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Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

September 19, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 18, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On September 19, USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) staff traveled to Gonaïves, Artibonite Department, to assess humanitarian needs, particularly within the health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) sectors. USAID/DART and CDC staff are scheduled to return to Port au Prince on September 21.
- On September 20, USAID/DART staff are scheduled to travel to Bainet, Belle Anse, and Cotes de Fer, South East Department, to assess food and health needs.
- The USAID/DART reported that WASH and livelihood recovery activities are key priorities for the coming weeks. The USAID/DART also identifies the need for cash-for-work clean-up programs in Gonaïves.
- To date in FY 2008, the total value of U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance in response to recent storms is nearly \$30 million.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	850,000	GOH ¹ – September 15, 2008
Dead	423	OCHA ² – September 15, 2008
Missing	50	GOH – September 11, 2008
IDPs³	151,072	GOH – September 10, 2008
IDPs in Shelters	111,391	OCHA – September 15, 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	\$9,800,000
USAID/FFP ⁵ Assistance ⁶	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD ⁷ Assistance	\$659,000
DHS ⁸ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$29,459,000

CURRENT SITUATION

Health

- On September 18, CDC reported the need for clarification regarding accessibility of existing health centers to populations in need. CDC staff also noted a need for quantitative epidemiological surveillance data for flood-affected areas, including Gonaïves.
- CDC staff have expressed concern regarding the need for diagnostic laboratory capacity in flood-affected areas.
- CDC staff on the ground are currently exploring the possibility of providing laboratory assistance as part of the emergency response.

¹ Government of Haiti (GOH)

² U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

³ Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

⁴ This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of September 18, 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 17, the USAID/DART WASH specialist traveled to Gonaïves with CDC staff to survey the current situation. On September 19, USAID/DART and CDC staff returned to Gonaïves to further assess humanitarian needs, particularly within the health and WASH sectors.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- On September 19, three U.S. military helicopters are scheduled to airlift 15 metric tons (MT) of Action Contre la Faim (ACF) WASH relief supplies to Gonaïves. The U.S. Military is also scheduled to transport 100 MT of U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and ACF emergency food aid to Saint Marc, Artibonite Department, using sea assets.
- As of September 19, USS Kearsarge helicopters and boats have transported a total of 1,062.9 MT of emergency food and relief commodities on 93 air and sea missions to Jeremie, Les Cayes, Port de Paix, Gonaïves, and Saint Marc.

Shelter

- According to CDC and multiple relief agencies, many temporary shelters are currently operating out of school facilities. Humanitarian agencies note that the commencement of the academic year on October 6 may be delayed in several areas. In addition, relief agencies note concern regarding sufficient shelter space for displaced populations.
- To address needs, USAID/OFDA has provided funds to IOM to support shelter and settlements activities.

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 nearly \$10 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 committing \$2 million to WFP to augment logistical capacity for delivery of humanitarian aid to affected areas.
- USAID/OFDA has also committed \$750,000 to implementing partner World Vision to support the distribution of emergency relief supplies and WASH activities, benefiting nearly 70,000 people.
- USAID/OFDA is also contributing more than \$1.5 million to IOM. This assistance will support shelter and settlements projects as well as humanitarian coordination activities.
- 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 U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination 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 an additional \$7 million in response to the U.N. flash appeal. The contribution will enable WFP and private volunteer organization (PVO) partners to respond to relief and recovery food aid needs in Haiti. To date, USAID/FFP has contributed a total of \$14 million for the U.N. flash appeal.
- To date, DOD is providing support worth nearly \$660,00 in response to a USAID request for helicopter transport. The contribution does not include fuel cost for the USS Kearsarge.

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	\$3,530,882
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Affected Areas	\$749,015
WFP	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Logistics, WASH	Affected Areas	\$750,000
	Administrative Support		\$44,099
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$9,800,000
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP and PVOs	P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$14,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$14,000,000
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	\$659,000
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$659,000
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			\$29,459,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 19, 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