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## *Haiti – Earthquake*

Fact Sheet #3, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

October 15, 2010

*Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 8, 2010.*

### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On October 15, a delivery of 1,000 rolls of USAID/OFDA plastic sheeting, as well as 6,000 USAID/OFDA blankets and water containers, arrived in Port-au-Prince to supplement emergency relief supplies already prepositioned in Haiti in preparation for potential hurricane season needs. The new plastic sheeting is sufficient to meet the emergency shelter needs of an estimated 5,000 beneficiaries. The delivery brings additional USAID/OFDA relief supplies—comprising blankets, water containers, hygiene kits, and kitchen sets—prepositioned throughout Haiti to a level ample to benefit 100,000 individuals.
- As of October 12, international humanitarian agencies had constructed nearly 17,400 transitional shelters (t-shelters), including 7,444 completed by USAID/OFDA grantees, representing nearly 43 percent of the total completed t-shelters.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
<b>Estimated Deaths</b>	230,000 <sup>1</sup>	GoH <sup>2</sup> – February 15
<b>Verified Number of Displaced Individuals in Settlements</b>	1.2 million	IOM <sup>3</sup> – August 31
<b>Estimated Affected Population</b>	3 million	U.N. – January 15

### FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

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### CONTEXT

- On January 12 at 1653 hours local time, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck southern Haiti. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the earthquake’s epicenter was located 10 miles southwest of the capital Port-au-Prince, West Department. The earthquake killed an estimated 230,000 people and affected approximately 3 million others, according to the GoH. On January 13, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti Kenneth H. Merten declared a disaster due to the effects of the earthquake. In response, the U.S. Government (USG) provided more than \$1.1 billion to meet humanitarian needs in Haiti in FY 2010, nearly \$663 million from USAID. The USAID contribution comprises nearly \$368 million from USAID/OFDA, \$177.5 million from USAID’s Office of Food for Peace, \$67 million from USAID’s Office of Transition Initiatives, more than \$47 million from USAID/Haiti, and \$3 million from USAID/Dominican Republic.
- During the months following the earthquake, humanitarian efforts met the immediate needs of earthquake-affected populations by providing safe drinking water, food, household items, shelter assistance, sanitation facilities, and health services. USAID continues to work closely with other USG agencies, the GoH, international organizations, the U.N., and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to coordinate ongoing efforts and facilitate the transition from emergency relief activities to recovery operations, while preparing to respond to potential further deterioration in humanitarian conditions during the rainy and hurricane seasons.

### *Shelter and Settlements*

- Teams of engineers from the habitability assessment project funded by USAID/OFDA and the World Bank continue to assess buildings throughout earthquake-affected areas. As of October 11, teams from the GoH Ministry of Public Works, Transport, and Communication; the U.N. Office for Project Services; and USAID/OFDA grantee the Pan-American Development Foundation (PADF), working with Miyamoto International, had assessed 289,491 buildings out of an estimated total of 350,000 to 400,000 buildings that require habitability assessments. As such, the teams assessed more than 10,600 buildings during the past week, and Miyamoto International projects that engineers will complete the habitability assessment by the end of November.
- The October 11 habitability assessment figures indicated that 52 percent of houses are “green,” or safe for habitation, with another 26 percent classified as “yellow,” indicating that houses could be made safe with repairs.

<sup>1</sup> Death estimates vary

<sup>2</sup> Government of Haiti (GoH)

<sup>3</sup> International Organization for Migration (IOM)

In addition, 21 percent are deemed “red,” or unsafe for habitation and requiring major repairs or demolition, and the status of 1 percent of assessed houses is not yet reported.

- To build local capacity, PADF has supported Miyamoto International’s training of 270 engineers to conduct damage assessments, 32 engineers to conduct repair assessments, and 30 engineers and 150 masons for repair activities. All trained individuals are Haitian nationals.

### ***Protection***

- During an October 8 meeting with the USAID/OFDA protection advisor, U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) staff noted that NGOs and GoH agencies have registered a total of 3,900 children through the Family Tracing and Reunification (FTR) process, reunifying more than 1,000 children with family members. USAID/OFDA is funding UNICEF, Save the Children, Catholic Relief Services, and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to support FTR registration in areas where other USAID/OFDA activities are ongoing. UNICEF noted that the Child Protection Sub-Cluster plans to develop standardized criteria for reunified family support, including providing child-focused relief supplies, to avoid re-separation of children from families that have been reunified.
- With USAID/OFDA assistance, Food for the Hungry (FH) operates 65 child-friendly spaces in the metropolitan Port-au-Prince area and has provided training to 239 individuals on gender-based violence (GBV) issues, including the definition of GBV, identification of GBV survivors, prevention of and response to violence against women and children, and GBV in the Haitian context. FH has also conducted GBV awareness sessions for 317 cash-for-work (CFW) beneficiaries, which focused on the role of men in protecting women and children in the community. In some areas, FH has begun to transfer responsibility for child-friendly space activities from FH staff to local child protection committees.
- On October 13, the IRC reported identifying and training 33 community leaders in psychosocial support, use of GBV referral systems, and GBV prevention and awareness raising activities. The individuals work with displaced and host communities at the Teleco, Villambetta, Valle de Bourdon, and Champs de Mars displaced persons sites.
- During an October 12 visit to a USAID/OFDA-funded International Medical Corps (IMC) clinic at the Tabarre Issa planned settlement site, USAID/OFDA staff noted that clinic personnel had received training in GBV case management and the GBV referral system. IMC also plans to train community leaders to serve on GBV awareness and prevention teams and hold a child protection event on October 16 and 17 to provide information on children’s rights and child abuse prevention to up to 170 children.

### ***Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management***

- Participants at an October 8 and 9 U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)-sponsored Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) workshop met to identify strategies and activities for humanitarian action in 2011 that are linked to recovery and long-term development programs. More than 100 people attended the workshop, including representatives from USAID/OFDA, NGOs, international organizations, and the GoH.
- U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator and Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) Nigel Fisher highlighted the need for recovery and development activities to scale up, noting that the emergency situation may extend or potentially deteriorate in the absence of longer-term initiatives.
- USAID/OFDA grantee Handicap International has developed recommendations for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the 2011 CAP and has requested that the recommendations be circulated to cluster leads to ensure that disability issues are mainstreamed into the CAP.

### ***Economic Recovery and Market Systems***

- With USAID/OFDA support, Mercy Corps had employed between 7,000 and 8,000 beneficiaries through CFW in the central plateau region as of October 7, reaching an average of 2,000 beneficiaries per week. Mercy Corps expects to reach the targeted beneficiary caseload of 20,000 individuals by December.
- Mercy Corps has piloted a mobile money mechanism to strengthen existing banking institutions and explore new methods for money transfer. Mobile money uses beneficiary cell phones to inform individuals of payment deposits and account balances. The pilot, funded by Mercy Corps, uses mobile money to transfer USAID/OFDA funding for CFW payments to beneficiaries. Mercy Corps has completed five payment cycles, transferring 2 million Haitian gourdes—or nearly \$50,000—to a total of 415 CFW beneficiaries.
- Mercy Corps noted that individuals in the pilot group have been receptive to the idea of mobile money; as a result, Mercy Corps plans to continue to expand the project and provide training for other NGOs in the coming months.

### ***Preparedness***

- On October 12, USAID/OFDA Program Office staff and the USAID/OFDA disaster risk management specialist for Haiti conducted an orientation meeting with 17 potential surge capacity consultants, available to conduct damage and needs assessments in response to disasters nationwide.

- During the October 12 Shelter Cluster Meeting, Shelter Cluster leads described current efforts to identify replacement needs for deteriorating plastic sheeting in advance of heavy rains that could destroy the material. While international grade plastic sheeting—the grade provided by USAID/OFDA—can typically withstand such weather events, the Shelter Cluster has noted that some plastic sheeting provided in the immediate response was not international grade, and winds and heavy rains have caused fraying and leaking. The Shelter Cluster plans to solicit information from members regarding plastic sheeting replacement needs by location.

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

FY 2011			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
	Logistics and Relief Commodities		\$516,110
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$516,110</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2011</b>			<b>\$516,110</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of October 15, 2010

#### 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 organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Haiti may be available at [www.oneresponse.info/disasters/haiti](http://www.oneresponse.info/disasters/haiti) and [www.usaid.gov/haiti](http://www.usaid.gov/haiti).
- 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, and warehouse space); 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/haiti](http://www.usaid.gov/haiti)
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)