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Global – Influenza A/H1N1

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

May 7, 2009

Note: The last fact sheet was dated May 5, 2009.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- According to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a logistics plan for distribution of a portion of the WHO global anti-viral stockpiles to most-affected or at-risk countries, including Mexico. WHO plans to begin distribution of 2.4 million courses of anti-virals in the coming week.
- On May 5, WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan conducted a briefing via teleconference for worldwide U.N. Health Cluster partners regarding the influenza A/H1N1 outbreak. Dr. Chan stressed that Southern Hemisphere countries will soon enter the winter season, with increased risk of influenza infection. The Director-General noted the importance of continued virus surveillance, monitoring, and reporting.
- On May 4, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced that officials had confirmed human-to-animal transmission of influenza A/H1N1 in Canada. FAO recommended that national authorities and farmers carefully monitor swine populations and investigate any possible occurrences of influenza-like symptoms in pigs and other domestic animals. WHO continues to state that no evidence exists indicating that pigs are transmitting the virus to humans.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Confirmed Influenza A/H1N1 Cases	2,371	WHO - May 7, 2009
Number of Countries with Confirmed Influenza A/H1N1 Cases	24	WHO - May 7, 2009
Total Number of Influenza A/H1N1-related Deaths	44	WHO - May 7, 2009

FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/GH Assistance for Pandemic Influenza.....\$3,522,625
USAID/OFDA Assistance for Pandemic Influenza.....\$100,000
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance for Pandemic Influenza.....\$3,622,625

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of May 7 at 1600 GMT, 24 countries had officially reported 2,371 cases of influenza A/H1N1 infection, according to WHO. Mexico remains the most-affected country, with 1,112 confirmed cases and 42 related deaths.
- Since April 29, WHO has maintained the pandemic phase designation at Phase Five on a six-phase scale. Phase Five is characterized by human-to-human spread of the virus in at least two countries in one WHO region. The WHO phase designation is based upon geographic scope and not upon severity of the virus. Health officials have not confirmed sustained human-to-human transmission of influenza A/H1N1 outside of North America.
- On May 6 and 7, Humanitarian Pandemic Preparedness (H2P) Initiative partners held a coordination meeting in Paris, France, to discuss the current influenza A/H1N1 outbreak and plan for potential response efforts in the event of a global pandemic.

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

- As of May 7 at 1600 GMT, health officials have confirmed influenza A/H1N1 cases in five LAC countries, with 1,112 confirmed cases in Mexico and a total of five confirmed cases in Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala.
- On May 5, health officials confirmed the first influenza A/H1N1 case in Guatemala in an individual who had recently traveled to Mexico, according to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
- As of May 6, WHO and PAHO had shipped a total of 489,000 Tamiflu treatments to Latin American countries, according to PAHO.

- IFRC has allocated approximately \$490,000 from the IFRC Disaster Relief Emergency Fund to the Mexican Red Cross (MRC) to support ongoing outbreak response efforts. MRC is coordinating with local health authorities, maintaining operations at 45 hospitals, transporting ill individuals, and conducting information campaigns to mitigate the spread of the virus. MRC is printing 200,000 posters and 2 million leaflets to raise awareness regarding virus transmission and promote proper hygiene practices.
- National IFRC societies in the LAC region have activated contingency and response plans for the influenza A/H1N1 virus, according to IFRC.
- PAHO is hosting daily webcast conferences for Caribbean health and disaster management partners to facilitate information sharing regarding virus surveillance, early detection, treatment, and infection control measures in the Caribbean. Participants include representatives of Caribbean ministries of health, national disaster offices, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency, and IFRC, as well as USAID/DCHA Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) staff.

Asia and the Pacific

- As of May 7 at 1600 GMT, health officials have confirmed a total of nine influenza A/H1N1 cases in Republic of Korea, New Zealand, and China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
- National Red Cross/Red Crescent societies throughout the region are participating in interagency coordination meetings in respective countries to share information and develop national pandemic preparedness and response plans. National societies have begun to train local volunteer staff on influenza prevention measures and work with government officials to disseminate key messages regarding the influenza A/H1N1 virus.
- In addition, the East Asia IFRC regional office has drafted a pandemic preparedness plan for the region, including measures for business continuity.

Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia (EMCA)

- To date, WHO has reported 148 confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 illness in 14 countries in the EMCA region.
- In Europe, most-affected countries include Spain and the United Kingdom, with 81 and 32 confirmed cases, respectively.
- A Europe-based IFRC task force is meeting regularly to monitor the influenza A/H1N1 situation, coordinate with U.N. agencies, and provide technical support to 52 European national Red Cross/Red Crescent societies and IFRC field representatives. National societies throughout the region are participating in interagency coordination meetings in respective countries to share information and develop national pandemic preparedness and response plans.
- On May 7, WHO confirmed the sixth case of influenza A/H1N1 in Israel, the site of the only confirmed cases of the virus in the Middle East to date.
- Despite WHO announcements regarding the lack of evidence to indicate the spread of influenza A/H1N1 directly from swine populations to humans, international media has reported pig culling in Egypt and Jordan.

Africa

- To date, no influenza A/H1N1 cases have been reported in Africa.
- The WHO Regional Office has established a crisis management team to monitor the situation and respond to any future influenza A/H1N1 outbreaks.
- In addition, the WHO Africa Regional Office is working with countries to bolster disease surveillance systems and strengthen contingency and preparedness plans. WHO is pre-positioning anti-viral and personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpiles and identifying laboratory and staff capacity at country and regional levels.

U.S. GOVERNMENT (USG) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Since May 1, a USAID Pandemic Influenza Response Management Team (RMT) comprising USAID/GH and USAID/OFDA staff has worked with interagency partners to coordinate the USG response to international pandemic influenza.
- As of May 7, USAID has delivered 105,000 PPE kits, valued at more than \$1 million including transport, to affected countries in the LAC region.
- To date, USAID has committed more than \$3.6 million in response to the influenza A/H1N1 outbreak. In addition, USAID/GH has committed \$543 million to support avian and pandemic influenza preparedness activities throughout the world since 2005.
- On April 29, a disaster risk management specialist from USAID/OFDA's Latin American and Caribbean regional office in San José, Costa Rica, arrived in Mexico to coordinate response activities with PAHO, the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, and USAID/Mexico. USAID Washington, D.C.- and field-based staff continue to monitor the situation to determine if additional assistance is required.

- The USAID-funded H2P Initiative has launched a new website, www.pandemicpreparedness.org, hosting communications resources for pandemic preparedness that can be adapted to meet country-specific needs. The materials posted have been approved by USAID and partners, including IFRC, InterAction, the CORE Group, the Academy for Educational Development, and U.N. organizations. The H2P Initiative plans to post additional materials on the site in the coming days.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR INFLUENZA A/H1N1

FY 2009			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/GH ASSISTANCE			
GoM	Emergency Relief Supplies	Mexico	\$875,000
PAHO	Emergency Relief Supplies	Panama	\$43,750
WHO	Health	Central America	\$2,500,000
	Transportation		\$103,875
TOTAL USAID/GH			\$3,522,625
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
USAID/Mexico	Administrative Support		\$100,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$100,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA IN FY 2009			\$3,622,625

¹ USAID funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of May 7, 2009.

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 pandemic response efforts can be found at www.interaction.org.
- 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