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THE CARIBBEAN – Hurricanes

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Note: This report updates the last fact sheet dated October 8, 2004.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

SOURCE

Haiti	300,000 people affected	OCHA ¹ – October 1
Grenada	100,000 people affected	OCHA – October 1
Bahamas	8,000 people affected	IFRC ² – October 4
Jamaica	19,000 people evacuated to shelters	ODPEM ³ – September 23
Dominican Republic	38,000 people displaced	OCHA – September 21
Cuba	8,000 people displaced	IFRC – September 29

Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean..... \$8,288,390

Total U.S. Government (USG) Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean \$21,819,300

CURRENT SITUATION

USAID/OFDA Staff in the Caribbean

- A USAID/OFDA regional advisor remains in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and continues coordinating with international and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). USAID/OFDA consultants are also assisting with follow-up hurricane response activities in Grenada, the Bahamas, and Jamaica.

Haiti

- Due to the security situation, several NGOs have reported suspending activities in Gonaïves. Local authorities have identified Decachos, Raboteau, Jubilee, and Park Vincent as the most problematic areas in Gonaïves.
- On October 11, the U.N. Development Program (UNDP) reported that relief agencies delayed sending supplies to Gonaïves on October 9 and October 10 due to poor road conditions.
- As of October 10, CARE has distributed a total of 1,394 metric tons (MT) of food assistance to 160,000 beneficiaries in Gonaïves.
- On October 6, the Haitian Secretary of State for the Environment reported that the final death toll from the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne to be 3,006, including 2,826 from Gonaïves. According to OCHA, flooding in the Artibonite and North-West departments has affected an estimated 300,000 people.
- Between September 24 and October 12, Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF) operated an emergency telecommunications mission that provided telephone access to 2,000 families affected by flooding from Tropical Storm Jeanne in Gonaïves.

Grenada

- According to local media sources on October 11, the Grenadian Health Minister estimated the total cost of rebuilding hospitals, community clinics, and other medical facilities damaged by Hurricane Ivan to be approximately \$4 million.

Bahamas

- On October 12, the USAID/OFDA consultant in the Bahamas reported that all the plastic sheeting, water bladders, water containers, blankets, and hygiene kits provided to Grand Bahama Island after Hurricane Frances was distributed to affected families and that the items are in use by residents.

Jamaica

- According to local media sources on October 11, the Jamaican Minister of Information reported that electricity has been restored to 90 percent of the island and noted the remaining 10 percent will likely be restored by October 28.

¹ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

² International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

³ Jamaican Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

USG 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.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has contributed a total of more than \$4.9 million to fund emergency activities and relief supplies in Haiti. USAID/OFDA provided an initial \$50,000 through USAID/Haiti to CARE for the distribution of relief items. USAID/OFDA has also funded more than \$3.9 million for humanitarian response activities to be implemented by Air Serv International, CARE, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), IFRC, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), WFP, and World Vision in the areas of logistics and air support, health, shelter, water and sanitation, and cash-for-work clean-up activities. All of Gonaïves' 200,000 residents will benefit indirectly from the cash-for-work projects, as cleaning up the city will reduce the risk of disease and increase mobility. In addition, on October 13, USAID/OFDA provided approximately \$640,000 to World Concern to improve the food security of 7,700 families in North-West Department by helping to increase food production.
- During the response to the flooding, USAID/OFDA airlifted 300 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,005 water containers, and 3,660 hygiene kits to Port-au-Prince. The plastic sheeting will provide shelter for an estimated 9,000 residents, the water jugs will serve the needs of more than 12,500 people, and the hygiene kits will supply more than 18,000 people. USAID/OFDA also airlifted 10 emergency medical kits and 2 trauma kits, which arrived in Haiti on October 6. The central Haitian pharmacy, PROMESS, and several NGOs have received the kits in Gonaïves and the Artibonite Region. Each medical kit will serve the needs of 10,000 beneficiaries for 3 months, or a total of 100,000 people. The value of all the relief commodities including transport is more than \$250,000.
- In order to meet emergency food needs, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) 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.
- USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) in Haiti has expanded programs in Gonaïves in response to Tropical Storm Jeanne and provided \$56,750 through the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation, and Communication to increase the amount of potable water available to residents by initiating the rehabilitation of the city's water system and making minor improvements to roads used by water supply trucks.
- USAID's Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean (USAID/LAC) has also contributed approximately \$2.6 million in hurricane assistance for reconstruction and rehabilitation of homes, roads, irrigation equipment, and water and sanitation systems.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provided \$235,000 to purchase medical supplies and pharmaceuticals for Gonaïves Hospital, as well as an additional \$66,637 through the local Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Haiti office for hospital clean up activities.

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. In response, USAID/OFDA has provided a total of more than \$2.0 million in emergency assistance to hurricane-affected areas of Grenada.
- 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. USAID/OFDA also provided \$150,000 to PAHO to support health services and damaged infrastructure, as well as approximately \$35,000 to fund expert assessments of the Grenada's electrical system. In response to the U.N. Flash Appeal, USAID/OFDA provided \$400,000 to the U.N. Development Program (UNDP) to promote livelihoods restoration and \$600,000 to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for short-term food security projects.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA funded 6 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, as well as 20 generators to be used by the Grenada Electricity Company, Ltd. and PAHO in areas of the island without electricity. The value of these items plus transportation is nearly \$750,000.
- USAID/LAC has also contributed approximately \$3.7 million in hurricane reconstruction assistance to Grenada directed towards health clinic rehabilitation, assistance to small businesses, and self-help housing.

Bahamas

- On September 5, U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas John D. Rood declared a disaster due to the effects of Hurricane Frances. Under this declaration, USAID/OFDA also provided assistance to areas impacted by Hurricane Jeanne.
- In response to Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne, USAID/OFDA provided a total of nearly \$445,000 in emergency assistance to the Bahamas. This amount includes \$100,000 provided to the U.S. Embassy in Nassau to support local air transport and distribution of emergency relief supplies, as well as \$50,000 to the Bahamas Red Cross for emergency relief activities on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama.

- In addition, USAID/OFDA dispatched 6 airlifts of emergency relief supplies 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 value of the airlifted items plus transport totals nearly \$300,000.

Jamaica

- On September 12, U.S. Ambassador to Jamaica Sue M. Cobb issued a disaster declaration due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. In response, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$705,000 in emergency assistance to hurricane-affected areas. This total includes \$25,000 provided to the Jamaica Red Cross for shelter operations and \$25,000 to the Salvation Army for relief activities, as well as nearly \$248,000 to World Vision for the purchase and transportation of relief commodities, including medical supplies, hygiene kits, and plastic sheeting. USAID/OFDA also provided \$25,000 to USAID/Jamaica for the local procurement of water tanks and \$150,000 to PAHO to support health services and infrastructure repairs.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA funded three flights of emergency relief supplies to Jamaica, valued at nearly \$233,000 including transport. The transferred items included 8 Zodiac boats with motors, 80 life vests, 2,024 hygiene kits, 2,000 water containers, and 500 rolls of plastic sheeting.
- USAID/LAC has also contributed approximately \$3.5 million in hurricane reconstruction assistance that will be used to rehabilitate homes, roads, schools, and water and sanitation systems.

Dominican Republic

- On September 17, U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Hans H. Hertell declared a disaster 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.

Cuba

- On August 17, 2004, the U.S. Interests Section in Havana issued a disaster declaration due to the impact of Hurricane Charley, particularly on the Isla de la Juventud and the province of Pinar del Río. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/LAC for the purchase and distribution of 12,000 pounds of food and medicines to populations directly affected by Hurricane Charley.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Air Serv International	Humanitarian air operations	Countrywide	\$100,000
CARE	Emergency relief supplies and distribution	Gonaïves	\$50,000
CARE	Emergency relief supplies and water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$752,871
CARE	Cash-for-work activities	Gonaïves	\$819,984
CRS	Cash-for work activities, sanitation	Gonaïves	\$331,111
IFRC	Shelter, water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$990,000
PAHO	Health	Gonaïves	\$500,000
WFP ²	Food transport and distribution	Gonaïves	\$100,000
World Concern	Food security	North-West Department	\$640,118
World Vision	Cash-for-work activities, seeds and tools, emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$442,554
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$185,137
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Gonaïves	\$70,940
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$4,982,715
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP ³	P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance – 4,196 MT	Gonaïves	\$3,365,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$3,365,000
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
IOM	Infrastructure repairs, water and sanitation	Gonaïves	\$56,750

TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$56,750
USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Reconstruction and rehabilitation	Gonaïves	\$2,639,081
TOTAL USAID/LAC			\$2,639,081
DHHS/CDC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, hospital clean up	Gonaïves	\$301,673
TOTAL DHHS/CDC			\$301,673
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI.....			\$11,345,219

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 13, 2004.

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

³ USAID/FFP redirected 746 MT of P.L. 480 Title II food assistance valued at \$385,359 from existing development programs in Haiti for use during the current emergency in Gonaïves.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Consultants	Electrical assessments	Countrywide	\$35,403
FAO	Food security	Countrywide	\$600,000
PAHO	Health services and infrastructure	Countrywide	\$150,000
UNDP	Livelihoods restoration	Countrywide	\$400,000
U.S. Embassy	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies, and aerial assessments	Countrywide	\$100,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies and generators	Countrywide	\$395,459
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies and generators	Countrywide	\$354,334
	Administrative	Countrywide	\$20,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$2,055,196
USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	Countrywide	\$3,664,000 ²
TOTAL USAID/LAC			\$3,664,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA			\$5,719,196

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 13, 2004.

² Of this amount, \$1,285,000 are Caribbean Regional Program funds that have been redirected to Grenada.

USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Bahamas Red Cross	Emergency relief activities	Abaco, Grand Bahama	\$50,000
U.S. Embassy	Air transport, distribution of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$100,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$212,084
Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$82,683
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$444,767

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USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Jamaica Red Cross	Shelter materials, operational costs	Countrywide	\$25,000
PAHO	Health	Countrywide	\$150,000
Salvation Army	Food assistance	Countrywide	\$25,000
USAID/Jamaica	Local purchase of water tanks	Countrywide	\$25,000
World Vision	Purchase and air transport of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$247,998
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$201,314

Multiple	Airlift of emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$31,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$705,712
USAID/LAC ASSISTANCE			
Multiple	Reconstruction and Rehabilitation	Countrywide	\$3,504,406
TOTAL USAID/LAC			\$3,504,406
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA.....			\$4,210,118

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 13, 2004.

USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC¹			
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies and distribution	Countrywide	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents committed and/or obligated amount as of October 13, 2004.

USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE TO CUBA¹			
USAID/LAC	Purchase and distribution of emergency food and medicines	Pinar del Río	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA.....			\$50,000

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Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to the Caribbean \$21,819,300

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.