



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #6, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

November 9, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated November 3, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On November 3, the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided nearly \$5.5 million in funding to World Vision to assist residents winterize homes that were partially destroyed or damaged during the conflict.
- USAID/OFDA has also provided nearly \$200,000 in funding to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the establishment of an early recovery coordination unit for agriculture and livelihoods projects. The unit will include a small mobile field team based in Tyre (Sur) to provide coordination and technical support to humanitarian partners and local municipalities. In addition, the unit will work with the U.N. Mine Action Coordination Center–Southern Lebanon to prioritize agricultural fields for unexploded ordnance (UXO) clearance and coordinate the provision of agricultural inputs to farmers once fields are cleared.

| NUMBERS AT A GLANCE – LEBANON | | SOURCE |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--|
| Dead | 1,191 | Government of Lebanon (GOL) – November 9, 2006 |
| Injured | 4,409 | GOL – November 9, 2006 |
| Total Displaced Population | 200,000 | GOL – November 9, 2006 |
| Estimated Returns to Date | 774,184 | GOL – November 9, 2006 |

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$100,143,257

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 4,409 injured during the conflict.

Unexploded Ordnance

- At a November 9 donor briefing attended by the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), the GOL National Demining Office (NDO) reported that since the August 14 ceasefire, 22 civilians have died and an additional 136 suffered injuries related to the presence of UXOs. Children and youth under 18 years of age suffered approximately 35 percent of injuries and accounted for 27 percent of fatalities. In addition, NDO noted that approximately half of the deaths occurred while victims were working in agricultural fields or herding livestock. NDO indicated ongoing gaps in mine risk education and victim assistance programs.

Shelter

- At the November 3 shelter cluster meeting in Beirut, the GOL Council of the South (COS) reported that the government compensation scheme for damaged and destroyed houses is underway in four villages in southern Lebanon. In addition, COS reported that payment checks are being prepared for three additional villages and should be distributed in the coming week. The seven villages receiving assistance represent an estimated 1 percent of the total compensation program.
- Cluster members noted that despite donor pledges to adopt 99 of the most affected villages, only Qatar has begun implementing shelter programs in four villages. Several agencies indicated that assistance has become more urgent with the arrival of winter weather. The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) indicated that winterization efforts should not conflict with COS and donor countries’ plans for the full reconstruction of villages.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- On November 3, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) led the last cluster coordination meeting in Beirut, although weekly meetings will continue in Tyre.
- UNICEF has ceased the distribution of bottled water; however, UNICEF continues to tanker water to 25 villages in southern Lebanon. UNICEF expects to end water tankering within the next two weeks, depending on the results of a needs assessment currently underway.

Environmental Assessment

- As part of a post-conflict environmental impact survey, a team from the U.N. Environment Program (UNEP) conducted field assessments in affected areas of Southern Lebanon from September 30 to October 21. The assessment included study of contaminated land, coastal and marine issues, solid and hazardous waste management, surface and ground water, and weapons and munitions. In examining munitions used during the conflict, UNEP found no evidence of depleted uranium or other radioactive material.
- UNEP findings and conclusions were consistent with those of the Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteurs report published October 2, which cited the large number of remaining cluster bombs in Southern Lebanon as the main threat to returning populations. A final report of UNEP's post-conflict environmental assessment is expected mid-December.

USG Partner Update

- On November 1, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) began distribution of plastic tanks and water pumps to 15 villages in Bent Jbail District. In addition, IOCC has completed the rehabilitation of 23 public schools in Marjayoun, Bent Jbail, and Tyre districts, benefiting more than 2,500 school children..

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 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 has contributed more than \$56.8 million to American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Church World Service (CWS), CHF International, International Medical Corps (IMC), IOCC, Mercy Corps, Mines Advisory Group (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 and winterization shelter activities, security training for relief organizations, and/or water, sanitation, and hygiene services. In addition, 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.
- USAID/OFDA has 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; UNICEF for water, sanitation, and hygiene activities; 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) has 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; 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 the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) emergency appeal for protection, food, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities.
- In response to emergency needs, 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 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 USG has provided more than \$7.4 million for demining and UXO clearance activities. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs (State/IO) provided \$2 million to U.N. Mine Action Service (UNMAS), and the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (State/PM/WRA) provided \$420,000 to MAG. In addition, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) provided \$2.8 million to MAG and \$2.2 million to RONCO, through State/PM/WRA and the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization.
- 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 | | | \$75,933,920 |
| FY 2007 USG ASSISTANCE | | | |
| 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 | \$5,998,551 |

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| CHF International | Food security and agriculture and protection | Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon | \$1,173,184 |
| FAO | Food security and agriculture | Countrywide | \$196,900 |
| IOCC | Agriculture, food security, protection, relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene | Nabatiye, South Lebanon | \$1,733,405 |
| MAG | Demining and UXO clearance | Nabatiye, South Lebanon | \$2,800,000 |
| RONCO | Demining and UXO clearance | South Lebanon | \$2,200,000 |
| UNMAS | Demining and UXO clearance ² | South Lebanon | \$2,000,000 |
| WFP | 700 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance | Countrywide | \$426,000 |
| World Vision | Relief Commodities and Shelter | | \$5,475,797 |
| TOTAL FY 2007 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON | | | \$24,209,337 |
| TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006 AND FY 2007 | | | \$100,143,257 |

¹USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 9, 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