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Somalia – Complex Emergency

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NOTE: The last fact sheet was dated March 9, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Security remains volatile in Mogadishu despite the first deployment of African Union troops to the city. On March 13, mortar shells struck the presidential palace in Mogadishu after a decision by the Transitional Federal Government to relocate to the traditional capital. President Abdullahi Yusuf was unharmed in the incident.
- As of March 9, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) received reports of more than 40,000 people leaving Mogadishu as a result of growing insecurity. The USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (USG/DART) is monitoring the situation and working with partners to assess emerging needs.

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

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Somalia.....	\$10,696,070
USAID/FFP ¹ Assistance to Somalia	\$96,276,600
State/PRM ² Assistance to Somalia	\$4,520,000
USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia.....	\$111,492,670

CURRENT SITUATION

Population Movements

- The U.N. is reporting large numbers of people departing Mogadishu due to escalating violence. According to UNHCR, approximately 40,000 people have moved to Lower Shabelle, Middle Shabelle, Bay, Gedo, and Hiran regions in February. Of this total, an estimated 9,400 individuals—many of whom were internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in settlements in Mogadishu—are returning to areas of origin in Bay and Gedo regions. UNHCR and partners are often unable to verify and quantify reports of population movement due to the fluid environment. The USG/DART is staying abreast of the situation and working with U.N. agencies and partners to assess the situation.

Humanitarian Access

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), unrest in Mogadishu is limiting mobility and negatively affecting the ability of humanitarian agencies to implement programs and respond to emerging situations.
- While USAID partners have returned to pre-conflict staffing levels in Somalia, humanitarian presence in specific areas fluctuates due to the fluid security situation and transportation arrangements. Humanitarian agencies are often limited to locations accessible by the U.N. Common Air Service, which has reported challenges securing flights into Merka, Jowhar, and Mogadishu airports. In addition, the U.N. has restricted missions to Buale and Kismaayo due to instability.
- Delivery of humanitarian cargo to beneficiaries in southern Somalia is gradually improving. In March, some U.N. agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have successfully sent humanitarian convoys across the border from Kenya into Somalia.
- The USG/DART maintains regular contact with humanitarian agencies on the ground in Somalia to monitor access to vulnerable populations and to identify and evaluate emerging needs.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- USAID/OFDA emergency relief activities in Somalia benefit more than 2 million people affected by repeated shocks of drought, floods, and conflict. Current USAID/OFDA relief efforts in southern and central Somalia complement ongoing programs from FY 2006. USAID/FFP is providing food assistance with carryover commodities from FY 2006 funding, supplemented by additional stocks funded in FY 2007.
- State/PRM is assisting Somali refugees in Kenya and Ethiopia and relief efforts in Somalia through FY 2007 and ongoing FY 2006 refugee programs. To date in FY 2007, State/PRM has provided \$5.6 million in earmarked funding for UNHCR operations in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia, and \$2 million to CARE for assistance to Somali refugees in Kenya. In FY 2006, State/PRM provided nearly \$15 million in earmarked funding for vulnerable populations in Somalia as well as Somali refugees in the Horn of Africa.

¹ USAID's Office of Food for Peace

² U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2007			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Matrix	12 Zodiac Boats and Motors	Flood-affected Areas	\$243,523
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	U.N. Common Air Service	Countrywide	\$878,470
UNICEF ²	Rapid Response Fund	Flood-affected Areas	\$250,000
UNICEF	Health, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$850,000
	Program support costs	Countrywide	\$55,665
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$3,777,658
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
U.N. World Food Program (WFP)	22,390 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$14,876,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$14,876,600
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
UNHCR	Global Appeal	Countrywide	\$450,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$450,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007			\$18,654,258
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007			\$19,104,258
FY 2006			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
Action Contre la Faim	Water and Sanitation	Bakool Region	\$852,569
Adventist Development and Relief Agency	Water and Sanitation, Food Security and Agriculture	Bakool Region	\$1,315,133
International Medical Corps	Nutrition, Food Security and Agriculture	Bakool Region	\$638,716
FAO	Nutrition Surveillance	Countrywide	\$700,000
UNICEF	Water and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$2,550,000
U.N. World Health Organization (WHO)	Health	Countrywide	\$200,000
World Concern	Food Security and Agriculture, Water and Sanitation	Middle Juba Region	\$399,994
World Vision	Water and Sanitation	Middle Juba Region	\$250,000
	Administrative and Support Costs	Countrywide	\$12,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$6,918,412
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
CARE	73,410 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern and Central Somalia	\$48,113,000
WFP	48,350 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$33,287,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$81,400,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
International Committee of the Red Cross	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$1,070,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$4,070,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2006			\$88,318,412
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2006			\$92,388,412

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 16, 2007.

² Through a standing agreement with UNICEF, USAID/OFDA approved the use of \$250,000 in rapid response funds to Somalia.

³ 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 identifying such organizations is available in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Somalia or by calling The Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914.
- 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; 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.