

# BUREAU FOR DEMOCRACY, CONFLICT, AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (DCHA) OFFICE OF U.S. FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (OFDA)

## Haiti - Earthquake

Fact Sheet #60, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

Note: The last fact sheet was dated June 18, 2010.

June 25, 2010

#### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- During a June 24 Logement Quartier meeting hosted by the U.N. Human Settlements Program (U.N. HABITAT),
  participants announced that the Baptist Mission, located adjacent to the Fort Mercredi neighborhood of Carrefour,
  metropolitan Port-au-Prince, had donated land north of the Cité Soleil neighborhood for transitional shelter (tshelter) construction. Shelter partners expect the newly donated area to accommodate families who previously
  rented property in Fort Mercredi but do not own land.
- USAID/OFDA hurricane preparedness team consultations with international counterparts continue. On June 22, the team met with a representative from the Office of the Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary General (SRSG) to discuss ongoing U.N. hurricane evacuation site planning efforts and a revision to the evacuation strategy previously drafted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The representative highlighted the need for a post-earthquake update to the plan, particularly to account for Haiti's high number of displaced individuals.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Estimated Deaths	$230,000^{1}$	GoH <sup>2</sup> – February 15
Estimated Number of Displaced Individuals in Haiti	2 million	IOM – April 5
Verified Number of Displaced Individuals in Settlements	1.6 million	IOM – June 11 <sup>3</sup>
Estimated Affected Population	3 million	U.N. – January 15

## FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

Total FY 2010 USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$390,396,016
Total FY 2010 USAID/FFP <sup>4</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$125,292,300
Total FY 2010 USAID/OTI <sup>5</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$67,000,000
Total FY 2010 USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$68,391,212
Total FY 2010 USAID/DR <sup>6</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$3,000,000
Total FY 2010 State/PRM <sup>7</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$11,200,000
Total FY 2010 DoD <sup>8</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$453,500,000
Total FY 2010 USAID, State, and DoD Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for the Earthqu	

#### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- On June 22, USAID/OFDA staff traveled to Léogâne municipality, West Department, to assess conditions following reports of flooding resulting from heavy rains on June 19 and 20. Initial reports indicate that floodwaters killed one woman and significantly affected at least 724 families, including an unknown number of individuals residing in displacement sites. The mayor's office and the Communal Committee for Civil Protection have commenced an impact assessment, according to USAID/OFDA partner the Center for International Studies and Cooperation, which currently conducts mitigation activities in Léogâne.
- The USAID/OFDA flood assessment team visited the Mission Reach Out Haiti school in the Dlo Vivant neighborhood of Léogâne. School staff reported that flooding interrupted school activities several times in May 2010. As a result of recent flooding, school authorities closed the school for the week of June 21. The team reported that between 4 and 6 inches of mud and standing water covered the compound but noted that the gradual rather than rapid rise of water prevented associated structural damage. School authorities have contacted local authorities regarding the situation but no solution has been advanced. GoH Department of Civil Protection (DPC)

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

<sup>1</sup> Death estimates vary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> IOM continues to conduct verification activities in displaced persons settlements in Haiti

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> USAID/Dominican Republic (USAID/DR)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

staff noted that a South Korean military engineer brigade has been working to reinforce an upriver portion of the bank of the Rouyonne River, which flows adjacent to the school. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported plans to contact the brigade to determine the extent of the planned work.

#### Shelter and Settlements

- During a June 22 Humanitarian Country Team meeting, IOM provided information regarding the ongoing formal displaced person registration process that commenced on February 25. IOM reported that at least 1,187 of 1,342 total settlement sites host fewer than 500 households. As of June 18, IOM and DPC had formally registered 215 settlement sites, comprising 148,066 households or 40 percent of the total estimated displaced population. IOM reported plans to complete formal registration of sites holding more than 1,000 households by the end of June and to accelerate registration to complete the process by September.
- USAID/OFDA partner the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) reported on June 17 that seven PADF teams of 17 engineers each had joined 10 World Bank teams to complete assessments of approximately 130,000 structures, as part of the ongoing habitability assessment process. PADF estimates that the teams will have assessed from 350,000 to 450,000 structures by the end of August. Preliminary assessment results indicate that approximately 46 percent of surveyed houses are safe for habitation, while 30 percent require minor repairs. PADF estimates that approximately 500,000 people may be able to return to repaired structures.
- On June 22, PADF announced imminent plans to commence repairs on four houses—three assessed as yellow, or needing minor repairs, and one designated as red, or requiring major repairs. PADF countered a misunderstanding that structures designated as red require demolition, noting plans to demonstrate that red-marked structures that have damaged vertical supports and remain standing may be salvageable. The organization plans to use experiences from the repairs for training, cost analysis, and guidance for future repairs. Following final feedback from non-governmental organizations (NGOs), PADF plans to release repair guidelines to the GoH Ministry of Public Works, Transport, and Communications.

#### Disaster Preparedness and Contingency Planning

- On June 22, the SRSG reported that, in coordination with the GoH, the Clinton Global Initiative has planned a \$1million project to construct six hurricane shelters at the sites of damaged or destroyed schools in departments at high risk of a meteorological emergency.
- On June 21, USAID/OFDA hurricane preparedness team members and IOM staff discussed a 2009 mapping exercise that surveyed all 892 GoH-identified emergency shelters in Haiti. IOM representatives confirmed that surveyors obtained global positioning system (GPS) coordinates for the majority of sites and provided the data to the USAID/OFDA team. The IOM field coordinator noted that survey teams had determined the capacity of each floor of multilevel sites—such as schools, churches, and government-owned buildings—with the understanding that lower levels may become unusable in floods. IOM also reported previously building hurricane evacuation shelters in Gonaïves, Artibonite Department, and Croix-des-Bouquets, West Department, that function as gymnasiums or community centers during non-emergency times.
- On June 17, the USAID/OFDA hurricane preparedness team met with the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince Military Liaison Office and a U.S. Southern Command representative to the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) to discuss results of recent department-level hurricane planning exercises in Haiti. Organizations participating in departmental planning sessions include local and national government officials, U.N. Police, the Haitian National Police, OCHA, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), and other international humanitarian agencies. Hurricane planning activities also include an inventory of available U.N. assets, warehouses, supply routes, and an assessment of MINUSTAH's response capacity.

#### Health

Health partners have not reported significant changes in the incidence of reported diseases during recent weeks.
 However, the GoH National Public Health Laboratory has confirmed a rise in suspected typhoid cases, and USAID and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to monitor the situation to ensure that health partners implement appropriate prevention measures.

#### Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- During the week of June 13, the CDC, in collaboration with World Vision, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Peace Corps, completed a household-level WASH survey in approximately 50 settlement sites in the greater Port-au-Prince area. The survey gathered data regarding access to WASH services, overall water quality, and household-level hygiene practices following a February WASH Cluster assessment that yielded poor findings for key WASH indicators. The team continues to analyze data and plans to distribute draft results in July.
- As of June 16, WASH Cluster partners had constructed more than 11,000 toilets, representing 90 percent of the goal for Phase I, which ended in May. Partners had also built approximately 2,932 showers, or 50 percent of the

Phase I goal; provided 5 liters of water per person per day, with the current target at 7.5 liters; established 450 private water kiosks; trained 3,238 hygiene promoters; and distributed 200,000 hygiene kits. WASH Cluster partners report a continued shortage of showers and washbasins, as well as insufficient soap stockpiles. WASH partners highlight the continued need for desludging capacity, additional solid waste disposal facilities, and improved water quality control.

Participants at a June 16 WASH Cluster strategic review session noted that, although WASH Cluster partners have
not met Sphere Project standards for WASH services, authorities have not recorded increases in WASH-related
mortalities. The WASH Cluster noted that cessation of current WASH interventions would not be realistic for at
least the next one to two years in Port-au-Prince but may be feasible in affected areas of Jacmel and Léogâne.

#### Food Security and Emergency Food Assistance

- During a June 22 Food Cluster meeting chaired by WFP, participants identified potential hurricane preparedness gaps in areas outside Port-au-Prince and noted concerns regarding insufficient departmental storage capacity. WFP encouraged NGO partners to expand contingency plans and services to the identified areas.
- On June 24, USAID/OFDA staff held a meeting with implementing partners to discuss hurricane season
  contingency planning. During the meeting, participants reported ongoing contingency planning activities and
  confirmed that NGOs intend to provide the WFP-led Logistics Cluster with information regarding existing
  warehouse locations and capacity throughout Haiti. Implementing partners noted, however, that some of the
  existing warehouses are approaching capacity due to stockpiled relief commodities.
- WFP reported chartering a barge capable of carrying 1,500 metric tons for three months during the hurricane season. WFP also reported chartering a helicopter with the capacity to carry 2.5 to 3 tons and 19 passengers and indicated that 70 trucks and 15 forklifts remain available for handling food and non-food items in coming months.

#### USAID/OFDA Partner Visits

- On June 24, a USAID/OFDA team visited the Pétion-Ville Club/Golf Delmas 48 spontaneous settlement site to
  observe flood mitigation activities conducted by implementing partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Displaced
  residents have constructed temporary emergency shelters on hillsides with significant inclines at the former golf
  course, necessitating flood and mudslide risk reduction work. The USAID/OFDA team observed site residents
  conducting mitigation activities through CRS cash-for-work programs that included drainage ditch clearing,
  drainage channel construction, and stabilization of hillsides with barrier walls.
- CRS staff estimated that approximately 48,000 people resided at the site, including additional families that arrived since the April relocation of 4,921 people at imminent risk of floods and landslides. USAID/OFDA staff interviewed residents who reported satisfaction with camp services; however, they also noted concern about losing assistance if they returned to their houses.
- During the visit, USAID/OFDA staff also observed operations at a USAID/OFDA-funded International Medical Corps health clinic that offers medical and psychosocial care to site residents. CRS staff reported that the organization had reinforced the elevated wood platform supporting the clinic for use as a temporary staging area for the emergency evacuation of up to 500 site residents.
- During the June 22 visit to Léogâne, USAID/OFDA staff observed implementing partner International Relief and Development's (IRD) t-shelter activities. IRD reported utilizing 30 crews with five people each to construct t-shelters. As of June 22, the organization had completed 70 t-shelters and plans to construct 2,500 shelters in total at a rate of 60 per week. IRD has contracted for all necessary materials in-country and is in the process of facilitating delivery of materials to the site in Léogâne.

### U.S. GOVERNMENT (USG) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On January 13, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti Kenneth H. Merten declared a disaster due to the effects of the earthquake. To date, USAID has contributed more than \$654 million in earthquake response funding, including more than \$390 million from USAID/OFDA, more than \$125 million from USAID/FFP, more than \$68 million from USAID/Haiti, \$67 million from USAID/OTI, and \$3 million from USAID/DR. In total, the USG has contributed more than \$1.1 billion in earthquake response funding for Haiti to date.
- On January 12, USAID/OFDA activated a Washington, D.C.,-based Response Management Team (RMT) to support the Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) that deployed to Haiti early on January 13 to assess humanitarian conditions and coordinate activities with the humanitarian community. The RMT demobilized on February 28, and the USAID/DART transitioned to a USAID/OFDA Program Office on April 28 to reflect the shift in the earthquake response from relief to recovery. USAID/OFDA Program Office staff continue to assess and identify humanitarian needs and coordinate delivery of emergency relief supplies to earthquake-affected areas.
- As of June 25, State/PRM had provided \$11.2 million to support emergency food, health, nutrition, protection, and WASH interventions in border areas, as well as other programs in support of repatriated Haitians and host families.

• As of June 25, DoD's estimated cost for the Haiti earthquake relief effort was \$453.5 million. DoD supported humanitarian efforts through transportation of USG personnel and relief commodities into Haiti, as well as the provision of health and security services.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

FY 2010			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
	USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE <sup>1</sup>		
ACDI/VOCA	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Health, WASH	Southeast Department	\$3,878,712
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$2,000,000
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince, Carrefour	\$4,730,882
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, Léogâne, Gressier	\$5,400,712
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince, Fond Parisien	\$4,410,948
ARC	Health	Fond Parisien	\$892,831
CARE	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, WASH	Port-au-Prince, Carrefour, Léogâne	\$983,363
CRS	Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$21,298,160
CRS	Protection	Artibonite, South, Northeast, Grand Anse, Northwest, Nippes, and North Departments	\$3,498,960
Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Artibonite Department	\$5,402,880
CHF International	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince, Petit Goâve, Artibonite and North Departments	\$20,999,865
Concern	Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Port-au-Prince, Center Department	\$1,692,892
DoD	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$40,044,237
U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Search and Rescue, Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$49,000,000
Fairfax County, VA	Search and Rescue	Affected Areas	\$4,601,875
Family Health International (FHI)	Nutrition	Port-au-Prince, Delmas, Croix des Bouquets	\$809,160
Food for the Hungry (FH)	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$4,055,525
GOAL	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$11,050,000
Habitat for Humanity	Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$2,998,264
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Health	Affected Areas	\$36,196,000
Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral (IDDI)	WASH	Affected Areas	\$92,500

International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, Nutrition	Port-au-Prince	\$2,564,607
IMC	Protection	Jacmel, Léogâne, Petit Goâve	\$1,460,634
IRD	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Léogâne	\$6,494,045
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Protection, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$4,852,539
InterAction	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$330,083
IOM	Logistics and Relief Commodities, Health	West Department and Affected Areas	\$10,351,046
Los Angeles County, CA	Search and Rescue	Affected Areas	\$4,064,947
Medair/SWI	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Southeast Department	\$8,567,511
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Port-au-Prince, Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, Jacmel, Léogâne	\$1,000,000
Mercy Corps	Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Center Department	\$7,542,904
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$3,000,000
PADF	Shelter and Settlements	Carrefour, Delmas, Port-au-Prince	\$4,829,759
Peace Corps	Volunteer Translation Services	Affected Areas	\$323,150
Partners in Health (PIH)	Health	Port-au-Prince	\$1,468,147
Plan International	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Jacmel	\$47,960
Première Urgence	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$2,705,000
Relief International (RI)	Health, WASH	Carrefour, Grand Anse Department, Gressier, Léogâne, Port-au-Prince	\$1,500,000
Samaritan's Purse	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Health, WASH	Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, Léogâne, Port-au-Prince	\$1,000,000
Save the Children/US (SC/US)	Health, Nutrition, Protection	Jacmel, Léogâne, Petit Goâve, Port-au- Prince	\$5,000,000
SC/US	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, WASH	Artibonite Department, Léogâne, Petit Goâve	\$8,038,128
U.N. HABITAT	Shelter and Settlements	Carrefour, Jacmel, Port-au-Prince	\$1,500,000
U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA)	Health, Protection	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Affected Areas	\$11,500,000
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)	Disaster Assistance Support Program	Affected Areas	\$267,324
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	Disaster Risk Reduction Assessment for Seismic Hazards	Affected Areas	\$589,300
USAID/DR	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$123,235
USAID/East Africa	Administrative Costs	Affected Areas	\$12,750

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USAID/El Salvador	Search and Rescue	Affected Areas	\$80,000
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$12,030,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$10,000,000
U.N. World Health Organization (WHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
World Concern Development Organization (WCDO)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements	Port-au-Prince	\$3,718,084
World Vision	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Croix-des-Bouquets, Port-au-Prince	\$19,212,174
	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$25,779,481
	Administrative Costs	Affected Areas	\$405,442
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$390,396,016
	USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE <sup>2</sup>		
ACDI/VOCA	2,430 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southeast Department	\$3,205,800
CRS	18,000 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Grande Anse, Nippes, South Departments	\$19,261,800
WFP	55,280 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$69,815,600
World Vision	30,400 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Artibonite, Center, North, and West Departments, Grand Goâve, Petit Goâve	\$33,009,100
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$125,292,300
	USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE		, ,
Chemonics, Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI)	Community Stabilization, Enabling the GoH to Function, Enhancing Citizen Participation in Relief and Recovery	Affected Areas	\$67,000,000
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$67,000,000
	USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE		
Academy for Educational Development (AED)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
American Institutes for Research (AIR)			
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Associates in Rural Development (ARD)	Education  Logistics, Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas  Affected Areas	\$5,000,000 \$500,000
Associates in Rural			
Associates in Rural Development (ARD)	Logistics, Shelter and Settlements  Agriculture and Food Security, Livelihoods,	Affected Areas	\$500,000
Associates in Rural Development (ARD) Chemonics	Logistics, Shelter and Settlements  Agriculture and Food Security, Livelihoods, Shelter and Settlements  Economic Recovery and Market Systems,	Affected Areas  Affected Areas	\$500,000 \$23,434,305
Associates in Rural Development (ARD)  Chemonics  CHF International  Education Development	Logistics, Shelter and Settlements  Agriculture and Food Security, Livelihoods, Shelter and Settlements  Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Infrastructure Rehabilitation  Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Education, Infrastructure Rehabilitation,	Affected Areas  Affected Areas  Affected Areas	\$500,000 \$23,434,305 \$10,037,220
Associates in Rural Development (ARD)  Chemonics  CHF International  Education Development Center (EDC)	Logistics, Shelter and Settlements  Agriculture and Food Security, Livelihoods, Shelter and Settlements  Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Infrastructure Rehabilitation  Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Education, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Protection, Psychosocial Support  Economic Recovery and Market Systems,	Affected Areas  Affected Areas  Affected Areas  Affected Areas  Port-au-Prince,	\$500,000 \$23,434,305 \$10,037,220 \$1,500,000

Medishare	Health	Port-au-Prince	\$400,000
PADF	Protection	Affected Areas	\$1,341,780
Petits Frères et Soeurs (PFS)	Health	Port-au-Prince	\$100,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI			\$68,391,212
	USAID/DR ASSISTANCE		
USAID/DR	Health	Affected Areas	\$3,000,000
TOTAL USAID/DR			\$3,000,000
	STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE		
IOM	Emergency Food Assistance, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	North and West Departments	\$4,000,000
Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health, Nutrition, Emergency Food Assistance, WASH	Haiti/DR border, North and Northwest Departments	\$3,400,000
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Haiti/DR border, Port-au-Prince, Artibonite Department	\$3,800,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM \$11,200,000			
	DOD ASSISTANCE <sup>3</sup>		
DoD	Logistics and Relief Commodities, Health	Affected Areas	\$453,500,000
TOTAL DOD			\$453,500,000
F	Y 2010 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROV	VIDED TO DATE	
TOTAL USAID HUMA	NITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR TH	E EARTHQUAKE	\$654,079,528
TOTAL STATE/PRM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI		\$11,200,000	
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE		\$453,500,000	
TOTAL USAID, STATE, AND DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE  1 USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 25, 2010.			\$1,118,779,528

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 25, 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 <a href="https://www.oneresponse.info/disasters/haiti">www.oneresponse.info/disasters/haiti</a> and <a href="https://www.usaid.gov/haiti">www.usaid.gov/haiti</a>.
- 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:
  - o USAID: <u>www.usaid.gov/haiti</u>
  - o Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Estimated expenditure as of June 25, 2010.