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**THE CARIBBEAN – Hurricanes**

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Note: This report updates the last fact sheet dated October 13, 2004.

**NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

**SOURCE**

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

**Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean..... \$8,601,008**

**Total U.S. Government (USG) Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean ..... \$22,131,918**

**CURRENT SITUATION**

*USAID/OFDA Staff in the Caribbean*

- A USAID/OFDA regional advisor remains in Haiti to coordinate with international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). USAID/OFDA consultants continue to assist with follow-up hurricane response activities in Grenada, the Bahamas, and Jamaica.

*Haiti*

- Insecurity in Gonaïves and Port-au-Prince continues to hamper food distributions in and around Gonaïves, as well as the operation of the main port in Port-au-Prince. In response to security concerns, several organizations have temporarily suspended or reduced activities in Gonaïves.
- From September 22 to October 18, CARE and WFP distributed a total of 1,770 metric tons (MT) of food assistance to beneficiaries in Gonaïves and the surrounding areas.
- On October 19, OCHA reported that the relief phase of the flooding emergency has ended and that recovery and reconstruction activities are ongoing. The U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team departed Gonaïves on October 14, and OCHA, the U.N. Development Program (UNDP), and the U.N. Volunteers have assumed oversight of coordination activities in Gonaïves.
- On October 18, USAID/Haiti reported that current access to health care in Gonaïves has surpassed pre-flood levels. According to OCHA, the Norwegian Red Cross is currently operating a 150-bed field hospital in Gonaïves. In addition, a team of Mexican medical professionals arrived in Gonaïves on October 14 to conduct epidemiological assessments and vector control activities.
- According to OCHA, water distribution has improved and continues without difficulty at 20 sites in Gonaïves.
- On October 15, OCHA reported that clean-up in Gonaïves, particularly transport and drainage of mud and debris, remains a high priority.
- As of October 15, OCHA reported that an estimated 2,500 families are still in need of shelter. OCHA also indicated that initial damage estimates reveal that approximately 1,900 houses were completely destroyed and 3,500 houses were damaged by flooding associated with Tropical Storm Jeanne. IFRC is working to identify potential areas for resettlement outside of Gonaïves.

*Grenada*

- On October 14, President Jimmy Carter traveled to Grenada with a team of technical experts to survey the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan, particularly to the housing, agricultural, and forestry sectors. President Carter also met with the USAID/OFDA Regional Advisor for the Caribbean, Grenadian Prime Minister Keith Mitchell, and local disaster officials and expressed support to focus international attention on the reconstruction needs of the island.

<sup>1</sup> U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

<sup>2</sup> International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

<sup>3</sup> Jamaican Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

## USG 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 \$4.9 million to fund emergency activities and relief supplies in Haiti. USAID/OFDA provided an initial \$50,000 through USAID/Haiti to CARE for the distribution of relief items. USAID/OFDA has also funded more than \$4.5 million for humanitarian response activities to be implemented by Air Serv International, CARE, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), IFRC, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), World Concern, WFP, and World Vision in the areas of logistics and air support, health, shelter, water and sanitation, and cash-for-work clean-up activities. All of Gonaïves' 200,000 residents will benefit indirectly from the cash-for-work projects, as cleaning up the city will reduce the risk of disease and increase mobility.
- During the response to the flooding, USAID/OFDA airlifted 300 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,005 water containers, and 3,660 hygiene kits to Port-au-Prince. The plastic sheeting will provide shelter for an estimated 9,000 residents, the water jugs will serve the needs of more than 12,500 people, and the hygiene kits will supply more than 18,000 people. USAID/OFDA also airlifted 10 emergency medical kits and 2 trauma kits, which arrived in Haiti on October 6. The central Haitian pharmacy, PROMESS, and several NGOs have received the kits in Gonaïves and the Artibonite Region. Each medical kit will serve the needs of 10,000 beneficiaries for 3 months, or a total of 100,000 people. The value of all 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 \$2.3 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 response to the U.N. Flash Appeal, USAID/OFDA provided \$400,000 to the UNDP to promote livelihoods restoration and \$600,000 to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for short-term food security projects. On October 20, USAID/OFDA provided approximately \$312,000 to Samaritan's Purse for temporary shelter construction.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA funded 6 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/LAC has also contributed approximately \$3.7 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 to the Bahamas John D. Rood declared a disaster 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 to the Bahamas Red Cross for emergency relief activities on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama.

- In addition, USAID/OFDA dispatched 6 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 to Jamaica 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. 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>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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
CRS	Cash-for work activities, sanitation	Gonaïves	\$331,111
IFRC	Shelter, water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$990,000
PAHO	Health	Gonaïves	\$500,000
WFP <sup>2</sup>	Food transport and distribution	Gonaïves	\$100,000
World Concern	Food security	North-West Department	\$640,118
World Vision	Cash-for-work activities, seeds and tools, emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$442,554
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$185,137
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$70,940
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>			<b>\$4,982,715</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP <sup>3</sup>	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance – 4,196 MT	Gonaïves	\$3,365,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP .....</b>			<b>\$3,365,000</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
IOM	Infrastructure repairs, water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$56,750

<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI .....</b>				<b>\$56,750</b>
<b>USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE</b>				
Multiple	Reconstruction and rehabilitation	Gonaïves		\$2,639,081
<b>TOTAL USAID/LAC .....</b>				<b>\$2,639,081</b>
<b>DHHS/CDC ASSISTANCE</b>				
Multiple	Medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, hospital clean up	Gonaïves		\$301,673
<b>TOTAL DHHS/CDC .....</b>				<b>\$301,673</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI.....</b>				<b>\$11,345,219</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 20, 2004.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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>	
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>				
Consultants	Electrical assessments	Countrywide	\$35,403	
FAO	Food security	Countrywide	\$600,000	
PAHO	Health services and infrastructure	Countrywide	\$150,000	
Samaritan's Purse	Temporary shelter construction	Countrywide	\$312,618	
UNDP	Livelihoods restoration	Countrywide	\$400,000	
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	
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>				<b>\$2,367,814</b>
<b>USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE</b>				
Multiple	Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	Countrywide	\$3,664,000 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>TOTAL USAID/LAC .....</b>				<b>\$3,664,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA .....</b>				<b>\$6,031,814</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 20, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> Of this amount, \$1,285,000 are Caribbean Regional Program funds that have been redirected to Grenada.

#### USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>	
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>				
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	
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>				<b>\$444,767</b>

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#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>			<b>\$705,712</b>
<b>USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE</b>			
Multiple	Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	Countrywide	\$3,504,406
<b>TOTAL USAID/LAC .....</b>			<b>\$3,504,406</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA.....</b>			<b>\$4,210,118</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 20, 2004.

#### USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC<sup>1</sup></b>			
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies and distribution	Countrywide	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 20, 2004.

#### USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CUBA<sup>1</sup></b>			
USAID/LAC	Purchase and distribution of emergency food and medicines	Pinar del Río	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA.....</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 20, 2004.

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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](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - InterAction: [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org) – “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.org](http://www.reliefweb.org).