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## **Kyrgyzstan – Complex Emergency**

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

June 16, 2010

### **BACKGROUND AND KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- The ousting of former Kyrgyzstan President Kurmanbek Bakiev on April 7 by opposition forces and establishment of an interim government headed by Roza Otunbayeva exacerbated longstanding ethnic tensions in areas of Kyrgyzstan, particularly in the Ferghana Valley—which includes Osh and Jalalabad *oblasts*, or administrative units. Land and housing disputes between Uzbek and Kyrgyz populations have occurred for several decades in the area.
- On the evening of June 10, tensions between ethnic Kyrgyz and Uzbek populations led to violent clashes in the city of Osh. In the following days, civil unrest continued to escalate and spread to the city of Jalalabad, the stronghold of the former president. On June 13, the Government of Kyrgyzstan (GoK) declared a state of emergency in the greater region of southern Kyrgyzstan.
- To date, violence in southern Kyrgyzstan has resulted in more than 1,870 injuries and approximately 179 confirmed deaths, according to the GoK Ministry of Health (MoH). According to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), 80,000 refugees have crossed from Kyrgyzstan into Uzbekistan, of which the Government of Uzbekistan (GoU) had officially registered 75,000 as of June 15. In addition, reports indicate up to 40,000 additional individuals internally displaced at or near the Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan border. Humanitarian agencies continue to report a broad range of overall internally displaced person figures, as estimates vary due to limited access to affected areas.
- On June 12, U.S. Ambassador Tatiana C. Gfoeller issued a disaster declaration in response to the complex emergency in Kyrgyzstan. In response, USAID/OFDA is providing \$50,000 to non-governmental organization (NGO) CitiHope International for the provision of emergency relief commodities to conflict-affected families in Kyrgyzstan. In addition, USAID/OFDA is providing \$50,000 to the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) for the provision of emergency relief commodities to individuals displaced from Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Confirmed Deaths</b>	179	GoK MoH – June 15, 2010
<b>Injuries</b>	1,870	GoK MoH – June 15, 2010
<b>Refugees</b>	75,000	GoU and Humanitarian Agencies - June 15, 2010

### **FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

<b>USAID/OFDA Assistance to Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan .....</b>	<b>\$100,000<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>USAID/OTI<sup>2</sup> Assistance to Kyrgyzstan.....</b>	<b>\$5,850,000</b>
<b>USAID/Kyrgyzstan Assistance to Kyrgyzstan .....</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>STATE/EUR/ACE<sup>3</sup> Assistance to Kyrgyzstan .....</b>	<b>\$217,000</b>
<b>DoD<sup>4</sup> Assistance to Kyrgyzstan.....</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Total USAID, State, and DoD Humanitarian Assistance to Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.....</b>	<b>\$6,776,000</b>

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- The USAID/OFDA Principal Regional Advisor, currently in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, reports that insecurity continues to impede humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas; as a result, information regarding humanitarian needs remains largely anecdotal. However, initial reports indicate the need for medical supplies to treat conflict-related injuries, food commodities, and safe drinking water. In addition, reports indicate a fuel shortage and electrical outages in some affected areas.
- The U.N. is currently drafting a U.N. Flash Appeal for Kyrgyzstan, scheduled for launch in the coming days. ICRC has launched a preliminary emergency appeal requesting \$8.8 million to support 100,000 conflict-affected individuals in Kyrgyzstan.

<sup>1</sup> This figure does not include \$50,000 provided during early April in response to civil unrest following the ousting of the former Kyrgyzstan president.

<sup>2</sup> USAID’s Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI)

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of State Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia/South and Central Asia (State/EUR/ACE)

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

## **Humanitarian Needs and Security**

### *Kyrgyzstan*

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), insecurity is currently impeding transportation of food and emergency relief commodities into affected areas and USAID/OFDA reports NGO presence remains limited in affected areas. Preliminary reports indicate the distribution of some humanitarian assistance, although the distributions are largely localized efforts.
- USAID/OFDA highlights the need to assess outlying Uzbek neighborhoods, significantly affected by the violence.
- ICRC and the Kyrgyz Red Crescent Society (KRCS) are currently providing emergency relief commodities to populations in affected areas. To date, one ICRC-supported flight of commodities transporting medical supplies has arrived in southern Kyrgyzstan with an additional 12 flights—transporting medical supplies, shelter materials, and water containers—scheduled to arrive in the coming days. The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is preparing an airlift to Osh and the deployment of an emergency team to Kyrgyzstan. UNHCR has established a warehouse in Osh and has begun initial relief distributions for 2,000 individuals.
- ICRC, U.N. agencies, and the KRCS are currently assessing shelter needs in conflict-affected areas. According to OCHA, the initial planning figure estimates 40,000 individuals in need of shelter assistance.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) has 3,000 metric tons (MT) of pre-positioned food stocks in Kyrgyzstan, able to support 87,000 individuals for a two-month period.

### *Uzbekistan*

- As of June 15, the GoU had registered 75,000 refugees displaced from Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan, although the figure is expected to increase. The GoU has welcomed international support for the provision of emergency assistance to the refugee population.
- UNHCR has deployed an emergency response team to the Uzbek side of the border to respond to humanitarian needs of refugees. UNHCR plans to transport emergency relief commodities to the area to support approximately 75,000 individuals. Two of six planned cargo flights transporting emergency relief commodities—including shelter materials and blankets—arrived at the Andijan airport in Uzbekistan on June 16. In total, UNHCR plans to provide approximately 240 MT of humanitarian assistance from UNHCR’s central emergency stockpile in Dubai. UNICEF has also transported kitchen sets, blankets, hygiene kits, and safe drinking water to the area for distribution.

## **U.S. GOVERNMENT (USG) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- On June 12, U.S. Ambassador Tatiana C. Gfoeller issued a disaster declaration in response to the complex emergency in Kyrgyzstan. To date, the USG has provided nearly \$6.8 million in response to the complex emergency in Kyrgyzstan and resulting displacement to Uzbekistan.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided \$100,000 for the provision of emergency relief commodities in response to the Kyrgyzstan complex emergency and resulting displacement to Uzbekistan. USAID/OFDA plans to program up to \$3 million based on humanitarian needs assessment results, expected in the coming days. The USAID/OFDA Principal Regional Advisor is currently in Bishkek to liaise with U.N. agencies, NGOs, and USG representatives, identify emergency humanitarian needs, and coordinate relief efforts in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek and U.S. Embassy in Tashkent. Two additional USAID/OFDA staff members are scheduled to arrive in Bishkek in the coming days.
- In recent days, USAID/OTI has signed agreements valued at \$154,900 to promote stability and restore critical GoK functions. On June 16, USAID/OTI provided approximately \$20,000 in office equipment and other supplies to the Office of the Coordinator of the Provincial Government to assist with ongoing efforts to monitor humanitarian assistance efforts on behalf of the GoK. USAID/OTI staff in Bishkek continue to monitor the situation and coordinate with other USAID and USG staff in Bishkek and in Washington, D.C., to develop additional interventions to rapidly respond to evolving needs, promote stability, and provide technical assistance to the GoK.
- USAID/Kyrgyzstan has provided \$600,000 for health assistance and State/EUR/ACE has provided \$217,000 for medical supplies to treat conflict-related injuries.
- DoD has worked through the U.S. Manas Transit Center to procure emergency relief commodities, including food commodities and safe drinking water, for immediate distribution in southern Kyrgyzstan. DoD continues to coordinate with the U.S. Department of State and USAID to provide additional humanitarian assistance, including the provision of medical supplies to the affected population. To date, DoD assistance is valued at \$9,000.
- The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) plans to provide an initial contribution of up to \$5 million towards the ICRC and UNHCR appeals in response to humanitarian needs in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

## USAID, DOD AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KYRGYZSTAN AND UZBEKISTAN

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
UNICEF	Emergency Relief Commodities	Uzbekistan	\$50,000
CitiHope International	Emergency Relief Commodities	Kyrgyzstan	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$100,000<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
International Resource Group	Small-Scale Community Improvement and Stability	Kyrgyzstan	\$5,850,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI</b>			<b>\$5,850,000</b>
<b>USAID/KYRGYZSTAN ASSISTANCE</b>			
Implementing Partners	Health	Kyrgyzstan	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/KYRGYZASTAN</b>			<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>STATE/EUR/ACE ASSISTANCE</b>			
Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Health	Medical Supplies – Common Humanitarian Assistance Program (CHAP)	Kyrgyzstan	\$217,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/EUR/ACE ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$217,000</b>
<b>DOD ASSISTANCE</b>			
	Emergency relief supplies	Kyrgyzstan	\$9,000
<b>TOTAL DOD ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG ASSISTANCE TO KYRGYSTAN COMPLEX EMERGENCY IN FY 2010</b>			<b>\$6,776,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 16, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> This figure does not include \$50,000 provided during early April in response to civil unrest following the ousting of the former Kyrgyzstan president.

**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. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for complex emergency response efforts in Kyrgyzstan can be found at [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org). Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Kyrgyzstan may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).
- 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](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)