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## *Haiti – Storms*

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

October 10, 2008

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 3, 2008.*

### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- As of October 6, the Government of Haiti (GOH) Office of Civil Protection reported that the four tropical storms and hurricanes resulted in nearly 800 deaths and injured an estimated 548 people. As of October 8, the tropical storms and hurricanes had affected more than 800,000 people, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- In response to a GOH request for international assistance to reconstruct and rehabilitate six bridges damaged by the storms and hurricanes, U.S. military engineers completed assessments of each of the six bridges. Rehabilitation and reconstruction plans remain ongoing.
- Based on recommendations made by U.S. military engineers, in consultation with Haitian authorities and donors, a temporary bridge will be installed at the location of the Ennery Bridge, one of the bridges damaged by the storms. The U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) plans to provide approximately 60 percent of the span; working with USAID/Haiti, USAID/OFDA plans to provide funds for the purchase the remainder. The GOH Ministry of Public Works, Transportation, and Communications will submit the proposal and cost estimates to military engineers by October 17. Upon approval, USAID/OFDA will begin the process to purchase needed construction materials. The World Bank has committed to provide funds for the reconstruction of Chalon, Latheme, and Duvivier bridges.
- On October 7, the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) health and nutrition advisor traveled to Gonaïves, Artibonite Department, to conduct a health assessment and evaluate the capacities of several medical facilities, including a hospital managed by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), a national hospital, and a GOH Ministry of Health (MOH) clinic.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	826,685	OCHA – October 8, 2008
<b>Dead</b>	793	GOH – October 6, 2008
<b>Missing</b>	310	GOH – October 6, 2008
<b>IDPs<sup>1</sup></b>	151,072	GOH – September 10, 2008
<b>IDPs in Shelters</b>	111,391	OCHA – September 15, 2008
<b>Other Damage</b>	22,702 houses destroyed, 84,625 houses damaged	GOH – October 1, 2008

### FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE FOR HAITI HURRICANES IN 2008

USAID/OFDA Assistance <sup>2</sup> .....	<b>\$10,010,668</b>
USAID/FFP <sup>3</sup> Assistance <sup>4</sup> .....	<b>\$14,000,000</b>
USAID/Haiti Assistance .....	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
DOD <sup>5</sup> Assistance .....	<b>\$2,631,877</b>
DHS <sup>6</sup> Assistance .....	<b>Amount Forthcoming</b>
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008</b> .....	<b>\$31,642,548</b>

<sup>1</sup> Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

<sup>2</sup> This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of October 10, 2008.

<sup>3</sup> USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>4</sup> This amount does not include previous USAID/FFP contributions in response to other emergencies in FY 2008.

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

## **CURRENT SITUATION**

- On October 9, OCHA reported that the re-establishment of the road access at Montrouis, on the border of West and Artibonite departments, and Miragoane in Nippes Department has allowed the routine provision of fuel and medical supplies to all of the country's hospitals and the majority of pharmacies.
- According to OCHA, road transport remains an issue, particularly in southern Haiti, where priority is given for cargo. In addition, the road from Port au Prince to Jimani in Dominican Republic remains heavily flooded. The roads to Miragoane and Anse a Veau districts in Nippes Department continue to be blocked and access to Les Cayes and Jeremie is limited.

### ***Access***

- The GOH has initiated alternative means of access for six damaged bridge sites until the spans are rehabilitated. To date, the measures include a low crossing concrete structure constructed on the Montrouis River that provides access to Artibonite Department; another concrete structure near the Latheme Bridge in Mirebalais; temporary passages in the Chalon and Ennery rivers; and the ongoing construction of a detour to allow access to the National Road Number 2, currently under water due to the rising of the Miragoane Lake. Discussions about longer-term solutions for the Miragoane Lake and Ennery Bridge remain ongoing.

### ***Emergency Food Assistance***

- An estimated three million people are now affected by food insecurity, a 20 percent increase in one month, according to the September 2008 Food Security Bulletin issued by the National Coordination for Food Security and the USAID-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network. OCHA estimates that up to 100,000 people remain in need of food assistance in areas surrounding Gonaïves.
- As of October 8, OCHA reported that the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and implementing partners had distributed 3,893 metric tons of food to 715,474 beneficiaries, including 418,641 people from Gonaïves. WFP and other partners are planning additional distributions in Anse Rouge, Cros Morne, Terre Neuve, and Mamont, Artibonite Department.

### ***Health***

- Following a visit to three health facilities in Gonaïves on October 7, the USAID/DART health and nutrition advisor reported that the national hospital and MOH clinic were in poor condition and lacked medical supplies. The government-managed facilities also had lower patient attendance rates than the hospital managed by MSF, which attends to approximately 600 patients a day.
- According to local health staff, the rate of local patients with fever has been increasing, raising suspicions of increasing malaria in Gonaïves. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) collected samples from patients with fever and continues to work to determine the etiology.
- During the last six weeks, health partners have reported an increase in suspected cases of measles in the Gonaïves area. In early October, MSF staff reported suspected cases of measles in 95 children and adults, also noting that clinical information and medical charts were incomplete and inconclusive for measles.
- On October 9, CDC staff confirmed a need for further analysis of samples, citing frequent confusion between measles and Dengue fever because both diseases present similar symptoms. USAID and CDC health staff continue to closely monitor the situation.
- Health partners are planning to conduct a health education campaign on malaria and the use of bed nets. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and partners plan to distribute 30,000 bed nets.
- To date, PAHO has distributed 4 emergency health kits and 18 basic health kits to treat 10,000 people over a period of three months and provide medications for malaria and tuberculosis. PAHO is also working with the MOH to ensure access to free health care for a finite period of time.
- PAHO has mobilized an environmental health officer to assess borehole function for access to clean water, in collaboration with the water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) cluster.

### ***Logistics and Relief Supplies***

- On October 6, the logistics cluster reported that roads throughout Haiti are clear for general commercial transportation, except for the road through Miragoane. The Miragoane bypass road remains under construction, with an undetermined completion date. USAID staff continue to monitor the Miragoane situation and have requested regular updates from MINUSTAH.
- On October 6, the logistics cluster and WFP reported the arrival of a landing craft-style vessel in Port au Prince to be used for the transport of food aid throughout Haiti, including Port au Prince, Gonaïves and Miragoane. In coordination with the logistics cluster and non-governmental organizations, the vessel is transporting emergency relief commodities to Les Cayes in South Department.

### **Nutrition**

- The U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has recommended routine screening of children for malnutrition in locations where partners have established health programs. In addition, the nutrition cluster plans to establish sentinel surveillance to monitor trends in malnutrition, although the cluster has not yet identified or established sites to gather nutritional data.
- Beginning in November, UNICEF, the MOH, and Action Contre la Faim plan to conduct a nationwide nutrition survey, which had been planned prior to the current disaster.
- The health and nutrition clusters continue to conduct regular informational meetings with partners, according to the USAID/DART.

## **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 has programmed more than \$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. 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 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 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 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, 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 October 10, DOD has provided support worth more than \$2.6 million in response to a USAID request for helicopter transport.

**USG FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN 2008**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$663,357
	Administrative Support		\$10,668
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$674,025</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$674,025</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 10, 2008.

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<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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 <sup>2</sup>	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
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$9,336,643</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
WFP and PVOs	P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$14,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$14,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE<sup>4</sup></b>			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/HAITI HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>DOD ASSISTANCE<sup>5</sup></b>			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$2,631,877
<b>TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$2,631,877</b>
<b>DHS ASSISTANCE</b>			

	Transportation and Logistics	Affected Areas	FORTHCOMING
<b>TOTAL DHS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$30,968,520</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Additional funding pledged by USAID/OFDA.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>4</sup> Funding reprogrammed from development to humanitarian relief activities.

<sup>5</sup> Funding approved for humanitarian relief activities in Haiti. The revised figure reflects costs added retroactively to include hourly utilization rates for helicopter transport in support of the emergency response.

<b>TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008</b>	<b>\$31,642,545</b>
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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](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)