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Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #3, Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

September 13, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 12, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Members of the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff conducted assessments in Gonaïves from September 8 to 12. Following the assessments, USAID/DART members have reported that challenging access and critical humanitarian conditions exist within the city. While food distributions have improved in recent days and some market activity has resumed, adequate food, safe drinking water, health services, and improved sanitation and hygiene services remain urgent needs.
- The USAID/DART reports that local health staff in Gonaïves have conducted approximately 3,800 consultations in the four functioning health centers in five days, with diarrhea, intestinal infections, and respiratory infections as the main issues. USAID/DART staff noted reports of 173 cases of suspected malaria and 156 cases of bloody diarrhea in Gonaïves, although confirmed diagnoses are not possible given the lack of laboratory testing facilities. Participants in the logistics cluster are working to address the need for fuel to operate cold storage facilities in Gonaïves. Médecins Sans Frontières and CARE continue to support health centers and provide basic health services in the city.
- On September 12, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) launched a \$107.7 million flash appeal for Haiti.
- According to OCHA, the U.N. Country Team continues to reinforce the cluster system in Haiti. Within the country, agriculture, coordination and support services, early recovery, education, food assistance, health, logistics, protection, shelter and non-food items, and water and sanitation clusters are currently operational.
- The total value of U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance in response to recent storms is more than \$20 million.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	850,000	GOH ¹ – September 11, 2008
Dead	337	OCHA – September 11, 2008
Missing	50	GOH – September 11, 2008
IDPs²	151,072	GOH – September 10, 2008
IDPs in Shelters	80,000 – 90,000	OCHA – September 10, 2008
Other Damage	10,842 houses destroyed, 35,125 houses damaged	GOH – September 11, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE FOR HAITI HURRICANES IN 2008

USAID/OFDA Assistance³	\$7,500,000
USAID/FFP Assistance⁴	\$7,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD⁵ Assistance	\$821,000
DHS⁶ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$20,321,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- On September 13, the USAID/DART remains in Haiti. On September 12 and 13, three additional disaster response experts joined the team.

¹ Government of Haiti (GOH)

² Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

³ This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of September 13, 2008.

⁴ This amount does not include previous USAID/FFP contributions in response to other emergencies in FY 2008.

⁵ U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

⁶ U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- As of September 12, the GOH Office of Civil Protection (DPC) reported that approximately 151,000 people are currently staying in 194 identified temporary shelters across the country, including 150 in Artibonite. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has visited 96 shelters in Gonaïves to date, and notes that approximately 20 reported shelters are inaccessible, according to the USAID/DART.
- According to OCHA, eight U.N. assessments are currently underway in Artibonite, Nippes, North, Northeast, Northwest, West, South, and Southeast departments.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- The USAID/DART in Haiti reports the need for improved security at landing sites to ensure future transport of relief commodities by helicopter. Security concerns related to large crowds gathering at the landing site in Jeremie, Grand Anse Department, resulted in the diversion of planned deliveries on September 13, in the second such incident since September 8. In addition, USS Kearsarge helicopters are not currently conducting missions to Port de Paix or Gonaïves due to infrastructure concerns at the landing sites. Smaller ships associated with the USS Kearsarge continue transporting relief commodities to Gonaïves, and the USAID/DART is coordinating with representatives from U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) to address security issues in Jeremie. The USAID/DART has received unofficial reports that the Government of Canada is reviewing possible airlifts of relief commodities to Port de Paix using smaller helicopters that may be able to use ad hoc landing sites.
- On September 13, the USAID/DART plans to meet with SOUTHCOM and WFP staff to review ongoing USG and other transport services for current relief operations in Haiti and to identify gaps or ongoing needs. WFP has chartered a local ferry to supplement sea transport and is working to secure additional helicopters. WFP is requesting relief organizations in Gonaïves to process and distribute incoming commodities quickly due to a shortage of storage facilities as several warehouses are being used for the provision of basic health and other relief services.
- As of September 12, the USG had transported emergency food, water, and relief commodities provided by USAID/OFDA, WFP, and multiple relief organizations on 53 missions to and within Haiti using a combination of DOD and DHS air and sea assets as well as two commercial flights funded by USAID/OFDA. In addition, the USS Kearsarge has dispatched helicopters for several aerial infrastructure assessments by U.S. Navy and USAID/Haiti engineers.

Access

- The USAID/DART has reported that according to the U.N. logistics cluster, water is receding and ground travel may be possible between Port au Prince and Gonaïves in Artibonite Department in the coming days, barring additional rainfall. However, large sections of Southeast, Artibonite, and Northwest departments remain inaccessible by land.
- On September 12, OCHA reported that travel is possible between Miragoane in Nippes Department and Les Cayes in South Department using a detour around a collapsed bridge in Duparc.

Nutrition

- On September 12, OCHA reported concern over the potential for a rapid deterioration in nutritional conditions, particularly among children experiencing chronic moderate malnutrition. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) noted the need for additional partners with nutrition assessment and response capacity in country in advance of anticipated deteriorating food security and nutrition conditions, particularly in North and Southeast departments. OCHA also cites an increase in food prices and localized food shortages in some areas across the country.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- On September 12, participants at a WASH cluster meeting reported the need for safe drinking water in several locations, including Gros Morne in Artibonite Department, and Côtes de Fer, Lafond, and La Vallée in Southeast Department. However, access to these areas is greatly limited by overland routes. OCHA reports that western areas of Southwest Department, particularly Les Anglais, Chardonnières, and Tiburon, also require immediate delivery of safe drinking water. Caritas and IOM are working to provide safe drinking water in Southwest Department pending access. OXFAM has dispatched 10,000 five-gallon bottles of water to Cabaret in West Department, and CARE is working to provide additional water to the area. UNICEF reports sufficient water containers in Gonaïves, although nearby areas require further water supplies. The U.N. Development Program and GOH officials are working to develop a countrywide assessment of the water system.

Emergency Food Assistance

- As of September 12, according to OCHA, 167,301 people in Haiti had received a total of 775 metric tons (MT) of food aid. In Gonaïves alone, 84,985 beneficiaries had received 135 MT of food. On September 12, tensions between targeted beneficiaries, area residents, and local authorities disrupted planned food distributions in Les Cayes. On September 11, WFP gained access to additional beneficiaries in Ennery, Artibonite Department, and

distributed 3.8 MT of high-energy biscuits. On September 13, WFP plans to distribute a full food basket comprising rice, beans, corn-soya blend, and oil to approximately 400 families in Cabaret, West Department.

- OCHA reports that within Gonaïves, WFP continues to deliver food assistance to approximately 20,000 people per day. In collaboration with the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), distributions take place during the day and at night. WFP monitors the consumption of food because GOH reports on the number of people in shelters are not accurate and people in shelters share food with neighbors.
- Key findings from U.N. assessments in Gonaïves, according to OCHA, indicate that the situation in the city and shelters located in Gonaïves is improving, as decreasing tension is allowing for more organized and faster distribution of food commodities. Due to rising beneficiary numbers in the city, however, WFP is distributing rations to cover fewer days than originally planned in order to reach all beneficiaries.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SUMMARY

Haiti

- On September 2, U.S. Ambassador Janet A. Sanderson issued a disaster declaration in response to Hurricane Gustav and resulting flooding throughout Haiti. In total, the USAID/DART is working to program a total of \$7.5 million in funding from USAID/OFDA for programs to assist disaster-affected populations in Haiti.
- On September 4, a USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived in Port au Prince, delivering USAID/OFDA emergency relief supplies including 5,088 hygiene kits, 10,800 ten-liter water containers, and 500 rolls of plastic sheeting. Worth nearly \$335,000 including transport, the supplies were transported to affected areas with assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard and implementing partner IOM. On September 11, a second USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived with 10,200 ten-liter water containers, 5,088 hygiene kits, 700 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 2 water bladders, valued at more than \$410,000, including transport. This airlift will benefit more than 5,000 families and provide shelter support for temporary facilities such as child-friendly spaces.
- USAID/OFDA is providing \$500,000 to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in response to PAHO's appeal for funding to support health activities for individuals affected by Hurricane Gustav and Tropical Storm Hanna. This funding will assist 10,000 people.
- USAID/OFDA is also providing more than \$1.5 million to IOM.
- USAID/OFDA is providing \$500,000 in funding to the American Red Cross for emergency relief supplies and logistical support. Programs supported by this funding will benefit 12,000 people in Haiti's Artibonite, Grand Anse, and South East departments.
- On September 7, USAID/OFDA authorized the deployment of a three-person Americas Support Team to Haiti to supplement the UNDAC team based in Gonaïves.
- USAID/Haiti is working to re-direct \$5 million in funds toward food and other assistance to meet critical needs related to the growing humanitarian crisis.
- USAID/FFP is providing food assistance worth \$7 million through implementing partner WFP.
- DOD has provided support worth \$821,000 in response to a USAID request for helicopter transport.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN 2008

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
American Red Cross	Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Artibonite, Grand Anse, and South East Departments	\$500,000
IOM	Shelter and Settlements, Coordination	Affected Areas	\$1,506,008
OCHA	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$69,996
PAHO	Health	Affected Areas	\$500,000
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$150,000
	Emergency Relief Activities ²	Affected Areas	\$3,994,951
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Affected Areas	\$749,015
	Administrative Support		\$30,030
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$7,500,000
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$7,000,000

TOTAL USAID/FFP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$7,000,000
USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE³			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$5,000,000
DOD ASSISTANCE⁴			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$821,000
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$821,000
DHS ASSISTANCE			
	Transportation and Logistics	Affected Areas	FORTHCOMING
TOTAL DHS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$0
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008			\$20,321,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 13, 2008.

² Additional funding pledged by USAID/OFDA.

³ Funding reprogrammed from development to humanitarian relief activities.

⁴ Funding approved for humanitarian relief activities in Haiti.

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 organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Latin America and the Caribbean 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