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USAID/OFDA Fiscal Year 2010 Haiti Protection Programs and Strategy

USAID/OFDA'S APPROACH TO PROTECTION

USAID/OFDA prioritizes protection mainstreaming within humanitarian programs, implementing humanitarian interventions in ways that reduce risks of harm, exploitation, and abuse for the earthquake-affected population. For example, in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector, protection mainstreaming includes considering women's and children's safety when determining the placement of latrines and water provision sites in spontaneous settlements. USAID/OFDA supports implementing partners to understand and mitigate protection risks within the earthquake response.

USAID/OFDA protection interventions include emergency child protection activities that identify and register acutely vulnerable children, such as unaccompanied and separated children, to facilitate family tracing and provide care and protection for children without caregivers. Other emergency child protection activities include providing safe spaces for children to play and receive care and protection. These activities reduce the risk of child trafficking and provide psychosocial support for children and caregivers.

Programs also focus on gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and treatment, including provision of lighting in spontaneous settlements for high-risk areas and support for treatment and psychosocial services for survivors.

USAID/OFDA also supports protection monitoring for the earthquake-affected population to ensure that humanitarian agencies monitor the needs of vulnerable populations and raise concerns through cluster coordination mechanisms.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND CAMP LIGHTING

USAID/OFDA will address gender-based violence through safety measures incorporated into other sector activities, such as food and relief supply distributions and latrine construction, as well as through targeted assistance for survivors, such as psychosocial support and referrals to medical and legal assistance.

USAID/OFDA has provided lighting units and generators to improve lighting in areas of greatest need in spontaneous settlements. The lighting units may serve to illuminate latrine areas where women and children face heightened GBV risk. USAID/OFDA-provided lighting units can illuminate an area of up to seven acres.

CURRENT USAID/OFDA PROTECTION PROGRAMS

As of June 25, USAID/OFDA had provided nearly \$10 million to implementing partners with direct programs in humanitarian protection. USAID/OFDA also continues to require protection mainstreaming in programs targeting other humanitarian sectors and continues to review and plan protection interventions through other implementing partners.



USAID/OFDA partner Project Concern distributes emergency relief supplies in the Desprez neighborhood of Port-au-Prince. (Photo: Project Concern)

With nearly **\$3.5 million** in USAID/OFDA support, **Catholic Relief Services** is implementing programs in child protection and providing psychosocial services to a targeted 8,340 affected individuals in Artibonite, Grand Anse, Nippes, Northeast, Northwest, South, and West Departments.

USAID/OFDA has provided nearly **\$480,000** to **Food for the Hungry** to facilitate the creation of neighborhood safe spaces for children and to implement GBV prevention interventions. Programs target nearly 154,000 beneficiaries in Deprez, Bel Air, Bois Verna, Nazon, Delmas 1 to 4 and 12, Bellevue la Montagne, Siloe, Kenscoff, and Aux Cadets spontaneous settlements in metropolitan Port-au-Prince. Specific activities include developing educational and community-based activities for children in neighborhood safe spaces, providing psycho-social services to earthquake-affected individuals, and forming women's support groups, implementing GBV awareness raising programs for men and boys, and forming committees of prominent community members responsible for overseeing community-level GBV prevention, as well as using local systems to identify and address cases of GBV.

USAID/OFDA has provided nearly **\$1.5 million** to **International Medical Corps** to increase the psychosocial and physical well-being of children in residential centers. Activities include training for residential center caregivers and administrators in child protection issues, development of institutional systems to report or refer child protection issues, repair to residential center infrastructure, and training for primary health care providers in child health care.

With more than **\$2.4 million** in USAID/OFDA support, the **International Rescue Committee** is implementing humanitarian interventions in child protection and GBV prevention and response for displaced persons. Programs target 10,000 beneficiaries in Martissant, Belaire, Delmas 89A, Tabarre, Champ de Mars, Carrefour Feuilles, and Turgeau spontaneous settlements. Activities include increasing access to GBV referral information and legal counseling, as well as protection coordination and advocacy.

USAID/OFDA has provided **\$500,000** to the **U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)** for programs in child protection and GBV prevention and response. Specific activities include monitoring and reporting on protection concerns for women and children, prevention of family separation, community-based child protection, and support to government structures responsible for key aspects of child protection.

USAID/OFDA has provided **\$500,000** to the **U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA)** for programs in GBV prevention, response, and coordination, as well as the provision of reproductive health kits and services to earthquake-affected populations.

USAID/OFDA has provided more than **\$890,000** to **Save the Children** to ensure children adequate protection from abuse, exploitation, and family separation, as well as for the provision of child psychosocial care. Programs target 20,000 children in West and Southeast departments. Specific activities include the creation of child-friendly spaces, registration of unaccompanied children, prevention of trafficking and GBV, and provision of psychosocial care.

For more information on USAID/OFDA protection sector activities, please visit:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/sectors/protection.html