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Haiti – Storms

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September 15, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 14, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- As of September 14, improved sanitation and hygiene conditions and clean-up operations were emerging as priority response activities following initial distributions of food, safe drinking water, and relief commodities to most communities affected by the recent storms, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). However, OCHA and additional relief organizations reported that some isolated, inaccessible communities, particularly in southern Haiti, have yet to receive assistance. The USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) is working with the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) to determine whether airlifts are possible to areas in Southeast Department to facilitate humanitarian access.
- 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 – September 14, 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 Assistance ³	\$7,500,000
USAID/FFP ⁴ Assistance ⁵	\$7,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD ⁶ Assistance	\$821,000
DHS ⁷ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$20,321,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- On September 14, USAID/DART and USAID/Haiti staff traveled to Gonaïves in Artibonite Department to meet with implementing partners and discuss humanitarian conditions for both displaced and otherwise affected residents in the city. According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), most displaced persons in the city have received some assistance to date, resulting in reduced tension. However, efforts are ongoing to provide safe drinking water to populations remaining within flooded areas of the city, according to the USAID/DART.
- In order to provide initial assistance to a maximum number of families in Gonaïves, IOM has distributed one 10-liter water container per family and plans to conduct follow-up distributions with additional relief commodities. IOM, the GOH Office of Civil Protection (DPC), WFP, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), and Oxfam are consolidating reports on both official and unofficial temporary shelters and have verified that nearly 39,000 people are displaced in more than 100 shelters across the city. Floodwaters continued to hamper access to approximately 16 shelters on September 14.

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 15, 2008.

⁴ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁵ This amount does not include previous USAID/FFP contributions in response to other emergencies in FY 2008.

⁶ U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

⁷ U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- A joint American Red Cross (ARC) and GOH DPC assessment across affected areas of Southeast Department indicates that the tropical storms in late August and early September have negatively impacted 12,121 families, or approximately 60,600 people, in Southeast Department alone. Severe weather and flooding destroyed 2,860 houses and damaged 8,334 houses. Nearly 10,000 people, or 1,973 families, are currently residing in temporary shelters. ARC reports that to date, 4,122 families have received assistance, including food, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, blankets, mosquito nets, and water containers. ARC notes that Bainet and Jacmel are the most affected areas within Southeast Department, and access to Belle Anse and Marigot remains challenging.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- On September 14, the U.S. Navy transported approximately 99 MT of emergency food commodities and safe drinking water on 10 air and sea missions from Port au Prince to Gonaïves in Artibonite 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 72 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.
- WFP has noted that a current shortage of small trucks may hamper the transport of food commodities to distribution points. WFP is working to procure additional small trucks in the coming weeks, although emergency food operations may experience logistics constraints pending the arrival of these vehicles. WFP and partner organizations have adequate trucking capacity for long-distance transport.

Emergency Food Assistance

- In a September 14 meeting with the USAID/DART and a USAID/FFP representative, WFP reported having an adequate food pipeline with approximately 15,000 metric tons (MT) provided by USAID/FFP and an additional 15,000 MT provided by other international donors scheduled to arrive in the coming weeks. These shipments supplement an existing stock in country, including approximately 3,000 MT of food commodities provided by the U.S. Government.
- According to the USAID/DART, WFP is currently prioritizing emergency food operations for approximately 240,000 people in Gonaïves, equivalent to an estimated 80 percent of the city's population. Based on current operations, approximately 3,000 MT of food commodities are required per month for Gonaïves. WFP continues to work closely with partner relief organizations to conduct assessments throughout the country in order to determine emergency food needs following recent severe weather and flooding.

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			
ARC	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 15, 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

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/