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Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #10, Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

September 22, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 19, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On September 22, members of the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) met with USAID/Haiti, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), non-governmental organization (NGO), Government of Haiti (GOH) Civil Protection Unit, U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and U.S. military representatives to discuss previous humanitarian assessments and determine the need for additional multi-sectoral assessments in the coming days. Participants identified Anse Rouge, Ennery, and Marmelade, Artibonite Department, as requiring additional assessments. The USAID/DART is currently coordinating with OCHA, the U.S. Military, CDC, and NGO partners to identify assessment teams and determine logistics and deployment options. Assessments are scheduled to commence on September 24.
- On September 20, USAID/DART staff traveled to Bainet and Chomeille, South East Department, to assess humanitarian conditions and distribution of emergency food commodities. USAID/DART staff reported lack of security and partner organizations on the ground to receive food commodities and manage distributions in Chomeille.
- To date, the total value of U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance in response to recent storms is more than \$30 million.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	850,000	GOH – September 15, 2008
Dead	423	OCHA – September 15, 2008
Missing	50	GOH – September 11, 2008
IDPs¹	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 Assistance²	\$10,000,000
USAID/FFP³ Assistance⁴	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD⁵ Assistance	\$1,021,660
DHS⁶ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$30,021,660

CURRENT SITUATION

- In Bainet, USAID/DART staff reported that Hurricane Gustav had destroyed 23 homes and damaged 236 others, according to the Mayor’s office. Approximately 908 individuals are residing in temporary shelters in Bainet, according to the USAID/DART.
- USAID/DART staff noted damage to the infrastructure and agricultural sector in Bainet. According to the USAID/DART, damage to potable water systems was limited to broken pipes. The USAID/DART reported good sanitary conditions in two shelters visited.

¹ Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

² This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of September 22, 2008.

³ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

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)

- According to OCHA, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) is planning to establish a permanent office and warehouse space in Gonaïves in the coming days in order to meet increased humanitarian needs. WFP and partner organizations plan to facilitate food deliveries to 19,500 beneficiaries per day beginning September 22.

Health

- During visits to shelters in Gonaïves between September 19 and 22, USAID/DART and CDC staff noted the need for soap, mosquito nets, access to potable water, and medical supplies.
- CDC staff in Haiti are coordinating with CDC headquarters in Atlanta to provide diagnostic kits and training to the Haitian National Laboratory to increase local diagnostic capacity in Gonaïves. A diagnostic expert is scheduled to arrive in Gonaïves on September 25.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- On September 19, three U.S. Military helicopters delivered 15 metric tons (MT) of Action Contre la Faim relief supplies to Gonaïves, including four portable water treatment units with a production capacity of 200,000 liters of treated water per day. The new water treatment units will increase daily production of treated water from 350,000 liters to more than 500,000 liters daily pending installation.
- As of September 20, the USG had transported an estimated 1,217 MT of emergency relief commodities provided by USAID/OFDA, WFP, and multiple relief organizations on 99 missions to and within Haiti using a combination of DOD and DHS air and sea assets as well as two USAID/OFDA-chartered aircrafts.
- The USS Kearsarge has also dispatched helicopters for several aerial infrastructure assessments by U.S. Navy and USAID/Haiti engineers.

Shelter

- Many community shelters continue to operate out of school facilities, which may disrupt the beginning of the academic year on October 6.
- According to OCHA, the GOH plans to offer support to IDPs willing to voluntarily relocate to cities. The GOH is also considering the possibility of establishing long-term shelters.

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 \$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 International Organization for Migration (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 water, sanitation, and hygiene (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 more than \$1 million 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
TBD	Emergency Relief Activities ²	Affected Areas	\$3,730,882
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			\$10,000,000
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	\$1,021,660
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$1,021,660
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			\$30,021,660

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 22, 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