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Democratic Republic of the Congo – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated April 29, 2010.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On July 2, a tanker truck transporting fuel overturned in the town of Sange, South Kivu Province. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that the incident had killed at least 240 people and injured approximately 196 others as of July 9. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for emergency response activities, including the provision of medical supplies.
- According to the U.N. Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), approximately 230 of the 2,000 peacekeepers scheduled to depart the DRC by the end of June 2010 withdrew from the country on June 16. On July 1, MONUC converted to the U.N. Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).
- On June 11, OCHA reported that conflict between armed groups hindered humanitarian access in Beni Territory, North Kivu Province, necessitating escorts for U.N. agencies traveling along the Beni–Oicha road.
- In mid-June, OCHA received reports of armed groups recruiting youths in Mwenga Territory, South Kivu Province. In addition, hijackings in Fizi Territory necessitated that humanitarian agencies travel in convoys, posing significant logistical constraints.
- As of June 11, humanitarian agencies had suspended humanitarian assistance to 3,500 households in Ango and Bili towns, Bas-Uélé District, Orientale Province, due to residents' reports of LRA presence in the area.
- The May 26 reopening of the road between Ingende and Nkalamba territories in Equateur District, Equateur Province—which closed in 1997—should improve humanitarian access to approximately 130,000 people in the province, according to OCHA.
- On June 9, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon named former U.S. Ambassador to the DRC, Roger A. Meece, as the U.N. Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the DRC and Head of MONUSCO.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Total IDPs¹ in the DRC	1,903,939	OCHA – April 2010
In North Kivu Province	784,000	OCHA – April 2010
In South Kivu Province	629,000	OCHA – April 2010
In Orientale Province ²	350,000	OCHA – May 2010
In Equateur Province	33,000	OCHA – April 2010
In Katanga Province	15,127	OCHA – April 2010
Total DRC Refugees in Africa	444,054	UNHCR – May 2010

FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to the DRC³	\$16,057,955
USAID/FFP⁴ Assistance to the DRC	\$84,055,000
State/PRM⁵ Assistance to the DRC	\$31,397,021
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to the DRC	\$131,509,976

CURRENT SITUATION

- According to OCHA, the number of IDPs in the DRC remained stable between January and April 2010 at 1.9 million individuals due to ongoing simultaneous displacement and populations returns. While Fizi Territory, South Kivu Province, has experienced increased stability since April, ongoing LRA attacks on civilians in Orientale Province continue to result in new population displacement and impede population returns.
- LRA-associated violence has also caused individuals to flee the Central African Republic (CAR) for the DRC. On June 3, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) began registering approximately 1,000 refugees in Orientale Province who fled LRA-related violence in CAR between January and June 2010.

¹ Internally displaced persons

² The figure includes 250,000 IDPs in the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)-affected Haut-Uélé and Bas-Uélé districts, Orientale Province.

³ Includes \$50,000 in emergency assistance provided in response to the South Kivu tanker truck explosion.

⁴ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁵ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- OCHA reported that conflict between the Armed Forces of the DRC (FARDC) and the Democratic Liberation Forces of Rwanda (FDLR) continued to displace populations in Kabare Territory, South Kivu Province as of June 4. Humanitarian agencies have received reports of civilian deaths and looting associated with the conflict.

Population Displacement and Insecurity in North Kivu and South Kivu Provinces

- In early June, the Tripartite Technical Working Group, composed of Government of Burundi (GoB), the Government of DRC (GoDRC), and UNHCR officials, estimated that approximately 18,000 Burundian refugees reside in South Kivu Province, while more than 24,500 Congolese refugees reside in Burundi. Of the totals, approximately 6,400 Burundians and 15,700 Congolese live in areas inaccessible to humanitarian organizations, according to the working group.
- Fighting between FARDC and Allied Democratic Forces/National Army for the Liberation of Uganda (ADF/NALU) elements in Beni Territory, North Kivu Province—as well as an attack on Mutwanga town by the ADF/NALU on June 28—resulted in nine deaths and displaced at least 1,800 individuals to Beni, Nobili, and Bunyaka towns, Beni Territory, as well as across the border to Uganda. However, OCHA notes that exact numbers remain unknown.
- In late May, an interagency mission organized by UNHCR reported to OCHA that nearly 8,000 IDPs continued to reside along the Bendersa–Kalemie road in Tanganyika District, Katanga Province, while an estimated 4,400 others previously residing along the road had returned to areas of origin in South Kivu Province since February.
- Between April 27 and May 1, USAID/OFDA representatives traveled to Ruthuru and Masisi territories, North Kivu Province, to assess IDP return intentions and evaluate USAID/OFDA-supported programs in the area.
- To date in FY 2010, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$10.7 million in humanitarian assistance to support health, nutrition, protection, agriculture and food security, economic recovery and market systems, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions in South Kivu and North Kivu provinces. USAID/OFDA also supports the provision of emergency relief commodities in the two provinces.

Population Displacement and Insecurity in Orientale Province

- The LRA continues to attack civilians in Haut-Uélé and Bas-Uélé districts, Orientale Province. In addition, conflict in Ituri District continues to cause population displacement.
- On June 29, OCHA reported increased violence in Irumu Territory, Ituri District, due to FARDC operations against militant groups in Poto-poto and Mokato-Ngazi zones.
- Between May 4 and 7, USAID/OFDA staff traveled to Dungu town, Haut-Uélé District, to evaluate programs, discuss insecurity and logistical constraints impeding humanitarian assistance, and meet with IDPs who previously fled LRA-related violence. The USAID/OFDA team reported that, in general, MONUC presence has not prevented LRA-related insecurity. In addition, WFP reported that the organization remains unable to deliver emergency food assistance to the majority of affected populations except through air drops.
- In FY 2010 to date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$4.3 million to implementing partners for the distribution of emergency relief commodities, as well as to support agriculture and food security programs, in Orientale Province.

Population Displacement and Insecurity in Equateur Province

- As of June 4, UNHCR had registered nearly 115,000 individuals from Equateur Province who fled to the Republic of Congo (RoC) as a result of clashes between the FARDC and Enyele militants between December 2009 and May 2010. From June 3 to 5, the GoDRC, UNHCR, and the Government of RoC met in RoC to discuss voluntary refugee repatriation and plan a joint mission to assess the potential for returns.
- According to OCHA, 3,000 people who fled western Makanza Territory in February due to clashes between the FARDC and Enyele militants remained displaced in Equateur Province as of June 11.
- In June, OCHA reported intensification of inter-communal conflict in Kungu town, Sud-Ubangi District, as well as confrontations between the pygmy and Bantu populations in Bombili town.
- According to OCHA, persistent insecurity and significant logistical constraints continue to limit humanitarian access to affected populations in Equateur Province. USAID/OFDA staff in Washington, D.C.; Nairobi, Kenya; and Kinshasa, DRC; continue to monitor humanitarian conditions in the area.

Flooding and Landslides

- The 2009–2010 rainy season, which commenced in October 2009 south of the equator and in April 2010 north of the equator, has impeded humanitarian access and caused property destruction in North Kivu, Equateur, and Orientale provinces.
- According to OCHA, heavy rains that started in June impeded the delivery of humanitarian assistance in Kagheri-Kasugho area, North Kivu Province, as well as in Kungu Territory, Equateur Province, in June and early July.
- In late May, floods affecting approximately 5,000 people near Joo and Gbli towns in Djugu Territory, Ituri District, Orientale Province. According to OCHA, humanitarian agencies provided health, food, and WASH assistance to affected populations.

- On May 17, a landslide caused by heavy rains in Kibiriga town, North Kivu Province, killed 21 people and destroyed 232 homes, according to OCHA. Humanitarian agencies responded to identified needs with emergency food assistance and relief supplies.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On October 7, 2009, U.S. Chargé d' Affaires, a.i., Samuel V. Brock redeclared a disaster for FY 2010 in response to the ongoing humanitarian emergency in DRC.
- In FY 2010 to date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$16 million for agriculture and food security, health, nutrition, protection, economic recovery and market systems, and WASH programs in the DRC. USAID/OFDA also supports the distribution of emergency relief commodities.
- To date in FY 2010, USAID/FFP has provided nearly 9,900 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance for emergency operations in Orientale Province, valued at approximately \$18.5 million, as well as approximately 22,800 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance for protracted relief and recovery operations, valued at more than \$65.5 million.
- In FY 2010 to date, State/PRM has provided more than \$31 million to support refugee return and reintegration programs in the DRC, as well as health, WASH, economic recovery and market systems, and protection initiatives.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DRC IN FY 2010

FY 2010			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Action Against Hunger/USA (AAH/USA)	Agriculture and Food Security	Orientale Province	\$550,000
CRS	Agriculture and Food Security, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Orientale and South Kivu Provinces	\$1,457,830
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, Nutrition, and Protection	North Kivu Province	\$2,299,686
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health	North Kivu Province	\$550,000
Medair	Health	Orientale Province	\$300,000
Mercy Corps	WASH	North Kivu Province	\$999,858
Première Urgence	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems	North Kivu and Orientale Provinces	\$3,145,225
Solidarites	WASH	North Kivu Province	\$700,000
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Protection, Logistics and Relief Commodities	North Kivu, Orientale, and South Kivu Provinces	\$1,750,070
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
Welthungerhilfe (WHH)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems	North Kivu Province	\$1,499,941
World Relief International (WRI)	Agriculture and Food Security	North Kivu Province	\$587,311
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$1,218,034
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$16,057,955

USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	9,840 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance for Emergency Operations	Orientale Province	\$18,526,400
WFP	22,820 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance for Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations	Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, and Equateur Provinces	\$65,528,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$84,055,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Refugees	South Kivu Province	\$1,097,021
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Health, Logistics, Protection, and Relief Commodities	Equateur, Katanga, North Kivu, Orientale, and South Kivu Provinces	\$13,000,000
UNHCR	Refugees	Equateur, Katanga, North Kivu, Orientale, and South Kivu Provinces	\$17,300,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2010			\$31,397,021
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN FY 2010			\$100,112,955
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DRC IN FY 2010			\$131,509,976

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of July 12, 2010.

² Estimated value of food assistance as of July 12, 2010.



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