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Haiti – Storms

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 22, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On September 26, a third USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived in Port au Prince with 5,088 hygiene kits, 4,350 ten-liter water containers, and three 10,000-liter water bladders from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Miami, Florida. Worth more than \$96,000, including transport, the additional contribution will benefit an estimated 30,000 people. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is delivering the commodities to affected populations.
- On September 24, staff from the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) traveled to Ennery and Saint Michel de L’Attalaye, Artibonite Department, to assess humanitarian conditions. On September 25, the USAID/DART conducted additional assessments in Anse Rouge and Terre Neuve, Artibonite Department. Results of the assessments will be available in the coming days.
- USAID/OFDA recently provided nearly \$160,000 to the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) to support the provision of emergency shelter materials for 10,000 people as well as relief supplies including tools for debris cleaning, first aid kits, and kitchen utensils, benefiting 15,000 people. USAID/OFDA provided more than \$660,000 to the World Concern Development Organization to improve household food security and livelihoods for approximately 5,700 farmers affected by Hurricane Hanna.
- USAID/OFDA is committing nearly \$2 million to CHF to provide livelihood assistance and support the recovery of critical social infrastructure such as roads, canals, and schools in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department, and Port Goave, West Department. This program will benefit nearly 50,000 people, including 37,000 IDPs. In addition, USAID/OFDA has committed \$600,000 to Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US) to provide child friendly spaces in Artibonite, South East, and West Departments. The program will benefit 20,000 people, including 5,000 children.
- To date, the total value of U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance in response to recent storms is more than \$30.4 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	\$10,000,000
USAID/FFP ⁵ Assistance ⁶	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD ⁷ Assistance	\$1,425,874
DHS ⁸ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$30,425,874

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 26, 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)

CURRENT SITUATION

- According to OCHA, emergency food assistance is reaching beneficiaries in areas of Artibonite Department that were previously inaccessible due to road and infrastructure damage.
- On September 24, USAID/DART and USAID/Haiti staff met with the director of the GOH Office of Civil Protection (DPC) to review USAID/OFDA humanitarian response efforts in Haiti. The DPC director expressed gratitude for USAID/OFDA's continued support and requested USAID/OFDA assistance in conducting a review of the damage assessment and needs analysis processes for the current response. The director also requested USAID/OFDA support in pre-positioning relief commodities for the remainder of the hurricane season.

Food Security

- On September 23, the GOH Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) reported that between 2.8 and 3.3 million people are moderately or extremely food insecure following the recent storms, a 15 percent increase from mid-August.
- According to OCHA, food commodity prices in Gonaïves have significantly increased following the series of storms and hurricanes that passed over the country from August 26 to September 7. The price of one kilogram of rice has increased by approximately 50 percent, while the cost of beans has increased by more than 40 percent. Relief agencies are concerned that increases in food commodity prices could cause further food insecurity in Haiti.
- According to the GOH MOA, flooding destroyed 63,000 hectares of crops. The anticipated crop loss is between 10 and 30 percent of the national annual production, given normal weather for the remainder of the year.
- In response to the need for emergency food assistance due to recent storms, USAID/FFP is providing a \$14 million contribution of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance. The contribution will enable USAID/FFP to meet 40 percent of the food requirements as set out in the U.N. flash appeal launched on September 12.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- As of September 26, the USG had transported 1,608.1 MT of emergency relief commodities provided by USAID/OFDA, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), and multiple relief organizations on 126 missions to and within Haiti using a combination of DOD and DHS air and sea assets as well as three USAID/OFDA-chartered aircrafts. The USS Kearsarge is departing on September 26.
- As of September 24, WFP had distributed more than 2,263 MT of food assistance, potable water, and other relief commodities throughout Haiti to an estimated 449,854 beneficiaries countrywide, including an estimated 1,047 MT to approximately 274,066 beneficiaries in Gonaïves.
- The USAID/DART is working with implementing partner IOM to position relief commodities to respond to current humanitarian needs. The USAID/DART will continue to assess the need for additional relief commodities.
- On September 24, the Canadian vessel St. John departed Port au Prince on a fourth mission to deliver 122 MT of WFP food commodities. The shipment is scheduled to arrive in Belle Anse, Southeast Department for distribution to beneficiaries in coordination with local authorities.
- Two WFP-chartered helicopters have arrived in Haiti to assist with the transport of emergency relief supplies.

Shelter

- According to OCHA, recent storms have affected an estimated 26,000 people in Saint Michel de L'Attalaye, Artibonite Department. Approximately 750 IDPs are residing in two temporary shelters in the department. On September 24, OCHA reported that priority humanitarian needs in Saint Michel de L'Attalaye include nutrition and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions.
- In Ennery, Artibonite Department, 363 IDPs are residing in six temporary shelters and require WASH interventions, according to OCHA.

WASH

- At a U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) WASH meeting on September 23, participants stressed that sanitation remains a significant concern, particularly in Gonaïves. Oxfam reported that latrine installation has commenced in several shelters in Gonaïves and noted that other non-governmental organizations will begin latrine construction in the coming days. Participants at the September 23 meeting stressed the need for a thorough assessment of WASH needs in Chardonnières and Tiburon, Grand Anse Department, and noted that the storms had destroyed all water system networks in the area between Tiburon and to Coteaux, Grand Anse Department.
- The Canadian Coast Guard has agreed to transport UNICEF, CARITAS, and Catholic Relief Services WASH commodities to Tiburon, Chardonnières, and Port à Piment, Grand Anse Department, including 20,000 liters of potable water and 150,000 water purification tablets.

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 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. On September 26, a third USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived with 5,088 hygiene kits, 4,350 water containers, and three water bladders, valued at more than \$96,000, including transport. The airlifts will benefit more than 200,000 people.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$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 committed \$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.
- As of September 25, DOD had provided support worth more than \$1.4 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
CHF	Economy and Market Systems	Artibonite and West Departments	\$1,995,062
IOM	Shelter and Settlements, Coordination	Affected Areas	\$1,506,008
OCHA	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$69,996
PADF	Shelter and Settlements, Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$158,560
PAHO	Health	Affected Areas	\$500,000
SC/US	Protection	Artibonite, South East, and West Departments	\$600,000
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$150,000

TBD	Emergency Relief Activities ²	Affected Areas	\$216,874
USAID/Haiti, IOM	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Affected Areas	\$845,232
WFP	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$663,357
World Vision	Logistics, WASH	Central Plateau, Artibonite and North West Departments	\$750,000
	Administrative Support		\$44,911
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	\$1,425,874
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$1,425,874
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			\$30,425,874

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 26, 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