



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #9, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

December 8, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated December 1, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- The USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), deployed to the region since July 23, is scheduled to depart Lebanon on December 10, having completed mission objectives to assess humanitarian needs, program emergency and early recovery assistance, and coordinate the USG humanitarian response. Many USG-funded early recovery programs will continue through May 2007.
- As of December 1, the Government of Lebanon (GOL) Council of the South had issued compensation payments totaling more than \$20 million for approximately 46 percent of households whose homes were partially or totally destroyed in 87 villages in southern Lebanon.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE - LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,191	GOL – December 8, 2006
Injured	4,409	GOL – December 8, 2006
Total Displaced Population	200,000	GOL – December 8, 2006
Estimated Returns to Date	774,184	GOL – December 8, 2006

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$108,334,043
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, the conflict killed 1,191 Lebanese and injured approximately 4,409 others.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Clearance

- As of December 5, the U.N. Mine Action Coordination Center–South Lebanon (UNMACC–SL) reported that 46 teams have worked to clear and dispose of more than 78,000 cluster bombs. UNMACC–SL estimates that 1 million unexploded cluster munitions may be on the ground in Lebanon, and clearance teams have identified 359 contaminated areas covering more than 33 million square km. In addition, UNMACC–SL reported the recent discovery of landmines approximately three km from the Israeli border, and stated they were planted during the latest conflict.
- At the current rate of clearance and under the current security conditions, UNMACC–SL and the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) estimate that clearance will be completed at the end of December 2007. To date, UXO-related accidents have killed 23 people and injured 179 others. Children under 18 years of age represent 26 percent of fatalities and 35 percent of injuries, according to the GOL National Demining Office.
- The USG has provided more than \$9 million for clearance and demining activities as well as mine risk awareness and victim assistance efforts. USG partners are raising awareness of the danger of UXO through large-scale media campaigns, including radio and television spots, posters, and comic books, and through face-to-face educational activities, such as workshops and puppet shows.

Livelihoods

- Direct and indirect damage from the conflict will have detrimental long-term effects on Lebanon’s economy. The GOL estimates that the national unemployment rate increased from approximately 8 to 10 percent prior to the conflict, and following the cessation of hostilities rose to 25 percent. The GOL estimates that 30,000 seasonal workers in the tourism industry lost their jobs, and 40,000 farmers suffered income loss.
- In response to livelihoods needs, the USG has provided more than \$9.3 million for programs to jumpstart economic activity in the early recovery period. USG-supported interventions are benefiting more than 100,000 people in 20 of Lebanon’s 26 districts and include cash grant programs for farmers and small business owners, cash-for-work projects for infrastructure rehabilitation, and vocational training programs targeting youth and women.

Psychosocial Interventions

- Following assessments that showed increased anxiety, fear, and depression among children after the conflict, the USG funded six organizations to carry out psychosocial programming in more than 300 villages throughout Lebanon. Partners have adopted a multi-level approach, targeting children, parents, teachers, and entire communities. Activities include establishing child-friendly spaces and public parks, supporting parent and teacher awareness training, and

organizing social and educational events for communities. To date, USG partners have established more than 40 child-friendly spaces, some serving up to 150 children, and renovated or constructed several playgrounds and public parks benefiting communities of up to 40,000 people.

- In meetings with the DART, relief organizations have emphasized the need for youth leadership and economic empowerment programs, particularly in marginalized areas of southern Lebanon, to reinforce community ties and prevent youth from engaging in destructive activities. In addition to sports and educational events, USG-supported youth centers provide a meeting space for youth to organize community assistance projects and activities.

Shelter Winterization

- Following the end of the acute emergency phase, USG partners—in collaboration with local municipalities—identified approximately 400,000 vulnerable families in 20 of Lebanon’s 26 districts that were in need of shelter winterization support. To help prepare communities for the oncoming winter, USG partners are distributing approximately 80,000 blankets, 7,800 heaters or stoves, 60,800 monthly hygiene kits, and 5 million liters of fuel. In addition, some implementing partners are providing cash grants between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to families for small-scale repairs on conflict-damaged homes. Cash grants and shelter supplies serve the dual purpose of providing direct shelter assistance and freeing up scarce private resources for other necessities.

USG Partner Update

- Between November 26 and 30, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) provided hygiene kits, cooking supplies, and heaters or gas stoves, depending on the preference of the family, to more than 1,200 families in Bent Jbail District.
- From November 24 to December 2, Mercy Corps completed work on a multi-purpose sports facility and botanical park in Baalbek District to support conflict-affected communities.
- From November 16 to 30, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) distributed 224 small cash grants to assist families affected by the conflict rebuild economic livelihoods. On November 17, ANERA conducted the first of three short courses on business management skills for beneficiaries in Tyre (Sur) District.

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 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 contributed nearly \$66 million in humanitarian assistance to Lebanon. USAID/OFDA provided funding to partners ACDI/VOCA, ANERA, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Church World Service (CWS), CHF International, International Medical Corps (IMC), IOCC, MAG, Mercy Corps, World Vision, and World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF) for the distribution of food and relief supplies, food security and agriculture, health services, infrastructure rehabilitation, livelihood recovery activities, nutrition, protection, psychosocial support, transitional and winterization shelter activities, security training for relief organizations, and/or water, sanitation, and hygiene services. 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.
- The USG provided more than \$9.6 million for demining and UXO clearance activities in Lebanon. USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$1.2 million to MAG for demining and UXO clearance activities and \$600,000 to WRF for mine risk education and a victims’ assistance program. The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Organization Affairs provided \$2 million to the U.N. Mine Action Service (UNMAS). The Department of State’s Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (State/PM/WRA) provided \$420,000 to MAG and \$384,000 to RONCO for demining and UXO clearance activities, as well as \$30,000 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAFA) for the mapping of UXO. The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) provided \$5 million for humanitarian assistance in Lebanon to the U.S. Department of State’s Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (State/S/CRS), who apportioned this \$5 million to State/PM/WRA. Of this \$5 million, State/PM/WRA provided \$2.8 million to MAG and \$2.2 million to RONCO for UXO clearance and demining activities.
- USAID/OFDA 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, sanitation, and hygiene activities; the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for agriculture and livelihoods projects; and 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) 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; the U.N. Department

of Safety and Security (UNDSS) for safety and security activities; and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for transportation of third-country nationals. State/PRM 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 needs identified by the GOL, USAID/OFDA provided approximately \$15 million in funding to seven relief organizations and UNICEF for water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions throughout Lebanon. Working through GOL regional water authorities, USG-supported partners identified more than 230 villages throughout the country for water projects targeting nearly 600,000 people. With USAID/OFDA support, humanitarian aid organizations have distributed nearly 10,000 household water tanks to families throughout Lebanon since the end of the conflict and plan to distribute an additional 3,650 water tanks in the coming weeks. In addition, aid agencies are delivering nearly 50 generators to public facilities and repairing or replacing key components of almost 60 community water systems. USAID/OFDA partners are also providing cash grants of up to \$10,000 to villages for small-scale repair projects prioritized by the community.
- From July 25 to August 24, 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 provided nearly \$10 million in wheat flour, wheat, and lentil commodities. USAID's Office of Food for Peace is providing 1,000 metric tons (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.
- In addition to evacuating nearly 15,000 American citizens, the U.S. Military provided 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	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
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	Countrywide	\$384,000
SES	Oil spill clean-up activities	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon	\$5,000,000
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
VVAF	UXO mapping	Countrywide	\$30,000
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
TOTAL FY 2006 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$76,347,920
FY 2007 USG ASSISTANCE			
ACDI/VOCA	Food security and agriculture, shelter, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa	\$501,344
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	\$5,939,534
CHF International	Food security and agriculture and protection	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,163,685
FAO	Food security and agriculture	Countrywide	\$196,900
Habitat for Humanity	Shelter and livelihoods	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,918,421
IOCC	Food security and agriculture, protection, relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,733,405
UNMAS	Demining and UXO clearance ²	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
MAG	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$2,800,000
Mercy Corps	Relief supplies, protection, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Nabatiye, Mt. Lebanon	\$4,822,436
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$2,200,000
WFP	700 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$426,000
WRF	Mine risk education and victims' assistance	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$600,001
World Vision	Relief supplies and shelter	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut, Nabatiye	\$5,475,797
Multiple	Administration and operations	Affected areas	\$3,100
TOTAL FY 2007 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$31,986,123
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006 AND FY 2007			\$108,334,043

¹USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of December 8, 2006.

²This 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