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Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #4, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

October 31, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 21, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- During the week of October 20, the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) leader and two USAID engineers traveled to the site of the submerged bridge at Miragoane Lake in Nippes Department to assess conditions in the area surrounding the flooded bridge, as well as the bypass currently under construction.
- During the week of October 27, the USAID/DART leader and USAID engineers traveled to the site of the damaged Ennery Bridge in Artibonite Department to conduct a preliminary assessment. USAID/OFDA plans to fund the construction of a temporary low-water crossing at Ennery Bridge. USAID/Haiti plans to fund the construction of a permanent bridge at the location. USAID/DART staff and engineers have indicated that a six-mile section of the road from Gonaïves to Ennery is in poor condition and urgently requires maintenance and reconstruction.
- On October 22, a USAID/DART representative attended an American Red Cross (AmRC) distribution in Gonaïves. As of October 31, the AmRC Relief Emergency Response Unit had completed field assessments and distributed relief supplies to nearly 10,000 families, including 100 mosquito nets, 1,250 kitchen sets, 1,820 water containers, and 2,000 hygiene kits that were provided with USAID/OFDA funds, benefiting an estimated 3,000 households.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	826,685	OCHA – October 8, 2008
Dead	793	GOH ¹ – October 6, 2008
Missing	310	GOH – October 6, 2008
IDPs²	151,072	GOH – September 10, 2008
IDPs Currently in Shelters	35,000 - 40,000	IOM ³ – October 16, 2008
Other Damage	22,702 houses destroyed, 84,625 houses damaged	GOH – October 1, 2008

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

USAID/OFDA Assistance ⁴	\$10,060,194
USAID/FFP ⁵ Assistance ⁶	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD ⁷ Assistance	\$2,631,877
DHS ⁸ Assistance ⁹	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in Calendar Year 2008	\$31,692,071

CURRENT SITUATION

- On October 30, the USAID-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) reported that food security in Haiti had deteriorated significantly following the storms. Approximately 3 million people are currently food insecure countrywide, including an estimated 800,000 storm-affected individuals, according to the GOH Coordination Nationale de la Sécurité Alimentaire and FEWS NET.
- On October 23 and 24, the U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) traveled to Haiti to assess current response efforts and identify ongoing humanitarian needs. According to the U.N. HC, priority humanitarian needs include food and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, as well as additional shelters for displaced populations that

¹ Government of Haiti (GOH)

² Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

³ International Organization for Migration (IOM)

⁴ This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of October 31, 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 Haiti in FY 2008.

⁷ U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

⁸ U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

⁹ DHS assistance represents funding for U.S. Coast Guard helicopter transport.

currently reside in school facilities. In addition, the U.N. HC noted a need for disaster risk reduction programs in Haiti, including a countrywide early warning system, watershed management programs, reinforcement of river banks, and reforestation in areas particularly susceptible to landslides and flooding.

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), an estimated 10,000 individuals in Gonaïves are participating in a cash-for-work cleanup program managed by the GOH that began on October 23. This brings the total number of individuals employed by cash-for-work programs in Gonaïves to approximately 25,000 people.
- According to OCHA, the GOH plans to reopen schools in Gonaïves by November 10. OCHA reports that partners are continuing to investigate longer-term shelter options for IDPs located in temporary shelters who are still unable to return home.

Logistics

- According to OCHA, the road between Marigot and Belle Anse in Southeast Department remains impassable. Vehicles have successfully passed through Anse a Veau on the northern coast of Nippes Department, although access remains challenging due to road damage. In South Department, OCHA reports that the road between Tiburon and Les Anglais remains impassable.
- On October 24, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) announced a \$25 million grant to improve the road network and road maintenance in Grand Anse, Nippes, and South departments, where numerous towns and villages are difficult to reach by overland transportation.
- According to OCHA, the Norwegian Red Cross pledged 46 trucks to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) to increase WFP transport capacity in the country. As of October 28, approximately 23 of the trucks had arrived in Port au Prince and the remainder were scheduled to arrive in the coming days.

Agriculture and Food Security

- On October 30, FEWS NET reported that populations in Haiti experiencing food insecurity increased by 20 percent during the month of September. Prior to the storms, FEWS NET identified food insecure populations in semi-arid areas in Northwest, Northeast, and Grande Anse departments and in Gonaïve Island, West Department. As of October 30, FEWS NET had identified additional food insecure populations in rural and coastal villages in South, Southeast, Nippes, and Artibonite departments.
- According to preliminary estimates by the GOH Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development (MARNDR), the storms resulted in an estimated \$61 million in agricultural damage countrywide, resulting in reduced food production and negatively affecting short-term food availability for flood-affected populations. FEWS NET indicated that reduced food production is expected to result in increased dependence on commercial and non-commercial food imports among affected individuals.
- According to the MARNDR, the storms resulted in the loss of an estimated 3 percent of livestock countrywide, representing approximately 100,000 livestock.
- From October 8 to 9, a technical team led by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) traveled to Gonaïves and Gros Morne, in Artibonite Department and Plaisance, in North Department. In Gonaïves, FAO distributed 175 kg of vegetable seeds to approximately 1,750 rural families and an estimated 2 metric tons (MT) of bean seeds to farmers in the rural areas of Bayonnais, Dubédou, La Branle, and Mangnan Basin.

Emergency Food Assistance

- As of October 22, WFP reported that donors had contributed approximately one third of the U.N. Flash Appeal's \$33 million for emergency food assistance for an estimated 800,000 targeted beneficiaries over a six-month period. To date, USAID/WFP has provided approximately \$14 million to WFP for emergency food assistance.
- As of October 27, WFP had distributed approximately 5,804 MT of emergency food aid to more than 572,000 beneficiaries, including nearly 266,700 individuals in Gonaïves.
- Following a rapid family census exercise conducted by WFP, the GOH Civil Protection Directorate, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), WFP issued new ration cards to more than 69,600 families in Gonaïves to identify beneficiaries for future food distributions. On October 28, WFP and CARE distributed approximately 103 MT of food commodities to an estimated 17,250 beneficiaries in the community of Trou Couleuvre.
- As of October 25, WFP, in coordination with the GOH Coordination Régionale des Organisations du Sud-Est, had assisted new beneficiaries in Southeast Department, including an estimated 6,000 beneficiaries in the communities of La Montagne and Marbial. WFP also continues to provide air transport for emergency food distributions in areas inaccessible by road, including Ile de la Tortue, in Northwest Department.

Shelter

- OCHA reported that from October 9 to October 22, the estimated number of families in shelters in Gonaïves had decreased from 6,619 to 3,393. However, OCHA also noted that the IDP population at several shelters had increased in recent weeks due to displaced families relocating from private schools to public schools used as shelters.
- On October 25 and 26, Gonaïves shelter cluster members conducted an assessment of schools currently utilized as shelters to determine humanitarian needs of IDPs relocating in the coming weeks. Results of the assessment are scheduled to be released the first week of November, according to OCHA.
- According to OCHA, recent rapid shelter assessment figures indicate that the majority of IDPs departing shelters are returning home or relocating to host communities. OCHA noted the need for the documentation of IDPs located in host communities as well as provision of shelter kits to returning IDPs populations. In the coming days, IOM and the French Red Cross are scheduled to distribute an estimated 3,500 shelter repair kits to displaced families preparing to return to areas of origin.

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 AmRC for relief supplies and logistical support, benefiting affected populations in Artibonite, Grand Anse, and South East departments.
- USAID/OFDA 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 contributed more than \$1.5 million to IOM to support shelter and settlements projects as well as humanitarian coordination activities.
- USAID/OFDA 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 provided 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 contributed \$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. The AST, staffed by the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team and funded by USAID/OFDA, deployed to Haiti to supplement the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team based in Gonaïves. In mid-October, USAID/OFDA donated three AST tents, valued at 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 \$14 million in response to 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 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

<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
OCHA	Coordination ²	Artibonite Department	\$40,456
OCHA	Logistics ³	Affected Areas	\$8,544
	Administrative Support		\$11,194
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2009			\$723,551
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2009			\$723,551

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 31, 2008.

² USAID/OFDA donation of meeting tents through AST is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

³ Funding reflects AST transport of UNDAC module. The amount is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

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<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
AmRC	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 ²	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 ³	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 ASSISTANCE⁴			
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 ASSISTANCE⁵			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$5,000,000

DOD ASSISTANCE⁶			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$2,631,877
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$2,631,877
DHS ASSISTANCE			
	Transportation and Logistics	Affected Areas	Forthcoming
TOTAL DHS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			TBD
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008			\$30,968,520

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 31, 2008.

² Funding represents AST transport of UNDAC module. The amount is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

³ Additional funding pledged by USAID/OFDA.

⁴ Estimated value of food assistance.

⁵ Funding reprogrammed from development to humanitarian relief activities.

⁶ 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.

TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008	\$31,692,071
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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