



# UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

## Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #5, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

November 3, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated October 27, 2006.

### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- According to the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), as winter approaches and many houses remain damaged following the conflict, aid organizations are expanding programs to provide winterization supplies to the most vulnerable households in southern Lebanon. On October 30, the DART and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) convened a meeting for implementing partners to share information on the distribution of relief supplies and shelter winterization efforts. In total, eight participating organizations reported plans to distribute winterization supplies, including blankets, winter clothing, and fuel to more than 29,000 households in more than 250 villages in conflict-affected areas.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE – LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,191	Government of Lebanon (GOL) – November 3, 2006
Injured	4,409	GOL – November 3, 2006
Total Displaced Population	200,000	GOL – November 3, 2006
Estimated Returns to Date	774,184	GOL – November 3, 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.

#### *Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)*

- The DART reports that the presence of UXO continues to hinder economic recovery in southern Lebanon. According to USG partner Mines Advisory Group (MAG), clearance teams have identified 801 cluster bomb strike locations and cleared nearly 54,000 cluster munitions since the cessation of hostilities. Clearance of the 32 million square meters of contaminated land will take an estimated 63 weeks to complete. Farmers remain unable to harvest current crops or plant for the next season and herders are unable to utilize grazing lands. Furthermore, agencies report that despite the risks, economically vulnerable people continue to enter contaminated areas for agricultural activities, resulting in an average of two UXO-related accidents per day.

#### *Health*

- On October 30, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)—in coordination with the GOL Ministry of Public Health—began the first round of national polio vaccinations for more than 320,000 children whose routine immunizations were disrupted by the conflict. The second round of the campaign is scheduled for December.

#### *USG Partner Update*

- CHF International is carrying out essential humanitarian projects in conflict-affected communities throughout Lebanon. To date, CHF has distributed emergency relief supplies to more than 9,200 people. In addition, CHF has distributed 831 water reservoirs and more than 3,000 meters of pipes, benefiting more than 47,500 residents.
- From October 23 to 29, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) distributed seeds and seedlings to villages in Sidon (Saida), Jezzine, Nabatiye, and Marjayoun districts. CRS also set up playground equipment for villages in Bent Jbail and Tyre (Sur) districts to provide psychosocial activities for those affected by the conflict. In addition, CRS organized children's activities during the Eid holiday in Tyre, Sidon, Marjayoun, and Nabatiye districts.
- International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has completed rehabilitation work on seven schools in Bent Jbail and Marjayoun districts and is finalizing remaining work on 16 additional schools.

## **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 the U.S. Agency for International Development (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's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) has contributed more than \$41 million to American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), CRS, CHF International, International Medical Corps (IMC), IOCC, Mercy Corps, 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, sanitation, and hygiene 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, UNICEF for water, sanitation, and hygiene activities, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (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 the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (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, sanitation, and hygiene 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 2006–2007<sup>1</sup>**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>FY 2006 USG ASSISTANCE</b>			
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
CRS	Psychosocial support, food, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$6,352,741
CHF International	Psychosocial support, health, livelihoods, food security and agriculture, emergency relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	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, sanitation, and hygiene	Countrywide	\$13,512,000
IMC	Health, psychosocial support, emergency relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,413,917
IOM	Evacuation of third-country nationals	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
IOCC	Health, psychosocial support, infrastructure rehabilitation, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,999,427
Mercy Corps	Shelter, nutrition, emergency relief supplies, health, food security and agriculture, school rehabilitation, protection, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	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, sanitation, and hygiene	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	Emergency relief supplies and water, sanitation, and hygiene	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
<b>TOTAL FY 2006 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON</b>			<b>\$71,933,920</b>
<b>FY 2007 USG ASSISTANCE</b>			
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,205,500
CRS	Psychosocial support, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	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 <sup>2</sup>	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
WFP	700 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$426,000
<b>TOTAL FY 2007 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON</b>			<b>\$14,603,235</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006 AND FY 2007</b>			<b>\$86,537,155</b>

<sup>1</sup>USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 3, 2006.

<sup>2</sup>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](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov) (keyword: donations)
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)