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Kenya – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated March 19, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Several factors are impacting the upcoming maize harvest, including population displacement and security concerns that are preventing farmers in internally displaced person (IDP) camps from preparing land for the long-rains planting season. As a result, the number of hectares planted during the upcoming season is estimated to fall by 25 to 30 percent below normal levels, according to multiple assessments by the Government of Kenya (GOK), USAID’s Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) in February.
- According to findings from a joint-USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART), USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (FFP), and FEWS NET mid-March field assessment, most IDPs are reportedly remaining in or moving into camps due to perceptions of ongoing insecurity in pre-crisis homes, despite a decreased threat of violence since the signing of a power-sharing agreement on February 28. In addition, many IDPs cited hopes of restitution for damaged or destroyed business and personal property during the weeks of violence related to post-election turmoil in early 2008.
- The USAID/DART continues to conduct field assessments throughout affected regions of central and western Kenya, engage with U.N. and partner relief agencies to identify evolving humanitarian needs, and facilitate coordination and information sharing regarding response efforts.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Conflict-Affected Population at Risk of Poverty¹	2,000,000	The World Bank – January 18, 2008
Estimated IDPs in camps and centers	202,262	KRCS ² – March 26, 2008
Estimated IDPs within host communities	196,000	NDOC ³ – March 26, 2008
Deaths⁴	1,020	NDOC – March 11, 2008
Refugees in Uganda	12,000	UNHCR ⁵ – February 26, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Kenya	\$5,736,498
USAID/FFP Assistance to Kenya	\$39,719,000
State/PRM⁶ Assistance to Kenya.....	\$10,843,105
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Kenya	\$56,298,603

CURRENT SITUATION

- USAID/Kenya is working to develop a comprehensive strategy to facilitate population returns as reconciliation efforts and security permit. USAID field staff are working closely with USAID/OFDA partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to support small-scale returns, particularly near Eldoret town in Rift Valley Province.
- The USAID/DART reports that while humanitarian relief agencies are largely meeting short-term humanitarian needs in IDP camps, the team anticipates the need for medium to long-term response efforts as displaced families are likely to continue to reside in camps or with host communities.
- Based on multiple assessments of areas impacted by the post-election violence, multiple relief agencies anticipate that a segment of the displaced population will not return to pre-crisis homes. The team continues to emphasize the need to systematically register IDPs both in camps and host communities in order to better target assistance to vulnerable populations. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that KRCS is working

¹ While exact estimates of the total population affected by post-election violence vary, the World Bank estimated that 2 million Kenyans may be driven into poverty as a result of the ongoing complex emergency.

² Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS)

³ The GOK’s National Disaster Operations Center (NDOC).

⁴ The number of deaths reported by NDOC only include those confirmed by area hospitals and morgues. The complete number of deaths is still not known.

⁵ Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

⁶ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

with the U.N. Protection Cluster and additional relief agencies to initiate a uniform information collection and registration campaign.

Rift Valley Province

- From March 12 to 16, the USAID/DART, along with staff from USAID/FFP and FEWS NET, conducted field assessments throughout Rift Valley Province, where the team visited IDP camps in affected areas, including Naivahsa, Nakuru, Molo, Londiani, Koibatek, Uasin Gishu, Eldoret, Kisii, Narok, and Trans Nzoia districts. The team noted that although humanitarian relief agencies are meeting immediate emergency needs in camps, long-term camp management remains a priority in preparation for anticipated protracted displacement.
- Camp residents highlighted security in camps and at pre-crisis homes as the priority concern facing displaced populations. To address protection in formal settlement sites, the USAID/DART recommends protection activities such as increased lighting and fencing and improved monitoring of people entering and leaving sites. The USAID/DART is engaging with partner relief organizations such as KRCS and CRS to facilitate improved camp coordination and camp management.
- Findings from the USAID/DART field assessments indicate that host communities, which are currently hosting nearly half the IDP population, are depleting existing household resources in order to meet food and additional needs of those displaced since early 2008. The team recommends additional emergency assistance for host families such as support for livelihoods, as well as early recovery interventions targeting returnees.

Food Security

- In addition to security concerns hampering land preparation, a two-fold increase in fertilizer prices since 2007 is a further constraint for farmers. The USAID/DART agricultural and food security advisor reports that reduced planting activities could negatively impact the main harvest season.
- On March 19, the Agricultural and Rural Development Donors Group discussed the agriculture, livestock, and food security sectors in relation to the current post-election crisis. The group addressed short-term interventions targeting alternative, faster-maturing crops, as well as the fishing, dairy, and livestock industries and considered medium and long-term interventions to support the sectors.
- To date, WFP has provided 2,820 metric tons (MT) of food assistance through KRCS to address the food needs of Kenyans affected by the post-election violence. USAID/FFP has provided approximately 80 percent of WFP food distributions for the current crisis, or 2,256 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance.

Early Recovery

- On March 25, the Early Recovery Cluster began a 12-day comprehensive early recovery needs assessment designed to inform recommendations for activities to rebuild livelihoods and restore personal and business assets among affected communities. The cluster has identified several priorities in the early recovery and food security interventions, including data collection and analysis, IDP needs-monitoring in camps and with host families, and risk reduction planning. The assessment is also expected to inform early recovery proposals included in an upcoming revised inter-agency Emergency Humanitarian Response Plan.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On January 3, U.S. Ambassador Michael E. Ranneberger declared a disaster due to the effects of election-related violence in Kenya. To date in FY 2008, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$5.7 million in response to the crisis, assisting affected communities with health, nutrition, shelter, protection, relief commodity, and water, sanitation, and hygiene needs. The USAID/DART in Kenya is conducting humanitarian assessments in affected areas, identifying emergency needs, and coordinating the USG response in conjunction with the GOK, relief agencies, and other donors.
- USAID established a Humanitarian Task Force in Nairobi, which includes representatives from USAID/Kenya, USAID/East Africa, USAID/OFDA, USAID/FFP, the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, and other USG agencies, to facilitate information sharing and coordinate response efforts for the ongoing crisis. USAID staff will continue to conduct field assessments as security permits, liaise with relief partners, and identify emergency priority needs.
- To date in FY 2008, USAID/FFP has contributed 45,140 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance valued at nearly \$40 million to WFP emergency drought response and refugee feeding operations in Kenya. In response to the post-election crisis, WFP redirected 2,256 MT of USAID-provided food relief to KRCS for distribution to IDPs and other vulnerable groups, representing approximately 45 percent of KRCS' total food distribution to conflict-affected persons to date.
- To date in FY 2008, State/PRM has provided support to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and to Lutheran World Federation (LWF) for ongoing refugee care and maintenance projects in the Kakuma refugee camp in Turkana District, Rift Valley Province, and to CARE for camp management and water projects in the Dadaab refugee camp in Garissa District, North Eastern Province. In response to U.N. and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) emergency appeals, State/PRM has provided \$500,000 to UNHCR and \$3.4 million to ICRC using Emergency

Refugee and Migration Assistance funding. In FY 2007, State/PRM allocated more than \$14 million in support of refugee programs in Kenya, primarily for activities in Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)	Health	Nairobi	\$197,857
CRS	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Countrywide	\$198,395
CRS	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Logistics and Emergency Relief Supplies; Protection; and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Coast, Nyanza, Eastern, Western, and Rift Valley Provinces	\$2,815,081
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Rift Valley Province	\$500,000
KRCS	Emergency Relief Supplies	Countrywide	\$200,000
Merlin	Health	Nyanza Province	\$189,940
UNHCR	Protection; Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$773,825
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Health; Nutrition; and Protection	Countrywide	\$750,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$111,400
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$5,736,498
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	45,140 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$39,719,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$39,719,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
CARE	Refugee Assistance to Dadaab Camp	North Eastern Province	\$1,000,000
ICRC	IDP Protection and Assistance; Health; Shelter; and Water and Sanitation	Countrywide	\$3,400,000
IRC	Refugee Assistance to Kakuma Camp	Turkana District, Rift Valley Province	\$1,437,236
LWF	Refugee Assistance to Kakuma Camp	Turkana District, Rift Valley Province	\$455,869
UNHCR	IDP Protection and Assistance; Camp Coordination and Management; Emergency Shelter; HIV/AIDS	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance	Countrywide	\$4,050,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$10,843,105
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA IN FY 2008			\$56,298,603

¹ USAID/OFDA and State/PRM funding represent anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 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 Kenya 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