



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

October 13, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated October 6, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- According to the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), multi-agency assessments conducted during the last two weeks have identified early recovery needs, including shelter winterization assistance, livelihood assistance, larger-scale water and sanitation repairs, and small-scale activities to revitalize the agriculture sector in the short-term.

| NUMBERS AT A GLANCE – LEBANON | | SOURCE |
|-------------------------------|---------|--|
| Dead | 1,191 | Government of Lebanon (GOL) – October 13, 2006 |
| Injured | 4,407 | GOL – October 13, 2006 |
| Total Displaced Population | 200,000 | GOL – October 13, 2006 |
| Estimated Returns to Date | 774,184 | GOL – October 13, 2006 |

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$74,359,920

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 4,407 injured during the conflict.

Assessments and Remaining Needs

- According to the DART, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), in coordination with the GOL's Ministry of Agriculture, is currently undertaking a damage and early recovery assessment focusing on the agricultural, livestock, fisheries, and forestry sectors. The 15-person assessment team is scheduled to complete fieldwork by mid-October and present findings to the GOL, donors, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at the end of October.

Food and Emergency Relief Supplies

- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reports that although food insecurity remains for specific groups, government and non-government programs can adequately address these needs without continued WFP operations in Lebanon. WFP held the last food cluster meeting on October 6 and will close out operations by October 24.
- From September 30 to October 6, WFP continued the last round of food distribution in the southern suburbs of Beirut and Nabatiye District and completed the last round of food distribution in the Bekaa Valley. WFP is working with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on transitioning from the emergency to the recovery phase.
- The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is completing distributions of emergency relief supplies. UNHCR will transition remaining staff from the current UNHCR office to the U.N. Development Program (UNDP) in mid-October. UNHCR will leave 10 trucks and 1 tent in Tyre (Sur) to assist with demining efforts.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

- Aid agencies report that UXO continues to pose the most significant threat to protection, livelihood recovery, and the large-scale return to agriculture activities.
- According to the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and the U.N. Mine Action Coordination Center in Southern Lebanon (UNMACC-SL), 794 cluster strike locations have been identified as of October 11. UNMACC-SL, in partnership with the GOL's National Demining Office, is coordinating demining activities and has identified a two-phase approach that includes identification, marking, and clearance activities through December 2007.
- The clearance of schools, homes, roads, and major buildings have been the top priority for demining and UXO clearance activities. The onset of winter is of particular concern to demining agencies as heavy rains will bury or shift UXO and increase risk to residents.

Protection

- On October 7, the U.N. Human Rights Council (UNHRC) Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon concluded its mission to Lebanon and is now preparing a report on the trip. During visits to southern Beirut, the Bekaa Valley, Byblos, and southern Lebanon, the commission met with GOL officials, NGOs, and U.N. agencies.

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 (USAID/OFDA) has contributed more than \$32 million to American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), CHF International, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Orthodox Christian Charities (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 and sanitation services. USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$26,000 to Church World Service (CWS) for security training for relief NGOs. In addition, 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 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, 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 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 ICRC's emergency appeal for protection, food, health, and water and sanitation activities.
- In response to emergency needs, 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 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.
- The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA) provided \$420,000 of FY 2006 funding to MAG for demining activities in 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, Nabatiye, North Lebanon, 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 | \$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 | | | |
| WFP | 700 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance | Countrywide | \$426,000 |
| UNMAS | Demining and UXO clearance ² | Nabatiye, South Lebanon | \$2,000,000 |
| TOTAL FY 2007 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON | | | \$2,426,000 |
| TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON | | | \$74,359,920 |

¹ USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 13, 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

USG bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/