy in N’Djamena evacuated most U.S. Government (USG) personnel from Chad. On February 4, a USAID field officer was evacuated from Abeche in eastern Chad. Most humanitarian staff have been evacuated from N’Djamena, and only essential staff remain in eastern Chad.
- USAID/OFDA has provided emergency funding to AirServ International for an additional plane to support humanitarian air operations in eastern Chad from February 7 to 21. The plane is assisting relief organizations with movement between field locations in the region, as the heightened insecurity has prevented aid agencies from traveling to project sites by road.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Chadian Refugees in Cameroon	30,000+	UNHCR ¹ – February 2008
Chadian Refugees in Nigeria	2,500	UNHCR and Red Cross – February 2008
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Eastern Chad	180,000	OCHA ² – August 2007
Affected Host Population in Eastern Chad	700,000	OCHA – September 2007
Sudanese Refugees in Chad	240,000	UNHCR – February 2008
Central African Republic Refugees in Chad	52,400	UNHCR – February 2008

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE (FY 2007 AND FY 2008)

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Chad.....	\$8,943,906
USAID/FFP ³ Assistance to Chad.....	\$89,426,400
USAID/OTI ⁴ Assistance to Chad.....	\$118,188
State/PRM ⁵ Assistance to Chad.....	\$43,080,924
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Chad.....	\$141,569,418

CURRENT SITUATION

- On February 8, UNHCR reported that fighting in N’Djamena had subsided and that a small number of residents who fled to neighboring countries had begun to return to assess the security situation and property damage in the city. Many of the refugees who made short trips to the capital expressed fear of returning to N’Djamena at present, according to UNHCR. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has estimated that as many as 1,000 people were wounded and 160 killed in the fighting. ICRC and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) have surgical teams in N’Djamena treating the wounded, and the Red Cross of Chad has dispatched volunteers to assist hospital staff.
- Shops and markets in N’Djamena remain closed, according to field reports. Media sources reported that an unknown number of buildings had been burned and that houses and stores were looted during the violence. As of February 7, cell phone service had not yet been restored in the capital.

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

- In eastern Chad, insecurity and the movement of armed groups through the region has caused aid agencies to adhere to strict security protocols, relocate non-essential staff, and operate humanitarian assistance programs for IDPs and refugees at reduced levels since the beginning of February.

IDPs

- Apart from the refugee outflow, relief organizations have not provided any precise reports of new internal displacement in Chad resulting from the fighting in N'Djamena. Due to a lack of humanitarian information sources in and around N'Djamena, accurate information on the humanitarian situation is currently unavailable.
- In eastern Chad, the number of IDPs residing in the region has remained stable since August 2007. Humanitarian organizations continue to provide life-saving services to the 180,000 IDPs in the region, as well as assistance to nearly 700,000 conflict-affected host community residents. While the recent fighting and insecurity has disrupted some humanitarian programs, USAID partners expect that activities will be resumed at normal levels once the security situation improves.
- With the increased presence of armed groups near IDP and refugee settlements, protection risks for the displaced populations have increased.
- Agencies in eastern Chad currently have a two to four week supply of food, fuel, and medical supplies, according to OCHA.

Chadian Refugees

- As of February 8, an estimated 30,000 Chadians had fled N'Djamena to Kousseri, Cameroon, according to UNHCR's team in Kousseri. UNHCR reported that most refugees are staying with friends or relatives in Kousseri, but some have gathered in public buildings. UNHCR opened a transit site near the bridge to Chad and plans to reopen an old refugee camp site at Maltam.
- UNHCR teams are planning to build latrines and showers in locations where refugees have gathered. Emergency relief supplies diverted from the Central African Republic refugee site in eastern Cameroon have arrived in Kousseri and two planeloads of airlifted supplies, such as blankets, mosquito nets, plastic sheeting for shelter, and kitchen sets, are scheduled to arrive between February 8 and 10 at the Garoua logistics hub.
- As of February 7, an estimated 2,500 Chadians had fled N'Djamena to Fokotol, Nigeria. UNHCR has dispatched a team to assess needs and provide assistance.

Food Aid

- On February 5, USAID partner the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) airlifted 37.5 metric tons (MT) of high energy biscuits from its regional stocks in Ghana for distribution to refugees in Kousseri. WFP plans to distribute a 15-day food ration to refugees in Cameroon if needed in the coming days. WFP is working with UNHCR and ICRC to identify food aid needs in N'Djamena.
- WFP completed the February food aid distribution for IDPs in eastern Chad prior to the onset of the recent violence. WFP is working with UNHCR to train refugee committees to conduct food distributions in the absence of international staff. However, WFP has expressed concern that the recent fighting and border closures will disrupt the food aid pipeline and potentially delay the pre-positioning of food stocks prior to the onset of the rainy season in June.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On October 10, 2007, the Chargé d'Affaires Lucy Tamlyn redeclared a disaster in Chad due to ongoing insecurity and humanitarian needs. In January 2007, a USAID assessment team arrived in eastern Chad to evaluate the needs of IDPs and host communities. Since FY 2004, the USG has provided more than \$338.7 million in humanitarian assistance to eastern Chad.
- In 2007, USAID opened a field office in Abeche, eastern Chad. USAID field staff based in Abeche coordinate relief efforts with USAID-funded U.N. agencies and non-governmental organizations and monitor the humanitarian conditions for the affected populations.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

FY 2008 EASTERN CHAD			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
AirServ International	Humanitarian Air Service	Eastern Chad	\$36,483
USAID Stockpile	Relief Commodities (Restocking)	Eastern Chad	\$78,900
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$64,300
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$179,683
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	46,960 of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$51,691,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$51,691,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Christian Children's Fund (CCF)	Psychosocial, Protection	Eastern Chad	\$399,999
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$399,999
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$51,870,683
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$52,270,682

FY 2007 EASTERN CHAD			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
ACTED	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$268,000
AirServ International	Humanitarian Air Operations	Eastern Chad	\$614,758
Catholic Relief Services	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$242,282
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$672,900
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, Nutrition	Eastern Chad	\$945,385
International Relief and Development (IRD)	Agriculture and Food Security, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$799,997
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Eastern Chad	\$741,103
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Eastern Chad	\$1,000,000
Save the Children/US	Protection	Eastern Chad	\$500,000
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Health, Nutrition, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$1,200,000
UNHCR	Relief Commodities	Eastern Chad	\$697,470
WFP	Humanitarian Air Operations	Eastern Chad	\$400,000
U.N. World Health Organization	Health	Eastern Chad	\$125,000
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$400,000
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$157,328
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$8,764,223
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	37,270 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$37,735,400
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$37,735,400
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$118,188
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$118,188
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ACTED	Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$20,000

Africare	Food Security, Income Generation, Sanitation	Eastern Chad	\$674,345
AirServ International	Humanitarian Air Operations	Eastern Chad	\$1,808,562
CARE	Psychosocial Support, Education, Reproductive Health	Eastern Chad	\$649,969
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	Psychosocial Support	Eastern Chad	\$552,882
ICRC	Protection and Assistance for IDPs and Refugees	Eastern Chad	\$4,540,000
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)	Multi-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$965,000
IMC	Health	Eastern Chad	\$2,171,280
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$1,264,028
International Rescue Committee	Health, Education, Protection, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$2,499,622
IRD	Income Generation, Water Management, Animal Sanitation	Eastern Chad	\$414,002
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Eastern Chad	\$652,068
Refugee Education Trust	Education	Eastern Chad	\$798,567
Right to Play	Education, Psychosocial	Eastern Chad	\$237,000
UNHCR	Refugee Protection, Multi-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$18,500,000
UNHCR	Refugee Children's Education	Eastern Chad	\$500,000
UNHCR	IDP Protection, Multi-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$1,550,000
UNICEF	Education, Health, Nutrition, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Chad	\$3,483,600
WFP	Humanitarian Air Operations	Eastern Chad	\$1,400,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$42,680,925
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$46,617,811
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$89,298,736

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 8, 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. 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

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/