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## Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #3, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

October 21, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 10, 2008.

### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On October 13, the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) met with staff from the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), a representative from U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), and a member of the Government of Haiti (GOH) Ministry of Public Works, Transportation, and Communications (MTPTC) to discuss roles and responsibilities for the reconstruction of the Ennery Bridge in Artibonite Department.
- To date, MINUSTAH's Brazilian Engineering Company has conducted a survey of the area surrounding the Ennery Bridge and will work with the MTPTC to confirm a staging area for supplies. Upon approval of the design and cost estimates, USAID/OFDA, in coordination with USAID/Haiti, plans to provide funds for the purchase of tools, supplies, and equipment needed for bridge construction.
- On October 21, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported that IOM's USAID/Haiti-funded Program of Revitalization and Promotion of Mutual Understanding and Peace and the GOH restored the water system in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department, and began distributing water to 50,000 residents.
- In support of relief activities in Gonaïves, USAID/OFDA is donating three large tents and office supplies to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Haiti, valued at more than \$40,000. These tents serve as meeting facilities for relief agencies and will help ensure the continuation of humanitarian coordination in Haiti following the emergency phase.

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 Currently in Shelters</b>	35,000 - 40,000	IOM – October 16, 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> .....	\$10,051,124
USAID/FFP <sup>3</sup> Assistance <sup>4</sup> .....	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance .....	\$5,000,000
DOD <sup>5</sup> Assistance .....	\$2,631,877
DHS <sup>6</sup> Assistance <sup>7</sup> .....	Amount Forthcoming
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in Calendar Year 2008</b> .....	<b>\$31,683,001</b>

### CURRENT SITUATION

- Recent data from the GOH Office of Civil Protection indicates that approximately 34 percent of the storm-related damage in Haiti occurred in Artibonite Department. According to OCHA, Artibonite has received more than 62 percent of the total emergency relief commodity distributions in Haiti to date. However, OCHA reports that shelter materials have yet to reach all affected populations in the department, noting that rural areas within Artibonite account for only 15 percent of relief commodity distributions.

<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 21, 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 Haiti in FY 2008.

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

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

<sup>7</sup> DHS assistance represents funding for U.S. Coast Guard helicopter transport.

- On October 14, OCHA reported that the U.N. Development Program has hired a waste management expert to evaluate the waste and mud disposal process in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department, and make appropriate recommendations for future work. To date, partners undertaking cleanup activities are challenged by the need to balance mud removal with regular street cleaning and waste removal.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reported that school feeding activities resumed during the week of October 12 throughout the country, except in Gonaïves. Flooding and damage caused by recent storms and hurricanes delayed the school year by more than a month. Schools are also being used as temporary shelters, causing further delays.
- OCHA has reported that the process of removing IDPs from schools being used as shelters is ongoing in Gonaïves. According to OCHA, at least six shelters were closed during the week of October 12.

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

- On October 16, the U.N. reported that the road from Port de Paix in Northwest Department to Gonaïves in Artibonite Department, via Anse Rouge town and Jean Rabel town, was passable. The road from Les Cayes town to Les Anglais town in South Department is accessible by four-wheel drive vehicle, as are the villages of Plaisance, Arnaud, and L'Asile. The Miragoane bypass road remains under construction with an undetermined completion date. Although conditions are poor, most vehicles can pass through the road.
- As of October 16, the main road to the Dominican Republic from Port au Prince to Malpasse town in West Department remained impassable, according to OCHA. Anse a Veau on the northern coast of Nippes Department still cannot be reached due to flooding and road damage, and Tiburon town in South Department remains inaccessible by land.
- In early October, a U.N. helicopter transported a water purification unit from Jacmel to Cotes de Fer in South East Department. The Spanish Red Cross plans to assemble the unit and purify water from local wells, which were contaminated during recent storms and hurricanes. The U.N. helicopter also transported much-needed medical equipment and additional water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) supplies to the area.
- On October 8, an additional helicopter airlift was conducted between Petit Goave in West Department and Miragoane in Grand Anse Department. The helicopter also delivered interagency cargo, including emergency relief supplies to Anse a Veau and food to Gris Gris town in Southeast Department.
- Between October 13 and 15, the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service conducted rotations between Tiburon and Les Cayes in South Department, allowing for the evacuation of 13 malnourished children and the delivery of medical supplies.

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

- As of October 16, WFP had distributed approximately 4,880 metric tons of food items to more than 513,000 beneficiaries, including nearly 266,700 individuals in Gonaïves.
- WFP, in coordination with implementing partner Caritas, has been able to reach new beneficiaries in locations in Nippes Department, including an estimated 18,040 beneficiaries in the community of L'Asile and 6,500 beneficiaries in Paillant.
- On October 16, following interagency assessments, relief agencies provided food assistance in collaboration with local authorities for at least 5,500 new beneficiaries in the previously inaccessible town of Terre Neuve, Artibonite Department. According to OCHA, security incidents halted pre-planned food deliveries to Ennery and Passeraine towns, which were originally scheduled for the week of October 12.

### ***Shelter***

- According to the interagency Rapid Shelter Assessment (RSA) conducted between October 5 and 9, 37 of the 151 shelters in Gonaïves and surrounding areas are empty, representing a decrease of 3,449 families since September 20. In addition, the RSA estimates that approximately 6,619 families remain in 124 existing temporary shelter sites, including at least 36 private houses hosting a total of 738 families.
- To date, IOM reports continued needs in the shelter sector, particularly as partners work to transition to cleanup activities, relocation plans, reconstruction, watershed management, and salvage of remaining agricultural capacity.
- On October 14, the shelter and non-food item (NFI) cluster reported gaps in relief supplies, indicating a need for approximately 104,500 tarps, 102,000 plastic sheets, 93,100 tools, 102,000 sleeping mats, 102,000 sheets, 132,700 mosquito nets, 58,800 cooking kits, and more than 37,100 hygiene kits.

### ***Health***

- According to results from a WASH cluster assessment conducted in Gonaïves in early October, WASH conditions remain critical and require additional humanitarian intervention. According to the assessment, poor sanitary conditions persist in the majority of temporary shelters.
- In response to ongoing WASH needs, non-governmental organizations have begun to distribute hygiene kits and continue to conduct hygiene promotion activities at shelters and community water points.

- On October 11, the GOH Ministry of Public Health and Population reported plans to rebuild the Gonaïves Hospital in Morne Blanc, a less vulnerable area north of Gonaïves town. According to the GOH, the Inter-American Development Bank and U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) plan to support the reconstruction project.
- On October 14, the WASH cluster reported ongoing interventions in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), in collaboration with Action Contre la Faim, has established temporary water pumping and treatment stations in Gonaïves, which produce 400,000 liters of water per day. Following treatment, the potable water is distributed at 28 locations throughout the city.
- Health workers have reported no epidemics in Haiti during September and October, according to OCHA. However, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and WHO continue to monitor the situation closely for potentially eruptive diseases. OCHA reports that access to healthcare remains financially difficult for most Haitians, particularly for vulnerable populations who are already impacted by increased food prices and the purchase of school equipment and fees.

## **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 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 three airlifts delivered commodities benefiting more than 200,000 people.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$500,000 to the American Red Cross for 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 has provided 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 has contributed more than \$1.5 million to IOM to 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) to support health activities for individuals affected by Hurricane Gustav and Tropical Storm Hanna and contributed \$600,000 to Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US) to provide child friendly spaces in Artibonite, South East, and West departments.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$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 provided \$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 (AST) to Haiti to supplement the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination team based in Gonaïves. In mid October, USAID/OFDA donated three AST tents, worth more than \$40,000, to OCHA/Haiti to ensure continued humanitarian coordination 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 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 had 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**

<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$663,357
OCHA/Haiti	Coordination <sup>2</sup>	Artibonite Department	\$40,456
	Administrative Support		\$10,668
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$714,481</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$714,481</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 21, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> USAID/OFDA donation of meeting tents through AST is not included in the \$10,000,000 pledged by USAID/OFDA.

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

<b>Implementing Partner</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<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>TBD</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>\$31,683,001</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)