



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #31, Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

August 30, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated August 29, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On August 31, the Government of Sweden, in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon (GOL) and the U.N., is scheduled to host a conference focusing on Lebanon's early recovery and remaining humanitarian needs. Approximately 60 countries have been invited to attend the conference, as well as more than 20 international organizations. Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance and Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is leading the USG delegation.
- On August 30, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided more than \$2.6 million to CHF International for water and sanitation services, psychosocial support activities, and the provision of emergency relief supplies to affected populations in Lebanon.
- USAID/OFDA also provided additional support to two current USG partners. Mercy Corps has received an additional \$1.5 million to expand activities in a variety of sectors, including water and sanitation, emergency relief supplies, and cash for work and livelihoods activities. World Vision has received an additional \$300,000 for the expansion of water and sanitation activities and the distribution of emergency relief supplies.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE - LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,187	GOL - August 30, 2006
Injured	4,080	GOL - August 30, 2006
Total Displaced Population	255,986	GOL - August 30, 2006
Estimated Returns to Date	718,198	GOL - August 30, 2006

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$55,101,808
Total USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged to Lebanon \$230,000,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of August 30, the GOL Higher Relief Council (HRC) reports that 1,187 Lebanese have been killed and approximately 4,080 injured. This includes 13 deaths and 46 injuries due to unexploded ordnance (UXO), according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Nearly 975,000 Lebanese fled their homes at the height of emergency, but the HRC estimates that 718,198 displaced persons have returned to their home areas since August 14. According to the HRC, most of the remaining 255,986 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees are staying with host families.

U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)

- According to international media reports, at least 2,000 additional peacekeepers are scheduled to arrive in Lebanon by the end of September, bringing the total troop strength to at least 4,000. The U.N. is expanding UNIFIL forces as part of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1701.

Coordination

- The Tyre (Sur) humanitarian hub continues to host all cluster meetings for southern Lebanon, according to OCHA. However, OCHA offices in Tyre and Sidon (Saida) are now sharing responsibility for field support. The OCHA administration office in Sidon is providing support for the districts of Sidon, Nabatiye, and Jezzine, while the Tyre humanitarian hub is providing support for the districts of Tyre, Bent Jbail, Marjayoun, and Hasbailya.

Food and Emergency Relief Supplies

- On August 30, three U.N. World Food Program (WFP) trucks delivered food to Aalma el Chaab and Mansouri, according to OCHA. Five U.N. trucks transported water provided by the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) to Aita Zott, Kounine, Yaroun, Srobbine, and Qaouzah.
- On August 30, the French *M/V Fast Challenger* is expected to arrive in Beirut with humanitarian supplies.
- Since August 14, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has provided emergency relief supplies, including 31,158 blankets, 6,110 mattresses, 2,798 tents, 6,122 hurricane lamps, 2,600 cooking stoves, 13,455 diapers, 3,257 kitchen sets, 11,924 jerry cans, 6,620 bars of soap, and 8,497 plastic sheets, to 40 of the most devastated villages in Nabatiye and Tyre districts.

USG Partner Updates

- On August 27, Mercy Corps conducted assessments in Marjayoun town, Khiam, and Markaba. In Khiam, tankers provided by outside organizations—including Mercy Corps—are constantly delivering water within the city, filling water tanks placed on the roofs of houses. In Markaba, the team noted that the water system was completely destroyed and the pumping station, which supplies water to several villages near Markaba, is damaged. The team reported that the repair of the well supplying Markaba, Talousse, and Beni Hayan is scheduled to be completed within a week.
- On August 28 and 29, Mercy Corps continued to deliver drinking water and food rations to villages in Nabatiye and Marjayoun districts, supplying 7,876 liters of bottled water and food rations for 9,536 beneficiaries in 12 villages.
- On August 28, electricity was restored to Marjayoun town and the surrounding villages, according to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Work is still underway in certain neighborhoods to restore power to additional households. The restoration of electricity has enabled water pumps to work for longer periods of time, improving the provision of water to households.

USG ACTION

- On July 25, U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Jeffrey Feltman declared a humanitarian emergency in Lebanon due to ongoing insecurity and humanitarian needs. U.S. President George W. Bush has authorized \$230 million in USG humanitarian and reconstruction assistance for persons affected by conflict in Lebanon.
- On July 23, a USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), led by USAID, arrived in the region to prioritize USG assistance. A Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team is supporting the DART.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided 3,000 tarps, 40,000 blankets, and 18 emergency health kits in support of relief operations in Lebanon. The DART has consigned these relief supplies to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), International Medical Corps (IMC), and Mercy Corps for delivery to nearly 300,000 beneficiaries in Beirut and southern Lebanon. Total USG-donated commodities are valued at more than \$590,000, including transport.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$7 million to support the U.N. Flash Appeal for Lebanon to WFP and the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC) for logistics and coordination, UNICEF for water and sanitation activities, and OCHA and OCHA's Humanitarian Information Center (HIC) for coordination and information management. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) has provided \$7.5 million to the U.N. Flash Appeal to UNHCR and the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) for protection, shelter, and emergency relief supplies, to the U.N. Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), and to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for transportation of third-country nationals. State/PRM has also contributed more than \$13.5 million to ICRC's emergency appeal for protection, food, health, and water and sanitation activities.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$16.6 million to Mercy Corps, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), CHF International, IMC, IOCC, and World Vision for water and sanitation services, health services, psychosocial support, emergency shelter activities, the distribution of food and relief supplies, infrastructure rehabilitation, and/or cash-for-work activities. USAID/OFDA has also provided nearly \$26,000 to Church World Service (CWS) for security training for relief NGOs.
- USAID/OFDA has released an Annual Program Statement (APS) soliciting proposals to address emergency needs in Lebanon. The APS is available at <http://www.grants.gov>.
- The USG is providing nearly \$10 million in wheat flour, wheat, and lentil commodities. USAID's Office of Food for Peace is providing 1,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to support WFP operations. Through the Food for Progress program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing 25,000 MT of wheat to the GOL.
- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political and Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement will provide \$420,000 in FY 2006 and up to \$2 million in FY 2007 to the Mines Advisory Group for demining activities in Lebanon, subject to Congressional approval.
- In addition to evacuating nearly 15,000 American citizens, the U.S. Military has been integral in providing transport to Beirut for both the DART and USAID emergency relief supplies.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
CRS	Water and sanitation, psychosocial support, food, emergency shelter, and emergency relief supplies	North Lebanon, Bekaa, Mt. Lebanon, Beirut, South Lebanon, Nabatiye	\$3,436,150
CHF International	Water and sanitation, psychosocial support, and emergency relief supplies	North Lebanon, Beirut, South Lebanon, Nabatiye	\$2,665,969
CWS	Security training for relief workers	Jordan	\$25,916
ICRC	Protection, food, health, and water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$13,512,000
IMC	Water and sanitation, health, psychosocial support, and emergency relief supplies	Mt. Lebanon, Beirut, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$2,113,457
IOM	Evacuation of third-country nationals	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
IOCC	Water and sanitation, health, psychosocial support, infrastructure rehabilitation, emergency relief supplies, and cash for work activities	Nabatiye, South Lebanon, South Beirut, Baalbek	\$1,999,427
Mercy Corps	Water and sanitation, nutrition, emergency relief supplies, health, food security and agriculture, and cash for work activities	Mt. Lebanon, South Lebanon, Nabatiye, Bekaa, Beirut	\$4,869,250
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
OCHA/HIC	Information management	Countrywide	\$200,000
UNDSS	Safety and security for humanitarian operations	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNJLC	Logistics	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNICEF	Coordination and water and sanitation	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
UNHCR	Protection, shelter, and emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$4,200,000
UNRWA	Food, health, and emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Water and sanitation and emergency relief supplies	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut	\$1,563,584
WFP	Logistics and coordination	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	1,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$624,800
GOL	25,000 MT of USDA Food for Progress Assistance	Countrywide	\$9,200,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies, including transport	Affected areas	\$591,255
Multiple	DART administrative costs	Affected areas	\$156,318
TOTAL FY 2006 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$55,101,808

¹USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 30, 2006.

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 identifying such organizations is available in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov (keyword: Lebanon) 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; 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