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***Chad – Complex Emergency***

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*Note: The last situation report was dated February 8, 2008.*

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- Following evacuations from Chad in early February as a result of fighting in N’Djamena, many humanitarian agencies have returned and resumed operations. In mid-February, the U.N. approved the return of staff to N’Djamena and to Abéché in eastern Chad. The USAID/DCHA field officer arrived in N’Djamena on February 26.
- On February 12, the European Union Force (EUFOR Chad/Central African Republic) resumed deployment of personnel to Chad. At least 400 staff arrived in Abéché during the week of February 12, and additional forces continue to arrive. EUFOR is charged with protecting refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), facilitating humanitarian aid deliveries, and ensuring free movement for humanitarian staff.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Chadian Refugees in Cameroon	20,000+	UNHCR <sup>1</sup> – February 2008
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Eastern Chad	180,000	OCHA <sup>2</sup> – 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 IN FY 2007 AND 2008**

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Chad.....	\$9,353,582
USAID/FFP <sup>3</sup> Assistance to Chad.....	\$93,208,300
USAID/OTI <sup>4</sup> Assistance to Chad.....	\$118,188
State/PRM <sup>5</sup> Assistance to Chad.....	\$43,080,924
<b>Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Chad.....</b>	<b>\$145,351,318</b>

**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 returned to assess the security situation and property damage in the city. During the week of February 15, the situation in N’Djamena further stabilized, and commercial and banking activity resumed. During the violence, an unknown number of structures were burned and houses, official buildings, and stores were looted, according to media reports. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) reported that as many as 1,000 people were wounded and 500 were killed in the fighting.
- According to relief agencies, during the week of February 14, approximately 6,500 Chadian refugees in the Cameroonian town of Kousséri expressed concern about insecurity in N’Djamena. As of February 26, UNHCR had transported 5,523 refugees from Kousséri to Maltam 1 camp, located 32 kilometers from Kousséri. UNHCR plans to facilitate the transport of additional refugees in the coming weeks.
- In eastern Chad, insecurity and the movement of armed groups through the region caused aid agencies to adhere to strict security protocols, relocate non-essential staff, and reduce humanitarian assistance programs for IDPs and refugees in the immediate aftermath of the N’Djamena fighting. Despite the violence, the U.N. reported that many aid operations continued in eastern Chad. However, several agencies have recently curtailed activities serving IDPs and host communities due to reports of Chadian rebel movements in the KouKou Angarana region of southeastern Chad.

<sup>1</sup> Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

<sup>2</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

<sup>3</sup> USAID’s Office of Food for Peace

<sup>4</sup> USAID’s Office of Transition Initiatives

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

### ***Sudanese Refugees***

- Recent fighting between Sudanese Government forces and armed opposition groups in the Jebel Moon region of West Darfur has caused an influx of refugees to eastern Chad. As of February 25, the fighting prevented relief agencies from accessing the area and providing assistance to the recently arrived Sudanese refugees.
- State/PRM and UNHCR are working with the Government of Chad to allow the new Sudanese refugees to gain access to the two refugee camps of Kounoungo and Mile, both near the town of Guéréda, eastern Chad.

### ***Chadian Refugees***

- As of February 26, an estimated 20,000 Chadians who fled the fighting in N'Djamena had expressed a desire to remain in Cameroon until security in Chad improves. According to the U.N., UNHCR has moved 5,500 refugees to the Maltam 1 camp, which has pre-existing infrastructure in place to support refugees. Maltam was used in a previous refugee crisis, and the camp was reopened to host the current Chadian refugees. In preparation for the latest influx of refugees, UNHCR equipped the site with two additional boreholes as well as additional tents and latrines.
- U.S. Government (USG) partners and U.N. agencies responded to the influx of Chadian refugees to Cameroon. Working with State/PRM funding, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) provided food aid and logistical support for the humanitarian assistance effort. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) provided vaccinations and nutritional assistance. The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), in coordination with the Cameroonian Red Cross, supported the establishment of additional camp infrastructure, including latrines.

### ***Food Aid***

- On February 5, WFP airlifted 37.5 metric tons (MT) of high energy biscuits from regional stocks in Ghana for distribution to Chadian refugees in Kousséri. Since then, WFP has distributed rations to refugees who have been relocated by UNHCR to Maltam 1 camp.
- WFP completed the February food aid distribution for IDPs and refugees in eastern Chad prior to the recent onset of violence. WFP is collaborating with UNHCR to train refugee and IDP committees in conducting food distributions in the absence of international staff. Despite this progress in Chad, concerns remain about future transportation logistics and food deliveries. Although WFP has made progress with re-opening the food pipeline through Libya, the growing unrest in Cameroon, including the closure of the port of Douala and the ongoing strike over rising fuel prices, may complicate the only other viable logistics route to eastern Chad and could jeopardize WFP's pre-positioning efforts.

### **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- On October 10, 2007, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Lucy Tamlyn redeclared a disaster in Chad due to ongoing insecurity and humanitarian needs. To date in FY 2008, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$590,000 for the complex emergency in Chad. USAID/OFDA is contributing nearly \$410,000 to World Concern for agriculture and food security activities for IDPs and host communities in Goz Beida, eastern Chad. State/PRM plans to provide funding to WFP's emergency operations to assist Chadian refugees in Cameroon. 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 Abéché, eastern Chad, following assessments by a USAID team in January 2007. USAID field staff based in Abéché coordinate relief efforts with the U.S. Embassy in N'Djamena, U.N. agencies, and NGOs and monitor humanitarian conditions of affected populations.

**USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CHAD**

<b>FY 2008 EASTERN CHAD</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
AirServ International	Humanitarian Air Service	Eastern Chad	\$36,483
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$409,676
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$64,300
USAID Stockpile	Relief Commodities (Restocking)	Eastern Chad	\$78,900
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$589,359</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	46,960 of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$55,327,100
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$55,327,100</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
Christian Children's Fund (CCF)	Psychosocial, Protection	Eastern Chad	\$399,999
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$399,999</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD</b>			<b>\$55,916,459</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD</b>			<b>\$56,316,458</b>
<b>FY 2007 EASTERN CHAD</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (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 (FAO)	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
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 (WHO)	Health	Eastern Chad	\$125,000
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$400,000
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$157,328
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$8,764,223</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	37,270 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$37,735,400
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$37,735,400</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$118,188
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI</b>			<b>\$118,188</b>

<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
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
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
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$42,680,925</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD</b>			<b>\$46,617,811</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD</b>			<b>\$89,298,736</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 3, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.interaction.org). Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Chad may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)