



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #4, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

October 27, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated October 20, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On October 27, Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance and Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), spoke to an audience in Beirut about USG humanitarian and reconstruction efforts in Lebanon. During his visit to Lebanon, Ambassador Tobias met with Government of Lebanon (GOL) officials, as well as beneficiaries of USG-funded programs, including local farmers. In addition, Ambassador Tobias visited the site of the mid-July oil spill to observe clean-up activities.
- On October 24, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided more than \$2.2 million to American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) to expand an existing USAID/OFDA-funded food security, agriculture, and livelihoods program. USAID/OFDA also provided nearly \$1.2 million to CHF International for the expansion of food security, agriculture, and protection activities.
- On October 23, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$6 million to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to expand an existing USAID/OFDA-funded program in Lebanon. The additional funding will support food security, agriculture, psychosocial support, emergency relief supplies, shelter, livelihoods, and water and sanitation activities.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE – LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,191	GOL – October 27, 2006
Injured	4,409	GOL – October 27, 2006
Total Displaced Population	200,000	GOL – October 27, 2006
Estimated Returns to Date	774,184	GOL – October 27, 2006

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$86,537,155
Total USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged to Lebanon \$230,000,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- The GOL's Higher Relief Council (HRC) reports that 774,184 displaced persons have returned to their home areas since August 14. At the height of the emergency, HRC estimated that nearly 975,000 Lebanese fled their homes. Most of the remaining 200,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees are staying with host families. According to HRC, 1,191 Lebanese were killed and approximately 4,409 injured during the conflict.

Early Recovery

- On October 24, emergency activities under the U.N. Flash Appeal for Lebanon ended and the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) concluded humanitarian operations in Lebanon. The U.N. Development Program (UNDP) has assumed responsibility for coordinating early recovery activities.

Food Security and Agriculture

- On October 27, the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) attended a presentation on the preliminary findings on the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) four-week assessment of the conflict's impact on food security and agriculture in Lebanon. According to FAO, total damage to the agricultural sector, including farming, livestock, fisheries, and forestry, amounted to more than \$275 million. Direct damage, such as destruction of crops and infrastructure, represented only 15 percent of the total damages. The majority of financial losses were a result of the 54-day sea blockade, the oil spill, and the inability of farmers to access fields and markets. FAO noted that key impediments to the recovery of the agricultural sector include the presence of unexploded ordnance (UXO), lack of agricultural inputs, and damage to infrastructure.

USG Partner Update

- From October 3 to 20, Mercy Corps distributed approximately 14,000 educational kits to students in Baalbek and Baabda districts. Mercy Corps also provided food kits to 3,500 families in Baalbek District, as well as textbooks and clothing for 598 orphaned children. In Baabda District, Mercy Corps distributed food parcels to 14,950 beneficiaries. In addition, Mercy Corps, in cooperation with local communities in Baalbek district, constructed two playgrounds to serve nearly 20,000 residents.
- World Vision is currently rehabilitating water systems in affected villages and providing hygiene education to children. World Vision has replaced more than 6,800 destroyed water storage tanks, benefiting more than 45,400 residents in 40 villages in Marjayoun and Bent Jbail districts. In addition, World Vision has provided 5,100 ten-liter water containers, 48,000 water purification tablets, and 510 hygiene kits to benefit more than 7,570 people in Marjayoun District.

- From October 15 to 21, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) distributed food and infant hygiene kits to conflict-affected families in Sidon (Saida) District. In addition, CRS conducted vocational training, including courses on computer skills, electricity and plumbing repairs, and income generation for women, in Jezzine, Marjayoun, Sidon, Tyre, and Nabatiye districts.
- International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is completing a distribution of emergency relief supplies to benefit approximately 2,900 conflict-affected families. IOCC has also provided emergency relief supplies to approximately 3,000 vulnerable families in Bent Jbail, Marjayoun, Hasbeya, and Tyre districts.

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, the DART, led by USAID, arrived in the region to prioritize USG assistance. During the height of the emergency, a Washington, D.C.–based Response Management Team supported the DART.
- USAID/OFDA has contributed more than \$41 million to ANERA, CRS, CHF International, International Medical Corps (IMC), IOCC, Mercy Corps, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and World Vision for distribution of food and relief supplies, food security and agriculture, health services, infrastructure rehabilitation, livelihood recovery activities, nutrition, protection, psychosocial support, demining and UXO clearance, transitional shelter activities, and/or water and sanitation services. USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$26,000 to Church World Service (CWS) for security training for relief non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In addition, USAID/OFDA provided \$1 million to Seacor Environmental Services (SES) to assist in clean-up efforts associated with the mid-July oil spill. USAID's Bureau for Asia and the Near East complemented this funding by providing an additional \$4 million.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$7 million to support the U.N. Flash Appeal for Lebanon to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC) for logistics and coordination, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) for water and sanitation activities, 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 Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) for protection, shelter, and emergency relief supplies, to U.N. Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) for safety and security activities, 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 the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) emergency appeal for protection, food, health, and water and sanitation activities.
- In response to emergency needs, USAID/OFDA provided 3,000 tarps, 40,000 blankets, and 18 emergency health kits in support of relief operations in Lebanon. The DART consigned these relief supplies to ICRC, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), 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.
- The USG has provided 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) provided 25,000 MT of wheat to the GOL.
- The Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs (State/IO) provided \$2 million in reprogrammed FY 2005 funding to support U.N. Mine Action Service (UNMAS) demining and UXO clearance activities.
- Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (State/PM/WRA) provided \$420,000 of FY 2006 funding to MAG for demining activities in Lebanon.
- The Department of Defense (DOD) provided \$2.8 million to MAG, through State/PM/WRA and the Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (State/S/CRS), for demining and UXO clearance in southern Lebanon.
- 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 2006–2007¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2006 USG ASSISTANCE			
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
CRS	Water and sanitation, psychosocial support, food, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, and protection	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$6,352,741
CHF International	Water and sanitation, psychosocial support, health, livelihoods, food security and agriculture, and emergency relief supplies	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,261,358
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	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,413,917
IOM	Evacuation of third-country nationals	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
IOCC	Water and sanitation, health, psychosocial support, infrastructure rehabilitation, emergency relief supplies, and livelihoods	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,999,427
Mercy Corps	Water and sanitation, shelter, nutrition, emergency relief supplies, health, food security and agriculture, school rehabilitation, protection, and livelihoods	Mt. Lebanon, South Lebanon, Nabatiye, Bekaa, Beirut	\$8,369,974
MAG	Demining and UXO clearance	Countrywide	\$1,619,984
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
OCHA/HIC	Information management	Countrywide	\$200,000
SES	Oil spill clean-up activities	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon	\$1,000,000
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, Nabatiye	\$1,563,584
WFP	Logistics and coordination	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
	300 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$280,000
GOL	25,000 MT of USDA Food for Progress Assistance	Countrywide	\$9,200,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies, including transport	Affected areas	\$590,271
Multiple	Administration and operations	Affected areas	\$244,748
TOTAL FY 2006 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$71,933,920
FY 2007 USG ASSISTANCE			
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,205,500
CRS	Water and sanitation, psychosocial support, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, and livelihoods	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,998,551
CHF International	Food security and agriculture and protection	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,173,184
MAG	Demining and UXO clearance	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$2,800,000
UNMAS	Demining and UXO clearance ²	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
WFP	700 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$426,000
TOTAL FY 2007 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$14,603,235
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006 AND FY 2007			\$86,537,155

¹ USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 27, 2006.

² This amount is reprogrammed FY 2005 funding.

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