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## Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated October 31, 2008.

### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On November 3 and 4, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) hydrologist and six-person U.S. Navy dive team arrived in Haiti with three military vehicles and diving gear to conduct a USAID/OFDA-funded, DOD-implemented underwater assessment of obstructed tunnels at Mirogoane Lake, Nippes Department. Members of the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) accompanied the assessment team and met with representatives from USAID/Haiti, and the Government of Haiti (GOH) Ministry of Public Works, Transportation, and Communications to facilitate information and communication coordination related to the assessment and resulting recommendations.
- On November 3, the GOH Minister of Agriculture announced plans to release \$36 million in funds for emergency agricultural activities in support of livelihood recovery for flood affected populations throughout Haiti.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
<b>Total Affected Population</b>	826,685	OCHA – October 2008
<b>Dead</b>	793	GOH – October 2008
<b>Missing</b>	310	GOH – October 2008
<b>IDPs<sup>1</sup></b>	151,072	GOH – September 2008
<b>IDPs Currently in Shelters</b>	35,000 - 40,000	IOM <sup>2</sup> – October 2008
<b>Other Damage</b>	22,702 houses destroyed, 84,625 houses damaged	GOH – October 2008

### FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE FOR HAITI HURRICANES

USAID/OFDA Assistance <sup>3</sup> .....	\$10,371,520
USAID/FFP <sup>4</sup> Assistance <sup>5</sup> .....	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance .....	\$5,000,000
DOD <sup>6</sup> Assistance .....	\$2,631,877
DHS <sup>7</sup> Assistance <sup>8</sup> .....	\$204,765
<b>Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in Calendar Year 2008 .....</b>	<b>\$32,208,162</b>

### CURRENT SITUATION

- On November 6, the USAID-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) reported that food security in Baie d'Orange, Southeast Department, has deteriorated significantly, increasing malnutrition concerns.
- U.N. and non-governmental organization (NGO) efforts to remove debris and rehabilitate damaged infrastructure continue. As of November 12, U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and implementing partners had cleaned approximately 100 schools through food-for-work activities. As a result, on November 10, schools reopened in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department, as planned but reported a reduced number of returning students. On November 13, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that some schools in the area remained closed due to the large quantities of residual mud.
- On October 29, heavy rainfall and resulting flooding killed seven individuals, as well as livestock, and damaged or destroyed at least 20 houses in the Dame Marie Commune in Grande Anse Department, according to OCHA.

<sup>1</sup> Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

<sup>2</sup> International Organization for Migration (IOM)

<sup>3</sup> This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of November 14, 2008.

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

<sup>5</sup> This amount does not include previous USAID/FFP contributions in response to other emergencies in Haiti in FY 2008.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

<sup>8</sup> DHS assistance represents funding for U.S. Coast Guard helicopter transport.

### ***Logistics***

- Ongoing infrastructure repairs continue to facilitate improved access in areas previously affected by floods. However, recent rains and associated flooding are impeding access in a number of areas in southern Haiti.
- According to the U.N. Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC), the recently repaired bridge at Grand Goave, West Department, and the Miragoane Lake bypass are now accessible to all vehicles.
- In South Department, UNJLC reports that the road between previously inaccessible Tiburon and Les Anglais towns is now accessible by light truck. However, the road linking Les Anglais and Port Salut remains limited to heavy vehicles, due to additional flooding.

### ***Nutrition***

- On October 28 and 29, Oxfam and Terre de Hommes conducted a rapid assessment of Baie d'Orange in Belle Anse Arrondissement, Southeast Department, and identified multiple cases of severe malnutrition, resulting in the medical evacuation of more than 20 children to Port au Prince on October 31.
- In response to assessment findings, representatives from the World Food Program (WFP), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), and UNICEF arrived in Baie d'Orange on November 4 to establish an emergency therapeutic feeding center.
- Since early November, multiple U.N. and NGO assessment teams have conducted nutrition surveys in Southeast Department to identify affected populations and inform appropriate response efforts. The week of November 3, assessment teams comprising representatives from WFP, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), MSF, and local Haitian medical authorities conducted nutrition evaluations in 12 communities in and around Baie d'Orange. In addition, SC, MSF/Belgium, and MSF/Holland are conducting nutrition surveys in multiple locations throughout Southeast Department.

### ***Emergency Food Assistance***

- As of November 13, WFP had distributed 7,867 metric tons (MT) of food to 627,803 beneficiaries, including approximately 5,049 MT of food assistance to Gonaïves, Artibonite Department. According to OCHA, WFP also continues to distribute new ration cards in Gonaïves and is currently conducting verification assessments in shelters to ensure assistance is reaching populations in need.
- The week of November 10, USAID-funded World Concern Haiti distributed relief assistance packages containing food, as well as kitchen and hygiene kits, to approximately 250 families in southern Haiti and 250 families in Northwest Department.
- To date, USAID/FFP has allocated \$14 million in food assistance to Haiti in order to address the needs of flood affected populations, including 870 MT provided to CARE and 4,620 MT of commodities provided for the WFP Emergency Operation (EMOP).

### ***Shelter***

- As of November 4, collective centers continued to house an estimated 2,000 families, representing a decrease of more than 4,000 families since October 9, according to OCHA.
- On October 25, IOM and Shelter Cluster members conducted a survey in Gonaïves in 30 school buildings used as temporary shelters. Survey results indicated that approximately 93 percent of the 1,964 interviewed families were willing to return home, and approximately 56 percent of families could return home with assistance provisions.
- According to OCHA, a total of 871 families surveyed by the Shelter Cluster on October 25 indicated an inability to return home, citing insecurity and inaccessibility, among other reasons. To accommodate IDPs unable to immediately return to residences of origin, the Shelter Cluster has identified three transitional shelter relocation sites in Gonaïves, pending GOH approval.
- Between November 3 and 23, IOM, CARE, and the Haitian Government distributed more than 1,900 shelter kits to families housed in Gonaïves schools.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SUMMARY**

- On September 2, U.S. Ambassador Janet A. Sanderson issued a disaster declaration in response to Hurricane Gustav and resulting flooding throughout Haiti. In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$10.3 million in humanitarian assistance to disaster-affected populations in Haiti, including support for logistics, emergency relief supplies, economy and market systems, shelter and settlements, coordination, WASH, health, agriculture and food security, and protection interventions.
- On September 4, a USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived in Port au Prince, delivering USAID/OFDA emergency relief supplies, including 5,088 hygiene kits, 10,800 ten-liter water containers, and 500 rolls of plastic sheeting, valued at nearly \$335,000 including transportation. The U.S. Coast Guard contributed an additional \$204,765 for helicopter transport and coordinated with implementing partner IOM to transport relief supplies from Port au Prince to affected

areas. On September 11, a second USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived with 10,200 ten-liter water containers, 5,088 hygiene kits, 700 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 2 water bladders, valued at more than \$410,000, including transport. On September 26, a third USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived with 5,088 hygiene kits, 4,350 water containers, and three water bladders, valued at more than \$96,000, including transport. The three airlifts delivered commodities benefiting more than 200,000 people.

- On September 7, USAID/OFDA authorized the deployment of a three-person Americas Support Team (AST) to Haiti. The AST, staffed by the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team and funded by USAID/OFDA, deployed to Haiti to supplement the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team based in Gonaïves. In mid-October, USAID/OFDA donated three AST tents, valued at more than \$40,000, to OCHA/Haiti to ensure continued humanitarian coordination in Gonaïves.
- USAID/Haiti is working to re-direct \$5 million in funds toward food and other assistance to meet critical needs related to the growing humanitarian crisis.
- USAID/FFP is providing \$14 million in response to the U.N. Flash Appeal, including approximately \$7 million provided for EMOP activities. The contribution will enable WFP and private voluntary organization (PVO) partners to respond to relief and recovery food aid needs in Haiti.
- As of October 10, DOD had provided support valued at more than \$2.6 million in response to a USAID request for helicopter transport.

### USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN 2008

<b>FY 2009</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$1,185,400
OCHA/Haiti	Coordination <sup>2</sup>	Artibonite Department	\$40,456
OCHA	Logistics <sup>3</sup>	Affected Areas	\$8,544
	Administrative Support		\$12,981
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$1,247,381</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2009</b>			<b>\$1,247,381</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 14, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> USAID/OFDA donation of meeting tents through AST is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

<sup>3</sup> Funding reflects AST transport of UNDAC module. The amount is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

<b>FY 2008</b>			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
American Red Cross	Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Artibonite, Southeast, and Grand Anse Departments	\$500,000
CHF	Economy and Market Systems	Artibonite and West Departments	\$1,995,062
IOM	Shelter and Settlements, Coordination	Affected Areas	\$1,506,008
OCHA	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$69,996
PADF	Shelter and Settlements, Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$158,560
PAHO	Health	Affected Areas	\$500,000
SC/US	Protection	Artibonite, West, and Southeast Departments	\$600,000
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$150,000
USAID/Haiti, IOM	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Affected Areas	\$845,232

WFP	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Logistics, WASH	Central Plateau, Artibonite and Northwest Departments	\$750,000
	Administrative Support		\$49,281
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$9,124,139</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
WFP and PVOs	P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$14,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$14,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE<sup>4</sup></b>			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/HAITI HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>DOD ASSISTANCE<sup>5</sup></b>			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$2,631,877
<b>TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$2,631,877</b>
<b>DHS ASSISTANCE</b>			
	Transportation and Logistics	Affected Areas	\$204,765
<b>TOTAL DHS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$204,765</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$30,960,781</b>
<b>FY 2009 AND FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE</b>			
<b>USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$10,371,520</b>
<b>USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$14,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/HAITI</b>			<b>\$5,000,000</b>
<b>DHS</b>			<b>\$204,765</b>
<b>DOD</b>			<b>\$2,631,877</b>
<b>TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008</b>			<b>\$32,208,162</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 14, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Funding represents AST transport of UNDAC module. The amount is not included in the \$10 million pledged by USAID/OFDA.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>4</sup> Funding reprogrammed from development to humanitarian relief activities.

<sup>5</sup> Funding approved for humanitarian relief activities in Haiti. The revised figure reflects costs added retroactively to include hourly utilization rates for helicopter transport in support of the emergency response.

## 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 Latin America and the Caribbean 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)

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)