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Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #4, Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

September 14, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 13, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On September 14, a member of the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) is participating in an overflight of Gonaïves and surrounding areas, Artibonite Department, as well as a ground assessment in Gonaïves. Assessment results are forthcoming.
- In response to recent storms, the U.S. Government (USG) is providing more than \$20 million in humanitarian assistance to affected populations in Haiti.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	850,000	GOH ¹ – September 11, 2008
Dead	337	OCHA ² – September 11, 2008
Missing	50	GOH – September 11, 2008
IDPs³	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 Assistance ⁴	\$7,500,000
USAID/FFP ⁵ Assistance ⁶	\$7,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD ⁷ Assistance	\$821,000
DHS ⁸ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$20,321,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- The USAID/DART continues to assess humanitarian conditions, assist with logistics operations, coordinate with the GOH and various humanitarian organizations on the ground, and program funding. On September 12 and 13, three disaster response experts joined the team. Additional members are scheduled to join the USAID/DART in the coming days.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- On September 13, the USAID/DART met with the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) logistics cluster lead and representatives from the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) to discuss transport requirements for emergency relief operations in the coming weeks and preparation for a possible transition from air and sea operations to ground transport pending improved access across the country. WFP reported having 12 trucks in country, plans to use up to 10 trucks from the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), and is working to procure up to 20 additional trucks for interagency relief operations. Participants noted that continued sea transport will likely be required to supplement overland logistics operations given limited road networks to some rural areas. WFP is working with humanitarian organizations in Haiti to determine overall transport requirements for food and non-food assistance in the coming weeks and months.

¹ Government of Haiti (GOH)

² U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

³ Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

⁴ This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of September 14, 2008.

⁵ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁶ This amount does not include previous USAID/FFP contributions in response to other emergencies in FY 2008.

⁷ U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

⁸ U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- On September 13, the U.S. Navy transported approximately 95 metric tons (MT) of emergency food commodities and safe drinking water on nine air and sea missions from Port au Prince to Gonaïves in Artibonite Department, Jeremie in Grand Anse Department, and Les Cayes in South Department. To date, the USG has transported emergency food, water, and relief commodities provided by USAID/OFDA, WFP, and multiple relief organizations on 62 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

- On September 13, USAID/Haiti and USS Kearsarge engineers traveled by road from Port au Prince to Mirebalais in Center Department to assess road conditions and damage to the bridge in Mirebalais. The assessment trip was in advance of a scheduled meeting between the GOH Ministry of Public Works, Transport, and Communication, MINUSTAH, USAID, and additional engineers and staff to discuss priority infrastructure interventions on September 15.
- USAID/Haiti and USAID/DART staff continue to work closely with SOUTHCOM regarding possible USG support for immediate road and bridge projects to restore humanitarian access to areas affected by the recent storms.

Health

- According to the USAID/DART, as of September 13, health staff report 6,700 consultations at four health centers in Gonaïves and one hospital in nearby St. Marc. Local authorities, CARE, and Médecins Sans Frontières continue to support the health facilities, and relief organizations have provided one surgical kit to the St. Marc hospital and 19 medical kits, each for 10,000 people for three months, to the Gonaïves health centers to date. A U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) physician in Jeremie is preparing a report on the condition of local health facilities and notes no reports of significant medical needs in the area to date.
- The USAID/DART has noted that following reports of large numbers of persons staying in temporary shelters in Gonaïves, CDC staff in Haiti plan to address the potential need for measles vaccinations and Vitamin A supplements in the upcoming health cluster meeting on September 15. CDC staff also report that the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has received initial supplies for rapid malaria and dengue fever testing.

Emergency Food Assistance

- As of September 13, WFP had shipments totaling approximately 9,800 MT of food commodities for Haiti, arriving between late September and October 30. In addition, World Vision, Catholic Relief Services, and ACDI/VOCA are planning to deliver an additional 9,000 MT of food relief to Haiti in the coming weeks. The shipments are in addition to an estimated 17,000 MT of food commodities in stock in the country as of September 5.
- As of September 12, WFP and partner relief organizations had distributed a total of 775 MT of emergency food commodities including high-energy biscuits and staple food items to 167,301 people affected by the recent storms in Haiti.

Shelter and Settlements

- On September 14, USAID/OFDA partner the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported increased access to several shelters in Gonaïves within Artibonite Department as water continues to recede. However, 16 identified shelters remain inaccessible since flooding from tropical storm Hanna on September 3. IOM staff report poor sanitation conditions in the newly accessible shelters, where between 1,000 and 2,000 people are temporarily residing. Distributions of food and non-food emergency relief items are ongoing, although some displaced persons have yet to receive assistance. Local government relief officials have provided an unknown number of latrines to temporary shelters in Gonaïves.

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 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 14, 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