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Somalia – Complex Emergency

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NOTE: The last fact sheet was dated February 23, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On February 25, pirates hijacked the *MV Rozen*, an empty cargo vessel chartered by the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), off the coast of Somalia near Hafun, Bari Region. The ship had recently unloaded 1,800 metric tons (MT) of food aid at Bossaso and Berbera ports and was returning to Mombasa, Kenya. This is the first such hijacking in nine months. The return of piracy exacerbates concern over limited humanitarian access in Somalia.

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE (FY 2006 AND FY 2007)

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Somalia.....	\$10,679,305
USAID/FFP ¹ Assistance to Somalia	\$96,276,600
State/PRM ² Assistance to Somalia	\$4,520,000
USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia	\$111,475,905

CURRENT SITUATION

Humanitarian Access

- Relief agencies continue to encounter challenges transporting humanitarian cargo into Somalia from Kenya. On March 1, a total of 27 WFP-contracted trucks crossed into Somalia from El Wak, Kenya, carrying nearly 800 MT of food aid destined for Gedo Region. This is the second shipment of WFP food commodities since the Government of Kenya instructed border officials to allow humanitarian cargo to cross into Somalia on February 7. However, several relief agencies continue to stockpile supplies along the border while negotiating permission with local authorities.
- Attacks on or near ports and airports, checkpoints along key roads, ongoing difficulties at the Kenya border, and the resurgence of piracy in the area have raised concerns among humanitarian agencies over a potential shrinking of humanitarian access, particularly in Mogadishu where violence and insecurity continue to escalate.
- The USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (USG/DART) is working with partners to analyze and address the impact of insecurity and transport challenges on humanitarian operations.

Population Movements

- Growing insecurity in Mogadishu has resulted in additional population displacement. The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and partners report that an estimated 8,500 people have departed Mogadishu in the recent weeks. Humanitarian agencies note that many of those leaving Mogadishu have the financial means to travel and rent homes in other areas.
- Outside of Mogadishu, a majority of households displaced by conflict in December 2006 and January 2007 have already returned to areas of origin.

Humanitarian Emergency

- On February 22, a fire broke out in Baardheere town, Gedo Region, destroying homes and personal assets and displacing approximately 700 families. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), supported by the USG, coordinated the response efforts that included the rapid provision of medical care, food, water, shelter, and relief supplies.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- USAID/OFDA emergency relief activities in Somalia benefit more than 2 million people affected by repeated shocks of drought, floods, and conflict. USAID/OFDA FY 2007 relief efforts in southern and central Somalia complement ongoing programs from FY 2006. USAID/FFP is providing food assistance with carryover commodities from FY 2006 funding, supplemented by additional stocks funded in FY 2007.
- State/PRM is assisting Somali refugees in Kenya and Ethiopia and relief efforts in Somalia through FY 2007 and ongoing FY 2006 refugee programs. To date in FY 2007, State/PRM has provided \$5.6 million in earmarked funding for UNHCR operations in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia and \$2 million to CARE for assistance to Somali refugees in Kenya. In FY 2006, State/PRM provided nearly \$15 million in earmarked funding for Somalia and Somali refugees in the Horn of Africa.

¹ USAID's Office of Food for Peace

² U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2007			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$850,000
Matrix	12 Zodiac Boats and Motors	Flood-affected Areas	\$243,523
UNICEF	UNCAS	Countrywide	\$878,470
UNICEF ²	Rapid Response Fund	Flood-affected Areas	\$250,000
UNICEF	Health, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
USAID	Program support costs	Countrywide	\$38,900
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$3,760,893
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
WFP	22,390 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$14,876,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$14,876,600
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
UNHCR	Global Appeal	Countrywide	\$450,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$450,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007			\$18,637,493
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007			\$19,087,493
FY 2006			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
Action Contre la Faim	Water and Sanitation	Bakool Region	\$852,569
Adventist Development and Relief Agency	Water and Sanitation, Food Security and Agriculture	Bakool Region	\$1,315,133
International Medical Corps	Nutrition, Food Security and Agriculture	Bakool Region	\$638,716
FAO	Nutrition Surveillance	Countrywide	\$700,000
UNICEF	Water and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$2,550,000
U.N. World Health Organization (WHO)	Health	Countrywide	\$200,000
World Concern	Food Security and Agriculture, Water and Sanitation	Middle Juba Region	\$399,994
World Vision	Water and Sanitation	Middle Juba Region	\$250,000
	Administrative and Support Costs	Countrywide	\$12,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$6,918,412
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			
CARE	73,410 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern and Central Somalia	\$48,113,000
WFP	48,350 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$33,287,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$81,400,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$1,070,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$4,070,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2006			\$88,318,412
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2006			\$92,388,412

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 2, 2007.

² Through a standing agreement with UNICEF, USAID/OFDA approved the use of \$250,000 in rapid response funds to Somalia.

³ Estimated value of food assistance.

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: Somalia 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; 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.