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Somalia – Complex Emergency

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NOTE: The last fact sheet was dated March 30, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- In a revised estimate issued on April 13, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that approximately 213,000 people have left Mogadishu due to conflict since February 1. The update reflects an additional 65,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) identified in Galgaduud Region, as well as continued outflow from Mogadishu since the previous estimate of 128,000 as of April 10. Humanitarian agencies report water, sanitation, health, and shelter as priority needs.
- U.N. agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) operating in Mogadishu have formed a task force to address the deteriorating humanitarian situation and determine response activities for conflict-displaced persons. However, limited access to displaced populations and conflict-affected communities due to insecurity and Transitional Federal Government (TFG) regulations continues to hamper relief operations. USAID regional advisors based in Nairobi are coordinating with the task force and partner NGOs to identify additional assistance activities.
- On April 7, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Jendayi Frazer visited Baidoa, Bay Region, to express support for national reconciliation efforts and urge the TFG leadership to reach out to key stakeholders in Mogadishu to prevent further violence. In the first visit of a senior U.S. official to Somalia in more than 10 years, Assistant Secretary Frazer met with the President, Prime Minister, and Speaker of the Parliament, noting concern over violence in Mogadishu and calling on all parties to work together to stabilize the country.

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

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| USAID/OFDA Assistance to Somalia..... | \$17,160,559 |
| USAID/FFP ¹ Assistance to Somalia | \$96,794,000 |
| State/PRM ² Assistance to Somalia | \$4,520,000 |
| Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia..... | \$118,474,559 |

CURRENT SITUATION

Health

- Health agencies have expressed concern that a combination of factors are precluding the adequate treatment and containment of acute watery diarrhea and suspected cholera in several areas of southern and central Somalia. While insecurity is limiting access and preventing treatment of identified cases, the movement of large populations is also contributing to the spread of the disease. The start of the long rains period could spur further transmission of water-borne illnesses.
- As of April 11, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) had received reports of 12,429 cases of acute watery diarrhea, including 414 deaths. Lower Shabelle, Middle Shabelle, and Banadir regions are the most affected, owing in part to high concentrations of displaced persons with limited access to water and sanitation facilities. Health agencies are providing treatment and working to rehabilitate water and sanitation facilities where access and security permit.

Emergency Operations

- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is providing humanitarian assistance to approximately 25,000 displaced families in and around Mogadishu, as well as medical and surgical supplies for hospitals in the city. Relief organizations are also transporting water to several IDP settlements located on roads leading out of Mogadishu.
- Although U.N. agencies report having adequate resources and relief supplies in country, participants at the April 11 meeting of the Somalia Inter-Agency Standing Committee note that insecurity and TFG policies are hindering access to stockpiled supplies and preventing relief efforts targeting displaced populations.

Humanitarian Access

- Despite fighting in the capital, unofficial roadblocks, and TFG regulations obstructing aid efforts, relief agencies are working to improve access through coordination with TFG and local community representatives.

¹ USAID's Office of Food for Peace

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

- U.N., international, and local humanitarian staff have established coordination meetings with TFG and community leaders in Afgoye and Marka towns, Lower Shabelle Region, where a large number of IDPs have settled. In addition, the recently established task force is working to provide emergency assistance in partnership with local NGOs.

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. Current USAID/OFDA relief efforts in southern and central Somalia total more than \$10 million for critical assistance and coordination. USAID/FFP has provided more than \$15 million for food assistance to vulnerable Somalis to date in FY 2007. In addition, USAID/FFP directed more than \$81 million to CARE and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) for emergency food distributions in FY 2006.
- 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 vulnerable populations in Somalia as well as Somali refugees in the Horn of Africa.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA

| <i>Implementing Partner</i> | <i>Activity</i> | <i>Location</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
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| FY 2007 | | | |
| USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹ | | | |
| Matrix | 12 Zodiac Boats and Motors | Flood-affected Areas | \$243,523 |
| Mercy Corps | Relief Supplies, Economy and Market Systems, Water Sanitation, and Hygiene | Lower Juba, Middle Juba regions | \$749,999 |
| U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) | Coordination | Countrywide | \$250,000 |
| U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) | U.N. Common Air Service | Countrywide | \$878,470 |
| UNICEF ² | Rapid Response Fund | Flood-affected Areas | \$250,000 |
| UNICEF | Health, and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene | Countrywide | \$5,000,000 |
| U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) | Nutrition, Food Security and Agriculture | Countrywide | \$2,150,000 |
| WHO | Health | Southern Somalia | \$665,005 |
| | Program support costs | Countrywide | \$55,150 |
| TOTAL USAID/OFDA | | | \$10,242,147 |
| USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³ | | | |
| WFP | 22,390 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance | Countrywide | \$15,394,000 |
| TOTAL USAID/FFP | | | \$15,394,000 |
| STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE | | | |
| UNHCR | Global Appeal | Countrywide | \$450,000 |
| TOTAL STATE/PRM | | | \$450,000 |
| TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007 | | | \$25,636,147 |
| TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA IN FY 2007 | | | \$26,086,147 |
| 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 |

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| 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 | | | |
| 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 April 13, 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.