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Democratic Republic of the Congo – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated November 20, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Following a November 18 National Congress of the Defense of the People (CNDP) announcement to pull back CNDP troops from the Kanyabayonga-Nyanzale and Kabasha-Kiwanja axes in North Kivu Province, the U.N. Department of Safety and Security confirmed an initial CNDP withdrawal from the area on November 20. However, USAID/DART staff note that the presence of multiple armed groups continues to destabilize Lubero and Rutshuru territories.
- Between November 11 and 22, USAID/OFDA completed five direct flights and nine overland truckloads of emergency relief commodities to Goma, North Kivu Province, to assist 100,000 conflict-affected individuals. Valued at nearly \$1.9 million, including transport, USAID/OFDA-provided commodities included 500 rolls of plastic sheeting, 10,000 blankets, 20,000 kitchen sets, 20,000 mosquito nets, 36,000 water containers, 30,000 sleeping mats, 40,000 kilograms of soap, and two 10,000-liter water bladders.
- USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff based in Goma continue to monitor population movements and assess humanitarian conditions in North Kivu Province, facilitate coordination and information sharing among U.N. and relief agencies, and work with implementing partners to address the needs of conflict-affected populations.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
North Kivu IDPs since August 2008	252,000	OCHA ¹ – November 2008
Total North Kivu IDPs ²	1,000,000	OCHA – November 2008
Congolese Refugees since August 2008	15,000	UNHCR ³ – November 2008
Total Congolese Refugees	310,000	UNHCR – November 2008

FY 2009 AND FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to DRC.....	\$23,191,178
USAID/FFP ⁴ Assistance to DRC	\$100,687,200
STATE/PRM ⁵ Assistance to DRC	\$33,989,988
Total USAID and State Assistance to DRC	\$157,868,366

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of November 26, an escalation of looting by the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FARDC) in Kanyabayonga, Kayna, and Kirumba in Lubero Territory during the week of November 17 continues to contribute to insecurity and restricted humanitarian access south of Lubero town, according to U.N. reports.
- In Rutshuru Territory, humanitarian organizations are scheduled to begin relief commodity deliveries to Rutshuru and Kiwanja on November 26, targeting an estimated 8,000 and 10,000 households, respectively. In addition, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) has completed food distributions to 99,000 beneficiaries in the same area in recent days.

Displacement

- According to a preliminary UNHCR report, 98 percent of the estimated 65,000 IDPs residing at Kibati 1 and 2 camps located 15 kilometers north of Goma represent secondary displacement, including 58 percent displaced for less than three months, 19 percent displaced for 3 to 12 months, and 23 percent displaced between 1 to 3 years.
- To facilitate IDP tracking and reporting associated with the current crisis, USAID/DART staff reported that the Movement of Populations Committee resumed meetings in Goma on November 20, following a protracted suspension beginning in spring 2008.

¹ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

² Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

³ Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

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)

Nutrition

- Insecurity and rising food costs are contributing to increased concerns regarding food security and nutrition levels in North Kivu Province. Between January and November 2008, food commodity prices increased more than 114 percent due to the collective impact of insecurity, disruptions to agricultural production, and poor infrastructure conditions, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). However, U.N. reports indicate that food prices have started to decline in recent weeks.
- In a November 21 report, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) highlighted an increase in malnutrition rates in North Kivu since August, including a 55 percent overall increase in the most affected health zones of Karisimbi, Rutshuru, Beni, Oicha and Kayna. In October, UNICEF reported providing treatment for 1,430 malnourished children.
- UNICEF continues to support 28 therapeutic feeding centers, 97 supplementary feeding centers, 19 ambulatory therapeutic feeding units, and 3 intensive therapeutic feeding units to address malnutrition in North Kivu. In addition, humanitarian organizations are conducting nutritional screening in Musienene, Butembo, Katwa and Masisi health zones to assess nutrition conditions and inform appropriate response efforts.

Health

- During the week of November 16, UNICEF reported an additional 433 cases of cholera and 9 deaths in North Kivu. Ongoing population movement and damage to water installations have reduced water availability exacerbating concerns for an increase in cholera cases and other waterborne diseases.
- USAID/DART staff note that humanitarian organizations continue efforts to increase water, sanitation, and hygiene standards (WASH) in IDP camps to address the spread of cholera, including the recent U.N. WASH Cluster decision to increase latrine coverage in IDP camps from 50 people per latrine to 20 people per latrine, in accordance with Sphere standards. However, insecurity continues to impede humanitarian interventions.
- UNICEF also reported 141 measles cases and 2 deaths during the week of November 16, including 38 new cases in Masisi Territory. In addition to Kibati and Kirotshe, UNICEF has continued the implementation of an emergency measles vaccination and vitamin A campaign targeting a total of 86,000 children in Masisi in recent days.
- On November 24, USAID/OFDA committed more than \$750,000 to implementing partner Merlin to support health, nutrition, and WASH programs for conflict-affected populations in Rutshuru Territory, including IDPs and host communities.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On October 15, 2008, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Samuel V. Brock redeclared a disaster in response to the ongoing humanitarian emergency in the DRC.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$23 million in humanitarian assistance to the DRC, primarily targeting beneficiaries in North Kivu and South Kivu provinces. At present, USAID/OFDA is supporting programs in nutrition, health, agriculture, food security, logistics and relief commodities, economy and market systems, protection, water, sanitation, and hygiene, and shelter and settlements. USAID/OFDA maintains two permanent program officers in DRC.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/FFP has provided nearly \$101 million to meet the food needs of conflict-affected persons throughout eastern DRC, including 63,810 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance and funding for administrative support. In addition, USAID/FFP maintains a permanent FFP officer in the DRC responsible for monitoring food security-related activities.
- State/PRM provided nearly \$34 million to UNHCR, WFP, and NGO partners for protection and assistance and repatriation and reintegration programs benefiting returning refugees, IDPs, and host communities in FY 2008.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2009

FY 2009			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Handicap International	Economy and Market Systems	South Kivu Province	\$150,000
Merlin	Health, Nutrition, Protection, and WASH	North Kivu Province	\$750,000

UNICEF	Logistics and Relief Commodities	North Kivu Province, Orientale Province	\$3,867,651
	Administrative Support	Countrywide	\$128,820
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$4,896,471
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	20,870 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, Orientale, Maniema, and Equateur Provinces	\$29,673,100
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$29,673,100
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2009			\$34,569,571
FY 2008			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
Air Service International (ASI)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$4,449,269
Concern	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems, and Logistics and Relief Commodities	North Kivu Province	\$784,398
German Agro Action (GAA)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems	Ituri Province	\$1,646,047
Handicap International	Health	North Kivu Province	\$416,494
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, WASH, Nutrition, and Protection	North Kivu Province	\$2,820,203
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Protection, and WASH	North Kivu Province	\$2,000,000
Mercy Corps	WASH	North Kivu Province	\$772,872
Merlin	Health, Nutrition, Protection, and WASH	North Kivu Province	\$842,953
Première Urgence	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems, Protection	North Kivu Province	\$2,071,058
UNICEF	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNHCR	Shelter and Settlements	North Kivu Province	\$1,000,000
	Administrative Support	Countrywide	\$991,413
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$18,294,707
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	42,940 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, Orientale, Maniema, and Equateur Provinces	\$68,972,700
Food for the Hungry International (FHI)	Administrative Support for P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga Province	\$2,041,400
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$71,014,100

STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ACTED	Refugee Assistance, Livelihoods	Katanga Province	\$1,000,000
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Shelter and Settlements	South Kivu Province	\$698,057
Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA)	Health	Katanga Province	\$20,000
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture and Food Security	Katanga Province	\$900,000
Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)	Psychosocial Services	Katanga Province	\$897,285
FHI	Agriculture and Food Security, Health	Katanga Province	\$1,173,463
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Emergency Relief for IDPs and Conflict Victims	Countrywide	\$8,500,000
IMC	Health, WASH, Protection	South Kivu Province	\$1,500,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Refugee Repatriation from Zambia	Katanga Province	\$500,000
Tearfund	Education	South Kivu Province	\$941,183
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance and Repatriation, Protection	Countrywide	\$12,300,000
UNHCR	IDP Assistance, Protection	Countrywide	\$5,160,000
WFP	Agriculture and Food Security, Refugee Assistance	Katanga Province, South Kivu Province	\$400,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$33,989,988
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2008			\$89,308,807
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2008			\$123,298,795
FY 2008 AND FY 2009			
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FY 2008 AND FY 2009			\$23,191,178
TOTAL USAID/FFP FY 2008 AND FY 2009			\$100,687,200
TOTAL STATE/PRM FY 2008 AND FY 2009			\$33,989,988
TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC			\$157,868,366

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 26, 2008.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

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 the DRC may be available at 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 – 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