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Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

October 3, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 29, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On October 3, the Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team (RMT) stood down. USAID/OFDA activated the RMT on September 11 to support the Haiti-based USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART). At present, the USAID/DART remains in Haiti, conducting assessments, coordinating with other members of the humanitarian community, and determining whether additional assistance is required.
- On September 30, USAID/OFDA Director Ky Luu traveled to Haiti to meet with the U.S. Ambassador, USAID/Haiti mission director, USAID/DART, U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) officials, and implementing partners. On October 1, the USAID/OFDA director participated in an overflight of Gonaïves and surrounding areas, Artibonite Department, with USAID/DART staff. Also on October 1, a USAID/OFDA health and nutrition advisor arrived in Haiti to provide support to USAID/DART.
- On September 29, logistics partners reported improvements on the road to Gonaïves, Artibonite Department. At present, due to the improve condition of the road to Gonaïves, humanitarian convoys do not require assistance from U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti engineers to pull vehicles through the formerly muddy sections of road.
- U.N. engineers have repaired the bridge at Montrouis, on the border of West and Artibonite departments, and normal commercial transport can cross the span. According to logistics partners, the road from Port au Prince through Hinche to Cap Haitien in North Department is passable with some difficulty, as well as the route from Gonaïves through Anse Rouge and Jean Rabel to Port de Paix in North West Department.
- To date, the total value of U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance in response to recent storms is more than \$30.2 million.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	657,105	OCHA ¹ – September 26, 2008
Dead	423	OCHA – September 15, 2008
Missing	50	GOH ² – 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 AND FY 2009 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 Assistance	\$1,262,394
DHS ⁷ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$30,262,394

CURRENT SITUATION

- On October 1, the USAID/OFDA director, members of the USAID/DART, and USAID/Haiti staff visited Gonaïves, Artibonite Department. The team met with the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team members, lead agencies for the humanitarian clusters, and non-governmental organization (NGO) partners to discuss the current situation, ongoing concerns, future planning, and coordination mechanisms in Gonaïves.

¹ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

² Government of Haiti (GOH)

³ Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

⁴ This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of October 3, 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 Homeland Security (DHS)

Following the meeting, the USAID team observed the impact of the flooding and ongoing clean-up activities in Gonaïves. The team also traveled to Gonaïves' main hospital, which was devastated by high flood waters and continues to be under several feet of mud. USAID's implementing partner CHF International is conducting a clean-up program to remove mud from the hospital.

- On October 1, USAID/OFDA partners reported approximately 40 centimeters of mud in structures and approximately 2.5 million cubic meters of mud throughout Gonaïves, Artibonite Department. GOH trucks are temporarily operating in Gonaïves to remove mud. According to the U.N. Development Program (UNDP), relief agencies estimate that removing mud from Gonaïves will take one year, with 200 trucks working six rotations each day, six days per week.
- Due to the destruction of all productive infrastructure in Gonaïves and surrounding areas, implementing partners have expressed concerns about the possibility of increasing rates of malnutrition.

Emergency Food Assistance

- As of October 3, USAID/FFP had 22 metric tons (MT) of emergency food in Haiti. The total amount of food in country as of September 29 will benefit more than 700,000 people over the following nine months.
- As of October 2, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) had distributed 4,752 MT of food assistance to an estimated 652,626 beneficiaries countrywide. During the week of September 22, WFP reached previously inaccessible communities in West and Northwest departments, delivering food assistance for 2,820 individuals.

Health

- According to WFP, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed cases of infectious diseases, including tetanus and typhoid, in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department.
- On September 27, two U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratorians arrived in Port au Prince to provide support and deliver laboratory supplies to reinforce the GOH national laboratory capacity. CDC staff continue to monitor the situation and work to consolidate information on temporary shelter, field assessments, medical institutions, sector contacts, and health interventions.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- On September 29, WFP announced the charter of a barge to deliver food aid to smaller southern ports in Haiti. Beginning October 2, the 115 MT capacity barge is scheduled to stop at the port of Miragoane and points west to Baraderes in Nippes Department, Jeremie, Grand Anse Department, around the peninsula to Tiburon and Les Cayes, South Department, and Cotes de Fer, South East Department..
- On October 1, the logistics cluster revised previous reports regarding the Miragoane bypass. The Miragoane bypass is still under construction, although 4x4 vehicles are able to pass with some delays. According to WFP, commercial trucks will not be able to access the bypass for two to three weeks. Until the bypass is passable, logistics partners will use alternative routes of transport to the area.

Nutrition

- The USAID/DART reports that the humanitarian community lacks data on global acute malnutrition (GAM) in affected areas of Haiti. To date, data collection methods have been variable in technique and quality, creating difficulties for health providers to interpret and show trends. Conducted in 2006, the most recent national survey showed a GAM of 9 percent. According to international standards, a GAM rate of more than 10 percent with the presence of any aggravating factors is considered an emergency level.
- According to the USAID/DART, humanitarian agencies are concerned that malnutrition rates may increase due to the recent upsurge in factors including lack of access to usual food sources, health services, and water, sanitation and hygiene services; untargeted supplementary food distribution; decreased agricultural production due to loss of crops and the impact on the floods on the next agricultural season; unconfirmed reports of an increase in communicable diseases; and coping mechanisms of selling livestock. Increasing food prices and poor health status of the population prior to the storms may further aggravate the risk of increasing malnutrition rates.
- According to OCHA, rapid nutrition assessments are required due to increased malnutrition rates. Médecins Sans Frontières and Médecins du Monde are utilizing mobile clinics to identify malnutrition cases and provide assistance.
- The USAID/OFDA health and nutrition advisor currently in Haiti is meeting with cluster participants and implementing partners and assessing humanitarian conditions in affected areas of the country.

Shelter

- According to the USAID/DART, on September 29, the shelter and non-food items cluster reported priority needs of mosquito nets and plastic sheeting. Meeting participants reported that the team is planning to distribute 38,600 mosquito nets throughout Haiti; however, WHO estimated that the country requires an additional 116,200 mosquito nets in order to achieve optimum coverage. Participants estimated that affected populations require 40,000 additional tarps or sheets of plastic in order to support returns and rehabilitation of homes and businesses.

- On September 30, implementing partners reported that the GOH Ministry of Social Affairs is planning to conduct a shelter damage assessment and needs analysis in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department. Implementing partners are engaging with the GOH and hope to broaden the impact and scope of the assessment and post-assessment planning.

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 the 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. 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 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.
- 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.
- 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 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 \$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 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.
- USAID/OFDA committed \$2 million to WFP to augment logistical capacity for delivery of humanitarian aid to affected areas.
- USAID/OFDA is providing more than \$660,000 to the World Concern Development Organization in FY 2009 to improve household food security and livelihoods for approximately 5,700 farmers affected by Hurricane Hanna.
- USAID/OFDA has 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.
- 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 an additional \$7 million in response to the U.N. flash appeal, which brings the total USAID/FFP contribution to \$14 million for the U.N. flash appeal. The contribution will enable WFP and private voluntary organization (PVO) partners to respond to relief and recovery food aid needs in Haiti.
- As of September 29, DOD had provided 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 FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN 2008

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$663,357
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2009			\$663,357
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2009			\$663,357

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 3, 2008.

USG FY 2008 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, Southeast, and Grand Anse 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, West, and Southeast Departments	\$600,000
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$150,000
TBD	Emergency Relief Activities ²	Affected Areas	\$212,504
USAID/Haiti, IOM	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Affected Areas	\$845,232
WFP	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Logistics, WASH	Central Plateau, Artibonite and Northwest Departments	\$750,000
	Administrative Support		\$49,281
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$9,336,643
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
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 ASSISTANCE⁴			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$5,000,000
DOD ASSISTANCE⁵			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$1,262,394
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$1,262,394
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			\$29,599,037

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 30, 2008.

² Additional funding pledged by USAID/OFDA.

³ Estimated value of food assistance.

⁴ Funding reprogrammed from development to humanitarian relief activities.

⁵ Funding approved for humanitarian relief activities in Haiti.

TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008	\$30,262,394
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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