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***THE CARIBBEAN – Hurricanes***

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

September 15, 2004

*Note: This report updates the last fact sheet dated September 10, 2004.*

**NUMBERS AT A GLANCE**

**SOURCE**

<b>Grenada</b>	60,000 residents affected	USAID/DART
<b>Jamaica</b>	13,000 displaced	USAID/DART
<b>Bahamas</b>	800 displaced, 80 homes destroyed	USAID/DART

**Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean..... \$892,566**

**CURRENT SITUATION**

*Locations of USAID/DART*

- Currently an 11-person USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) is positioned in Grenada, Jamaica, and Haiti to respond to the effects of Hurricane Ivan. A five-person team is stationed at Embassy Grenada. A six-person team is located at Embassy Kingston, Jamaica. One team member is in Haiti, and an additional team member supports the USAID/DART from the USAID/OFDA regional office in Barbados.

*Grenada*

- The USAID/DART is currently conducting rapid needs assessments with representatives from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Oxfam, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
- The USAID/DART has received varying figures regarding the number of hurricane-related deaths. As of September 12, PAHO reported 37 deaths, and the Grenadian Prime Minister reported 48 deaths.
- PAHO reports that, during the first two days following Hurricane Ivan, there were 380 injuries and 42 hospitalizations. According to PAHO, the roof blew off the laboratory at the St. George’s Hospital, where 192 beds are occupied. The USAID/DART reports that the Princess Alice Hospital in Grenville lacks food and clean water.
- According to the USAID/DART, three members of a five-person U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team are currently on the ground in Grenada to assist with coordination, information gathering, and the dissemination of information to the international community.
- To date, the USAID/DART reports that nearly 1,000 people are residing in shelters, and the registration process continues in more than 200 additional shelters.

*Jamaica*

- On September 10 and 11, Hurricane Ivan passed over Jamaica with winds ranging from 145 to 155 miles per hour (mph), inflicting severe damage in the western end of the island and in the southern coastal towns, according to a multi-agency aerial assessment in which USAID/OFDA participated.
- According to the Office of Disaster Preparedness for Emergency Management (ODPEM), 11 hurricane-related deaths have been confirmed, and numerous injuries have been reported.
- ODPEM reports that 285 shelters countrywide currently house more than 13,000 people. According to the USAID/DART, 87 roads are blocked by residual sand and debris, and thus delivery of relief supplies is difficult in some areas.
- ODPEM reports that the most affected parishes are St. Thomas in the southeast and St. Elizabeth in the southwest.
- As of September 13, the USAID/DART reports that airports in Kingston and Montego Bay are open.
- The USAID/DART continues to coordinate land and aerial damage assessments with ODPEM, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Jamaica Red Cross, the Salvation Army, U.N. agencies, and the U.S. Embassy. Assessments reveal significant damage to housing and agriculture.

*Cayman Islands*

- According to the National Hurricane Center (NHC), Hurricane Ivan passed through the Cayman Islands on the night of September 12, with sustained winds of up to 155 mph, causing widespread destruction of homes. International media sources indicate that up to one-half of the homes on Grand Cayman Island are damaged, and nearly all of the island’s 45,000 residents are in need of assistance.

*Cuba and the Yucatan Peninsula*

- On September 13, Hurricane Ivan passed through the western tip of Cuba with sustained winds of 160 mph. The NHC reported coastal storm surge flooding of 20 to 25 feet with large and dangerous battering waves.

- Hurricane Ivan reportedly inflicted extensive damage in western Cuba, including lost roofs and mudslides.
- The NHC reports that Ivan passed by the northeastern Yucatan Peninsula, inflicting only tropical storm winds.

## **U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE**

### *Grenada*

- On September 8, 2004, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Mary Ellen Gilroy issued a disaster declaration for Grenada due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown to support the local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies, in-country air transport, and aerial assessments of affected areas in Grenada.
- As of September 14, USAID/OFDA has conducted two flights of emergency relief supplies to Grenada. These relief supplies include 500 rolls of plastic sheeting, 4 water bladders, 4,332 hygiene kits, 6,800 5-gallon water jugs, 3,360 10-liter water jugs, 1 one high-capacity water purification unit, and 12 chainsaws for debris removal. The plastic sheeting will meet the needs of 25,000 beneficiaries. The water treatment unit is capable of processing enough water for 10,000 people per day. The total value of all commodities to date is \$325,028.
- On September 13, a USAID/OFDA-funded electrical engineer arrived in Grenada to conduct assessments and work with the Grenada Electric Company.

### *Jamaica*

- On September 12, 2004, U.S. Ambassador Sue McCourt Cobb issued a disaster declaration for Jamaica due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/Jamaica, of which \$25,000 will be granted to the Jamaica Red Cross for shelter operation costs and \$25,000 to the Salvation Army for relief activities.
- On September 14, USAID/OFDA airlifted emergency relief supplies to Jamaica, with a total value of \$122,870. These relief supplies included 8 Zodiac boats with motors, 80 life vests, 200 hygiene kits, 2,000 jerry cans, and 230 rolls of plastic sheeting. The zodiac boats and life vests will facilitate search and rescue efforts. The plastic sheeting will provide shelter for 11,500 beneficiaries.
- On September 15, USAID/OFDA sent a second flight of relief supplies to Jamaica, with a total value of \$109,844, including transport. These relief supplies included 270 rolls of plastic sheeting and 1,824 hygiene kits. The plastic sheeting will provide shelter for 13,500 beneficiaries.

### *Commonwealth of the Bahamas*

- On September 5, 2004, U.S. Ambassador John D. Rood issued a disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas due to the damage caused by Hurricane Frances.
- USAID/OFDA is providing \$50,000 to support local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies, in-country air transport, and aerial assessments of affected areas in the Bahamas.
- As of September 10, USAID/OFDA has conducted three airlifts of emergency relief supplies from Miami to the Bahamas, carrying 4,000 blankets, more than 2,300 hygiene kits, 4,800 jerry cans, 200 rolls of plastic sheeting, 9 water bladders, and one high-capacity water purification unit. The hygiene kits will support the needs of one family for two weeks, and the plastic sheeting will meet the needs of 10,000 beneficiaries. The water purification unit is capable of processing enough water for 10,000 people per day. The total value of USG emergency relief supplies, including transport, is \$184,824.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CARIBBEAN<sup>1</sup>

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA</b>			
U.S. Embassy Bridgetown	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments	Countrywide	\$50,000
Various	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$211,278
Various	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$113,750
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>			<b>\$375,028</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA</b>			
U.S. Embassy Kingston	Jamaican Red Cross – Shelter Salvation Army – Food	Countrywide	\$50,000
Various	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$201,314
Various	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$31,400
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>			<b>\$282,714</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS</b>			
U.S. Embassy Nassau	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments	Countrywide	\$50,000
Various	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$149,124
Various	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$35,700
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA .....</b>			<b>\$234,824</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CARIBBEAN.....</b>			<b>\$892,566</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of September 15, 2004.

**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. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their response to Hurricane Ivan can be found in the “How Can I Help” section of [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) - Keyword: Ivan, or by calling the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914.
- 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; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering 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
  - InterAction: [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org) – “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.org](http://www.reliefweb.org).

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)