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THE CARIBBEAN – Hurricanes

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

October 1, 2004

Note: This report updates the last fact sheet dated September 28, 2004.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

SOURCE

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| Haiti | 299,000 people affected 13,000 people in shelters | DPC ¹ – October 1 OCHA ² – September 30 |
| Grenada | 85,000 to 90,000 people affected | USAID/DART – September 16 |
| The Bahamas | 2,500 people evacuated to shelters | NEMA ³ – September 27 |
| Jamaica | 18,000 people displaced | ODPEM ⁴ – September 16 |
| Dominican Republic | 38,000 people displaced | OCHA – September 21 |

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CURRENT SITUATION

USAID/Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) for the Caribbean

- A five-person USAID/DART remains in Haiti. The USAID/DART in Grenada is phasing out emergency relief activities and transitioning to rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance. USAID/OFDA consultants remain in The Bahamas and Jamaica to respond to the needs of hurricane-affected populations.

Haiti

- On September 30, DPC reported 1,554 people dead and 904 missing due to flooding caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne. Overall, DPC reports that 299,000 people have been affected by flooding in the Artibonite and Northwest departments. According to OCHA, bodies are still being recovered as water levels recede.
- From September 22 to 29, USAID implementing partner CARE provided food at distribution points in Gonaïves, with security provided by the U.N. Mission Stabilization Force (MINUSTAH). As of September 29, CARE has distributed a total of 423 metric tons (MT) of food to more than 125,000 beneficiaries. USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) has provided 296 MT of food assistance for ongoing food distributions, or more than two-thirds of all food assistance distributed to date.
- According to OCHA, an estimated 120,000 liters of water are being distributed on a daily basis in Gonaïves. On October 3, the water purification system in Gonaïves should be fully operational. Action Against Hunger (AAH) reports that a water purification plant and water bladders are currently being installed in Mapou.
- More than 3,000 MINUSTAH troops are in Haiti, including almost 700 in Gonaïves. According to September 29 U.N. reports, the deployment of additional troops to Haiti may be expedited to support emergency relief efforts.
- The USAID/DART reports that stagnant water has given rise to a large mosquito population and could lead to an increase in malaria. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is currently establishing a disease surveillance system but reports that there have been no disease outbreaks to date.
- The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that losses to agricultural production due to flooding from Tropical Storm Jeanne are between \$10 and \$11 million. FAO reports that flooding uprooted all cultivated crops, destroyed all lowland agricultural fields, and drowned the majority of existing livestock. As part of the October 1 U.N. Flash Appeal, FAO has requested \$1.2 million to address agricultural recovery in the affected areas.

Grenada

- According to the USAID/DART, as of September 26, approximately 6,900 people remained in shelters in Grenada; however, this number continues to decrease as plastic sheeting has become available, allowing recipients to return home or move to makeshift housing.

¹ Haitian Civil Defense Agency (DPC)

² U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

³ National Emergency Management Agency of the Bahamas (NEMA)

⁴ Jamaican Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

- Water has been restored to 80 percent of the island, but the supply remains limited, according to September 30 USAID/DART reports. Water remains limited in St. David's Parish, and OXFAM and the National Water and Sewage Authority (NAWASA) estimate that it may take two to three weeks to restore the supply to the area.
- On September 28 and 29, the USAID/DART accompanied Department of Forestry (DOF) staff to assess the Annandale watershed area and Grand Etang Forest Reserve and National Park. According to the USAID/DART, the storm destroyed 90 percent of the trees. DOF officials noted that they cannot begin timber removal and salvage operations due to a lack of equipment and resources, especially chainsaws. The USAID/DART is coordinating with the National Emergency Relief Organization (NERO) to reassign 12 chainsaws provided by USAID/OFDA to NAWASA to the DOF to assist with debris removal in watershed areas and forests.

The Bahamas

- On September 29, the USAID/DART traveled to the island of Grand Bahama to conduct a rapid damage assessment. The towns of West End, Pinder's Point, and Eight Mile Rock are the most severely affected, having incurred damage from both Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. As in Abaco, much of the destruction in Grand Bahama is concentrated in the Haitian immigrant communities. According to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Hurricane Jeanne damaged approximately 800 houses and affected a total of 5,000 families on Abaco and Grand Bahama Island.

U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Haiti

- On September 21, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti James B. Foley issued a disaster declaration due to the magnitude of the effects of Tropical Storm Jeanne in the Artibonite and North-West departments of Haiti. As of October 1, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$2.7 million for the humanitarian response in Haiti, including contributions to CARE, PAHO, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), and IFRC.
- On September 21, USAID/OFDA provided an initial \$50,000 through USAID/Haiti to CARE for the distribution of hygiene kits, cooking sets, blankets, water containers, and other relief supplies to those most affected by the floods.
- On September 23, USAID/OFDA airlifted 300 rolls of plastic sheeting, more than 5,000 water containers, and 3,660 hygiene kits to Port-Au-Prince. In addition, USAID/OFDA is providing ten emergency medical kits and two trauma kits scheduled to arrive in Haiti on October 4.
- Three USAID/DART members, including a health officer, are based in Gonaïves. Two others are based in Port-au-Prince.
- In order to meet emergency food needs, USAID/FFP has provided 4,196 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance, valued at approximately \$3.3 million, to WFP. USAID's cooperating partners, including CARE, are currently distributing food commodities in Haiti.
- The USAID Mission to Haiti (USAID/Haiti) has contributed approximately \$2.6 million in emergency reconstruction assistance to Gonaïves. This includes funds for clean-up of the hospital in Gonaïves, as well as reconstruction and rehabilitation of homes, water and sanitation systems, roads, and irrigation systems.

The Bahamas

- USAID/OFDA deployed USAID/DART members to The Bahamas twice during September to coordinate relief efforts in response to both Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne.
- On September 5, U.S. Ambassador John D. Rood issued a disaster declaration for The Bahamas due to the effects of Hurricane Frances. As of October 1, in response to both Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$394,000 in emergency assistance to hurricane-affected areas.
- On September 5, USAID/OFDA provided \$100,000 to the U.S. Embassy in Nassau to support local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies, in-country air transport, and aerial assessments of affected areas.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has dispatched six airlifts of emergency relief supplies from Miami to The Bahamas, carrying 4,000 blankets, 4,464 hygiene kits, 4,800 water containers, 400 rolls of plastic sheeting, 12 water bladders, and 1 high-capacity water purification unit. The water purification unit is capable of processing enough water for 10,000 people per day.
- The USAID/DART departed The Bahamas on October 1. A USAID/OFDA consultant will remain to coordinate with the U.S. Embassy, the Government of The Bahamas, and local disaster relief agencies.

Grenada

- On September 8, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Mary Ellen Gilroy issued a disaster declaration for Grenada due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. As of October 1, in response to the effects of Hurricane Ivan, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$1 million in emergency assistance to hurricane-affected areas of Grenada.
- On September 24, USAID/OFDA provided \$100,000 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. To support health services and damaged infrastructure, USAID/OFDA is providing \$150,000 to PAHO. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided approximately \$35,000 to fund assessments of the island's electrical system.

- To date, USAID/OFDA has funded five flights of emergency relief supplies to Grenada, carrying 1,060 rolls of plastic sheeting, 4 water bladders, 8,334 hygiene kits, 10,160 water containers, 1 high-capacity water purification unit, and 12 chainsaws for debris removal. In addition, USAID/OFDA funded the airlift of eight generators to be used by the Grenada Electricity Company, Ltd. in areas of the island without electricity.
- USAID/OFDA currently has two Air Serv planes assisting the humanitarian response.

Jamaica

- On September 12, U.S. Ambassador Sue M. Cobb issued a disaster declaration due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. As of October 1, in response to the effects of Hurricane Ivan, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$705,000 in emergency assistance to hurricane-affected areas of Jamaica.
- On September 12, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/Jamaica, including \$25,000 to the Jamaica Red Cross for shelter operations and \$25,000 to the Salvation Army for relief activities.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has funded three flights of emergency relief supplies to Jamaica including 8 Zodiac boats with motors, 80 life vests, 2,024 hygiene kits, 2,000 water containers, and 500 rolls of plastic sheeting. The zodiac boats and life vests will facilitate search and rescue efforts.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$247,998 to World Vision for the purchase and transportation of relief commodities, including medical supplies, hygiene kits, and plastic sheeting. USAID/OFDA is providing \$150,000 to PAHO to support health services and damaged infrastructure. On September 22, USAID/OFDA provided \$25,000 to USAID/Jamaica for the local procurement of water tanks.

Dominican Republic

- On September 17, U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Hans H. Hertell issued a disaster declaration due to the damage caused by Hurricane Jeanne. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to World Vision to purchase and distribute emergency relief supplies, including hygiene kits, mosquito nets, kitchen sets, blankets, bedding, water containers, and plastic sheeting.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CARIBBEAN¹

| <i>Implementing Partner</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|--|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | | | |
| World Vision | Emergency relief supplies and distribution | Countrywide | \$50,000 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA | | | \$50,000 |
| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO HAITI | | | |
| CARE | Emergency relief supplies and distribution | Gonaïves | \$50,000 |
| CARE | Emergency relief supplies and water and sanitation | Gonaïves | \$752,871 |
| IFRC | Shelter, water and sanitation | Gonaïves | \$990,000 |
| WFP ² | Food transport and distribution | Gonaïves | \$100,000 |
| PAHO | Health | Gonaïves | \$500,000 |
| Air Serv | Humanitarian air operations | Countrywide | \$100,000 |
| | Emergency relief supplies and transport | Gonaïves | \$256,077 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA | | | \$2,748,948 |
| USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE TO HAITI | | | |
| WFP | P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance - 4,196 MT | Gonaïves | \$3,365,000 |
| TOTAL USAID/FFP | | | \$3,365,000 |
| USAID/Haiti ASSISTANCE TO HAITI | | | |
| Multiple | Reconstruction and Rehabilitation | Gonaïves | \$2,639,000 |
| TOTAL USAID/HAITI..... | | | \$2,639,000 |
| TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI..... | | | \$8,752,948 |
| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA | | | |
| U.S. Embassy | Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments | Countrywide | \$100,000 |
| PAHO | Health services and infrastructure | Countrywide | \$150,000 |
| Consultants | Electrical assessments | Countrywide | \$35,403 |
| Multiple | Emergency relief supplies | Countrywide | \$376,060 |

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| Multiple | Airlift of emergency relief supplies | Countrywide | \$350,869 |
| | Administrative | Countrywide | \$20,000 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA | | | \$1,032,332 |
| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA | | | |
| Jamaica Red Cross | Shelter materials, operational costs | Countrywide | \$25,000 |
| PAHO | Health | Countrywide | \$150,000 |
| Salvation Army | Food assistance | Countrywide | \$25,000 |
| World Vision | Purchase and air transport of emergency relief supplies | Countrywide | \$247,998 |
| USAID Mission | Local purchase of water tanks | Countrywide | \$25,000 |
| Multiple | Airlift of emergency relief supplies | Countrywide | \$31,400 |
| Multiple | Emergency relief supplies | Countrywide | \$201,314 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA | | | \$705,712 |
| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS | | | |
| U.S. Embassy | Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments | Countrywide | \$100,000 |
| Multiple | Emergency relief supplies | Countrywide | \$212,084 |
| Multiple | Airlift of emergency relief supplies | Countrywide | \$82,683 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA | | | \$394,767 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CARIBBEAN..... | | | \$4,931,759 |
| TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE | | | \$10,935,759 |

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 1, 2004.

² At the request of USAID/OFDA, \$100,000 of previously obligated funding to WFP for Haiti has been redirected to assist current emergency response interventions.

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 - 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 – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org – “Guide to Appropriate Giving”
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.org.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance