



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #7, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

November 17, 2006

Note: The last situation report was dated November 9, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- With support from the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), CHF International has launched an olive harvesting project in northern Lebanon. The project provides cash-for-work opportunities for students and other unskilled laborers, while also supporting farmers in the form of subsidized labor and establishing links between universities and the private sector. CHF staff are currently matching farmers and workers, and expect to start harvesting activities next week. CHF undertook a similar apple harvesting project in October that employed more than 2,000 students and assisted approximately 1,500 farmers.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE - LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,191	Government of Lebanon (GOL) – November 17, 2006
Injured	4,409	GOL – November 17, 2006
Total Displaced Population	200,000	GOL – November 17, 2006
Estimated Returns to Date	774,184	GOL – November 17, 2006

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$100,557,257
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 (UXO)

- As of November 13, the U.N. Mine Action Coordination Center South Lebanon (UNMACC–SL) has confirmed 813 cluster bomb strike locations. According to the USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), clearance teams have cleared more than 63,000 cluster munitions since the cessation of hostilities. At the current rate of clearance, UNMACC–SL expects clearance of the approximately 32.7 million square meters of contaminated land to take until the end of December 2007.
- According to the U.N. protection cluster, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF)—in coordination with the U.N. Development Program (UNDP) and the GOL—is distributing leaflets to approximately 350,000 students to raise awareness of the dangers of UXO.

Protection

- UNICEF and the GOL Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) are conducting training for teachers on psychosocial activities to alleviate conflict-related stress among children, according to the U.N. protection cluster. In addition, UNICEF and MOSA are establishing a centralized data system of psychosocial centers and activities.
- USAID/OFDA partners Mercy Corps, CHF International, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and International Medical Corps (IMC) are carrying out essential psychosocial activities, including providing child-friendly spaces and raising awareness among teachers and community leaders of post-conflict stress.

USG Partner Update

- In Baalbek District, Mercy Corps has completed basic rehabilitation activities at ten public schools and is distributing educational kits to conflict-affected children. In addition, Mercy Corps is distributing educational kits to 12,000 students in Nabatiye District.
- In the immediate aftermath of the conflict, IMC focused on the emergency provision of safe water. IMC provided bottled water and completed more than 350 trips with water tankers to five villages in Bent Jbail District, serving more than 2,700 people. IMC’s activities have since expanded to cover the rehabilitation of six village reservoirs and the distribution of more than 700 water tanks to date. IMC expects to provide an additional 450 water tanks to families during the month of November. In addition to water provision activities, IMC has rehabilitated 6 health clinics and is currently supporting 17 clinics and 1 mobile clinic with essential medical supplies. IMC’s assistance in the primary health sector has benefited more than 131,000 people. IMC has also established four child friendly spaces serving approximately 1,500 children.

- From November 1 to 10, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) distributed 304 water tanks and 275 water pumps for household use in nine villages of Bent Jbail and Marjayoun districts. IOCC plans to expand distributions to an additional six villages in the coming weeks.

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 in humanitarian assistance to Lebanon. USAID/OFDA has provided funding to partners American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), CRS, Church World Service (CWS), CHF International, IMC, IOCC, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Mercy Corps, 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, 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.
- The USG has provided more than \$9 million for demining and UXO clearance activities in Lebanon. USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$1.2 million to MAG. In addition, U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs provided \$2 million to the U.N. Mine Action Service (UNMAS). The Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (State/PM/WRA) provided \$420,000 to MAG and \$384,000 to RONCO for demining and UXO clearance activities, as well as \$30,000 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAFA) for the mapping of UXO. The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) provided \$5 million for humanitarian assistance in Lebanon to the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (State/S/CRS), who apportioned this \$5 million to State/PM/WRA. Of this \$5 million, State/PM/WRA provided \$2.8 million to MAG and \$2.2 million to RONCO for UXO clearance and demining activities.
- 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; U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (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) 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.
- 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, agriculture, and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
CRS	Psychosocial support, food, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security, 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, 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
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$384,000
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
VVAF	UXO mapping	Countrywide	\$30,000
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			\$76,347,920
FY 2007 USG ASSISTANCE			
ANERA	Food security, agriculture, and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,205,500
CRS	Psychosocial support, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security, agriculture, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,998,551

CHF International	Food security, 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	Countrywide	\$2,800,000
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	Countrywide	\$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	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut, Nabatiye	\$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			\$100,557,257

¹USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 17, 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