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THE CARIBBEAN – Hurricanes

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Note: This report updates the last fact sheet dated October 1, 2004.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

SOURCE

Haiti	300,000 people affected	OCHA ¹ – October 1
Grenada	100,000 people affected	OCHA – October 1
Bahamas	8,000 people affected	IFRC ² – October 4
Jamaica	19,000 people evacuated to shelters	ODPEM ³ – September 23
Dominican Republic	38,000 people displaced	OCHA – September 21
Cuba	8,000 people displaced	IFRC – September 29

Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean..... \$5,874,607

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean \$18,120,517

CURRENT SITUATION

USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) for the Caribbean

- A four-person USAID/DART remains in Haiti, with members stationed in both Gonaïves and Port-au-Prince. The USAID/DART in Grenada continues to phase out as emergency activities transition toward recovery and rehabilitation assistance. USAID/OFDA consultants remain in the Bahamas and Jamaica to assist with follow-up hurricane response activities.

Haiti

- On October 4, the Haitian Civil Defense Agency (DPC) reported 1,970 people dead and 884 missing due to flooding caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne. According to OCHA, flooding in the Artibonite and North-West departments has affected an estimated 300,000 people.
- On October 3, the U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson traveled to Gonaïves to survey the situation and observe U.S. Government (USG) response efforts firsthand.
- On October 2 and 3, USAID implementing partner CARE distributed 267 metric tons (MT) to nearly 75,000 beneficiaries in Gonaïves, with security provided by the U.N. Mission Stabilization Force (MINUSTAH). CARE has distributed food at 37 separate sites, and on October 4, began to revisit some of the same sites. From September 22 to October 3, CARE distributed a total of 961 MT of food to more than 278,000 beneficiaries in Gonaïves.
- From September 26 to October 1, IFRC conducted damage assessments in eight communities outside of Gonaïves and reported that nearly 3,000 families, or approximately 15,000 people, require assistance. Damages to crops and livestock were reportedly significant in Ennery, Anse Rouge, Port-de-Paix, and Chansolme.
- On October 1, the U.N. launched a Flash Appeal of nearly \$32 million to respond to the immediate needs of the population affected by Tropical Storm Jeanne, particularly in Gonaïves and Port-de-Paix.

Grenada

- On October 4, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) reported a possible outbreak of infectious diseases, including chickenpox and scabies, at some of the shelters on the island. UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and the Government of Grenada’s Ministry of Health are collaborating with shelter managers to conduct epidemiological surveys and provide treatment as necessary.
- According to an October 1 U.N. Development Program (UNDP) report, Hurricane Ivan destroyed 9 out of every 10 homes on Grenada, and preliminary estimates indicate more than \$100 million of damage was incurred.
- On October 1, the U.N. launched a Flash Appeal of more than \$27 million to respond to the immediate needs of the population of Grenada and to establish the basis for the island’s economic recovery.

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

² International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

³ Jamaican Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Haiti

- On September 21, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti James B. Foley issued a disaster declaration due to the magnitude of the effects of Tropical Storm Jeanne in the Artibonite and North-West departments of Haiti. To date, USAID/OFDA has contributed a total of more than \$3.5 million to fund emergency activities and relief supplies.
- USAID/OFDA provided an initial \$50,000 through USAID/Haiti to CARE for the distribution of hygiene kits, cooking sets, blankets, water containers, and other relief supplies. USAID/OFDA also funded more than \$3.2 million for additional humanitarian response activities to be implemented by CARE, PAHO, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), IFRC, and Air Serv International in the areas of health, shelter, logistics, cash-for-work, and water and sanitation.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA has airlifted 300 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,005 water containers, and 3,660 hygiene kits to Port-Au-Prince. USAID/OFDA is also providing ten emergency medical kits and two trauma kits, which are scheduled to arrive in Haiti on October 5. The value of the relief commodities including transport is more than \$250,000.
- In order to meet emergency food needs, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) provided 4,196 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, valued at approximately \$3.3 million, to WFP. USAID's cooperating partners, including CARE, are currently distributing food commodities in Haiti.
- USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) in Haiti has expanded programs in Gonaïves in response to Tropical Storm Jeanne and provided \$56,750 through the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation, and Communication to increase the amount of potable water available to residents by initiating the rehabilitation of the city's water system and making minor improvements to roads used by water supply trucks.
- USAID's Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean (USAID/LAC) has also contributed approximately \$2.6 million in hurricane assistance for reconstruction and rehabilitation of homes, roads, irrigation equipment, and water and sanitation systems.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provided \$235,000 to purchase medical supplies and pharmaceuticals for Gonaïves Hospital, as well as an additional \$66,637 through the local Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Haiti office for hospital clean up activities.

Grenada

- On September 8, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Mary Ellen Gilroy issued a disaster declaration for Grenada due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. In response, USAID/OFDA has provided a total of more than \$1 million in emergency assistance to hurricane-affected areas of Grenada.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$100,000 to the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown to support the local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies, in-country air transport, and aerial assessments of affected areas. USAID/OFDA also provided \$150,000 to PAHO to support health services and damaged infrastructure, as well as approximately \$35,000 to fund expert assessments of the Grenada's electrical system.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA funded six flights of emergency relief supplies to Grenada, carrying 1,060 rolls of plastic sheeting, 4 water bladders, 8,334 hygiene kits, 10,160 water containers, 1 high-capacity water purification unit, and 12 chainsaws for debris removal, as well as 20 generators to be used by the Grenada Electricity Company, Ltd. and PAHO in areas of the island without electricity. The value of these items plus transportation is nearly \$750,000.
- USAID/OFDA currently has two Air Serv International planes assisting the humanitarian response.
- USAID/LAC has also contributed approximately \$2.4 million in hurricane reconstruction assistance to Grenada directed towards health clinic rehabilitation, assistance to small businesses, and self-help housing.

Bahamas

- On September 5, U.S. Ambassador John D. Rood issued a disaster declaration for the Bahamas due to the effects of Hurricane Frances. Under this declaration, USAID/OFDA also provided assistance to areas impacted by Hurricane Jeanne.
- In response to Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne, USAID/OFDA provided a total of nearly \$445,000 in emergency assistance to the Bahamas. This amount includes \$100,000 provided to the U.S. Embassy in Nassau to support local air transport and distribution of emergency relief supplies, as well as \$50,000 granted to the Bahamas Red Cross for emergency relief activities specifically on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA dispatched six airlifts of emergency relief supplies to the Bahamas, carrying 4,000 blankets, 4,464 hygiene kits, 4,800 water containers, 400 rolls of plastic sheeting, 12 water bladders, and 1 high-capacity water purification unit. The value of the airlifted items plus transport totals nearly \$300,000.

Jamaica

- On September 12, U.S. Ambassador Sue M. Cobb issued a disaster declaration due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. In response, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$705,000 in emergency assistance to hurricane-affected areas of Jamaica. This total includes \$25,000 provided to the Jamaica Red Cross for shelter operations and \$25,000 to the Salvation Army for relief activities, as well as nearly \$248,000 to World Vision for the purchase and transportation of relief commodities, including medical supplies, hygiene kits, and plastic sheeting. USAID/OFDA also provided \$25,000 to USAID/Jamaica for the local procurement of water tanks and \$150,000 to PAHO to support health services and infrastructure repairs.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA funded three flights of emergency relief supplies to Jamaica, valued at nearly \$233,000 including transport. The transferred items included 8 Zodiac boats with motors, 80 life vests, 2,024 hygiene kits, 2,000 water containers, and 500 rolls of plastic sheeting.
- USAID/LAC has also contributed approximately \$3.5 million in hurricane reconstruction assistance that will be used to rehabilitate homes, roads, schools, and water and sanitation systems.

Dominican Republic

- On September 17, U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Hans H. Hertell declared a disaster due to the damage caused by Hurricane Jeanne. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to World Vision to purchase and distribute emergency relief supplies, including hygiene kits, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, blankets, bedding, water containers, and plastic sheeting.

Cuba

- On August 17, 2004, the U.S. Interests Section in Havana issued a disaster declaration due to the impact of Hurricane Charley, particularly on the Isla de la Juventud and the province of Pinar del Río. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/LAC for the purchase and distribution of 12,000 pounds of food and medicines to populations directly affected by Hurricane Charley.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Air Serv International	Humanitarian air operations	Countrywide	\$100,000
CARE	Emergency relief supplies and distribution	Gonaïves	\$50,000
CARE	Emergency relief supplies and water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$752,871
CARE	Cash-for-work activities	Gonaïves	\$819,984
IFRC	Shelter, water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$990,000
PAHO	Health	Gonaïves	\$500,000
WFP ²	Food transport and distribution	Gonaïves	\$100,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$185,137
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$70,940
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$3,568,932
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP ³	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance – 4,196 MT	Gonaïves	\$3,365,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$3,365,000
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
IOM	Infrastructure repairs, water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$56,750
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$56,750
USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Reconstruction and rehabilitation	Gonaïves	\$2,639,081
TOTAL USAID/LAC			\$2,639,081
DHHS/CDC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, hospital clean up	Gonaïves	\$301,673
TOTAL DHHS/CDC			\$301,673
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI.....			\$9,931,436

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 5, 2004.

² At the request of USAID/OFDA, \$100,000 of previously obligated funding to WFP for Haiti was redirected to assist current emergency response interventions.

³ USAID/FFP redirected 746 MT of P.L. 480 Title II food assistance valued at \$385,359 from existing development programs in Haiti for use during the current emergency in Gonaïves.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Consultants	Electrical assessments	Countrywide	\$35,403
PAHO	Health services and infrastructure	Countrywide	\$150,000
U.S. Embassy	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments	Countrywide	\$100,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies and generators	Countrywide	\$395,459
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies and generators	Countrywide	\$354,334
	Administrative	Countrywide	\$20,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$1,055,196
USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	Countrywide	\$2,379,000
TOTAL USAID/LAC			\$2,379,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA			\$3,434,196

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USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Bahamas Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Abaco, Grand Bahama	\$50,000
U.S. Embassy	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$100,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$212,084
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$82,683
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$444,767

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Jamaica Red Cross	Shelter materials, operational costs	Countrywide	\$25,000
PAHO	Health	Countrywide	\$150,000
Salvation Army	Food assistance	Countrywide	\$25,000
USAID/Jamaica	Local purchase of water tanks	Countrywide	\$25,000
World Vision	Purchase and air transport of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$247,998
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$201,314
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$31,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$705,712
USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	Countrywide	\$3,504,406
TOTAL USAID/LAC			\$3,504,406
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA			\$4,210,118

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USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC¹			
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies and distribution	Countrywide	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000

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USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CUBA¹			
USAID/LAC	Purchase and distribution of emergency food and medicines	Pinar del Río	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA			\$50,000

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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 their response to Hurricane Ivan can be found in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov - Keyword: Ivan, 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 on making donations and volunteering can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org – “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.org.