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## ***Haiti – Earthquake***

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### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On June 16, a four-member USAID/OFDA team arrived in Port-au-Prince to assess, contribute to, and finalize USAID's Hurricane Preparedness and Response Plan for Haiti. The team has commenced meetings with other humanitarian actors—including a June 17 meeting with U.S. Southern Command and the U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and a June 18 meeting with the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office—to analyze existing 2010 hurricane season plans, examine capacities to respond, and identify potential gaps. Information gathered will inform the final USAID plan.
- During a June 14 donors' meeting, the U.N. Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG) Ad Interim for MINUSTAH and U.N. Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator Ad Interim, Nigel Fisher, reported that the Government of Haiti (GoH) had approved the construction of 500 transitional shelters (t-shelters) in the Flag Pole resettlement site, where the GoH plans to resettle people currently displaced in the Champs de Mars spontaneous settlement. As of June 15, the GoH had approved t-shelter construction in the Tabarre ISSA, Caradeux, and Corail Cesselesse resettlement sites, also in the Port-au-Prince area.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Estimated Deaths</b>	230,000 <sup>1</sup>	GoH – February 15
<b>Estimated Number of Displaced Individuals Residing in Settlements in Haiti</b>	More than 2 million	IOM <sup>2</sup> – April 5
<b>Estimated Number of Displaced Individuals Residing in Settlements in Port-au-Prince</b>	1.69 million	IOM – April 5
<b>Estimated Affected Population</b>	3 million	U.N. – January 15

### **FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

**Total FY 2010 USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....\$391,010,856**  
**Total FY 2010 USAID/FFP<sup>3</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....\$125,292,300**  
**Total FY 2010 USAID/OTT<sup>4</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....\$35,000,000**  
**Total FY 2010 USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....\$68,391,212**  
**Total FY 2010 USAID/DR<sup>5</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....\$3,000,000**  
**Total FY 2010 State/PRM<sup>6</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....\$11,200,000**  
**Total FY 2010 DoD<sup>7</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....\$459,000,000**  
**Total FY 2010 USAID, State, and DoD Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....\$1,092,894,368**

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

- USAID-funded debris management activities have successfully commenced at the improved Truitier public landfill in metropolitan Port-au-Prince, according to USAID staff. MINUSTAH has provided security at the perimeter of the landfill, and key areas are fenced off for debris sorting and storage.
- On June 14, USAID/OFDA staff attended a resettlement meeting chaired by Haitian President René Préval and attended by the DSRSG. During the meeting, President Préval requested that additional non-governmental organizations operate in Port-au-Prince's Fort National neighborhood to facilitate quicker debris clearing and t-shelter construction in the area, which the GoH has prioritized to receive returnees from Champs de Mars. During the week of June 6, the GoH deployed heavy equipment, including three excavators and more than a dozen dump trucks, to begin clearing debris in Fort National.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>4</sup> USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI)

<sup>5</sup> USAID/Dominican Republic (USAID/DR)

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

### *Shelter and Settlements*

- As of June 17, USAID/OFDA shelter partners had constructed 1,901 t-shelters in earthquake-affected areas, while more than 465 t-shelters remained under construction. Shelter Cluster organizations continue to work toward a goal of constructing more than 122,000 t-shelters in the coming months. Of that total, USAID/OFDA has provided funding for approximately 47,500 shelters. In addition, Shelter Cluster partners had provided housing repair assistance for more than 11,800 houses as of June 8.
- As of June 11, Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster partners had registered 371,039 households, comprising nearly 1.6 million individuals, through the displacement tracking matrix (DTM). The DTM records internally displaced person (IDP) data, including on fluctuating site populations, to develop an accurate picture of the humanitarian situation to tailor assistance to identified needs. As of June 9, the CCCM Cluster had identified 1,342 settlement sites in affected areas.
- As of June 9, the DTM indicated that Delmas municipality, in the greater Port-au-Prince area, contained at least 200 settlement sites and the highest IDP population of all earthquake-affected areas. Of the 200 sites identified in Delmas, 11 sites hold more than 1,000 households each, 129 sites host between 100 and 1,000 households each, and 60 sites have fewer than 100 households each.

### *Disaster Preparedness and Contingency Planning*

- IOM continues to assess settlement sites identified as potentially needing hurricane and flood risk mitigation work. As of June 15, IOM had completed assessments at 84 of 200 planned sites, with assessments indicating that 100,000 of 219,000 people residing in assessed sites remain at significant risk of floods or landslides. In response, relief agencies have completed flood mitigation activities in six assessed sites and continue to conduct mitigation activities in 36 sites. U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) efforts to identify organizations to conduct mitigation activities in the remaining assessed sites are ongoing.
- Participants at the June 14 donors' meeting noted that the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies' (IFRC) budget includes approximately \$13 million for disaster mitigation and risk reduction activities in Haiti. IFRC plans to provide support to 425,000 people, including 300,000 displaced persons in 120 settlement sites, throughout Port-au-Prince, Léogâne, and Jacmel. IFRC also plans to preposition emergency relief supplies to support 125,000 people. In addition, donors reported that the American Red Cross has an additional \$12 million available to conduct national- and community-level risk reduction and mitigation activities, and the U.N. Development Program has a budget of approximately \$3.9 million to provide technical support to the GoH Department of Civil Protection.
- On June 11, USAID/OFDA staff participated in a MINUSTAH-led National Contingency Planning Meeting in Miragoane, Nippes Department—a region struck by four hurricanes in 2008 that currently hosts at least 20,500 displaced persons. The meeting represents MINUSTAH efforts to bring civilian and military actors together to review operational plans in key flood-prone and vulnerable regions in view of the hurricane season. Participants discussed lessons learned from the earthquake, including the need for redundant communications, local representation of partner agencies, and more integrated civilian and military planning.
- On June 10, USAID staff participated in a meeting with the deputy director of Haitian Red Cross (HRC) and the new IFRC chief for operations to review the HRC's role in preparedness and response. USAID staff noted that HRC is currently well-resourced, operates at the regional level, and maintains 8,000 volunteers and a large vehicle fleet, including the country's main functional network of ambulances. Although the earthquake destroyed the organization's headquarters, HRC rapidly reconstituted operations at the airport, where the organization maintains a warehouse and large parking area for emergency water vehicles, ambulances, delivery trucks, vans, buses, and other transport. HRC has generated informational materials for schools and broadcasts messages on hurricane preparedness every Wednesday and Thursday on national radio stations. HRC also plans to preposition hygiene kits at HRC regional warehouses and containers.

### *Health*

- Health partners have indicated no significant changes in the incidence of reported diseases during recent weeks, according to USAID health staff. During weeks of May 30 and June 6, health authorities reported a total of 39,186 clinic visits, with the most common illnesses comprising acute respiratory infection, suspected malaria, watery diarrhea, fever of unknown origin, suspected typhoid, and bloody diarrhea.
- Health partners report that the proportion of watery and bloody diarrhea cases in all clinic visits has remained stable since early March, with the majority of watery diarrhea cases occurring among children under five years old.
- The vector-borne diseases working group, in collaboration with the GoH Ministry of Health National Malaria Control Program, is soliciting requests from organizations to distribute the approximately 400,000 long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets (LLINs) currently in Haiti, with seven priority departments identified. In total, organizations such as the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), Population Services International (PSI), IOM, the

Mentor Initiative, and IFRC have pledged to provide 800,000 LLINs, and the current LLIN supply is meeting current demand. USAID partners the Mentor Initiative and PSI plan to provide educational information with distributed mosquito nets.

#### *Emergency Food Assistance*

- On June 15, USAID/Haiti staff met with food security partners to monitor the progress of ongoing food security programs in Haiti. USAID food security partner World Vision continues to collaborate with the GoH to register and distribute food to IDPs in the North and Central departments.
- USAID food security partner ACDI/VOCA reported establishing 178 food-for-work (FFW) teams comprising 21 persons each to undertake road repairs and soil conservation activities. As of June 15, the FFW teams had repaired 53 km of road in La Vallée municipality and 90 km of road in Cote de Fer municipality, both in Southeast Department. ACDI/VOCA indicated that FFW beneficiaries are primarily IDPs who reside with host families, and the organization identifies beneficiaries through IDP children attending school in the respective municipalities.

#### *USAID/OFDA Partner Visits*

- On June 15, USAID/OFDA staff visited implementing partner GOAL to discuss progress on USAID/OFDA-supported activities. GOAL reported having materials to construct approximately 200 t-shelters and working with the Port-au-Prince mayor's office to obtain permission to begin t-shelter construction. GOAL plans to commence site preparation to construct the first 10 t-shelters during the week of June 20.
- A USAID team observed USAID/OFDA partner CHF International cash-for-work (CFW) and shelter activities in Petit Goâve and Léogâne municipalities, West Department, during a June 17 visit. CHF International is working with local officials to clear debris at schools and key service sites. CHF International utilizes 12-person CFW brigades to remove by shovel approximately 5 cubic meters of debris per day—equivalent to one truckload per brigade per day.
- In addition, CHF International staff reported managing 150 CFW workers in the construction of 1,500 metal frames for t-shelters on a U.N. World Food Program (WFP) compound in Léogâne. Once completed, the structures are considered hurricane resistant up to a category III storm. CHF International indicated plans to initially place the structures on cleared household land, rather than at settlement sites, and to employ at least 500 people through CFW activities in coming weeks. During the visit, USAID staff commended CHF International's community-centered approach to emergency activities.

#### *USAID/OFDA Assessment of Hinche, Center Department*

- On June 12, USAID/OFDA staff visited Hinche municipality in the Center Department to assess the local impact of displaced persons who relocated from Port-au-Prince following the January 12 earthquake. Local officials reported that an additional 2,380 children enrolled in the local Catholic schools following the earthquake and that enrollment at a number of other local schools doubled during February and March.
- USAID/OFDA partner World Vision reported that an estimated 12,700 displaced families continue to reside in six area municipalities but noted that population figures continue to fluctuate as people move between Hinche and Port-au-Prince. The team reported that a poor 2010 harvest resulting from late and insufficient 2009 rainfall had placed strains on families hosting earthquake-affected friends and relatives. In some cases, heads of household had moved to Port-au-Prince in search of work. In response, World Vision plans to conduct an FFW program in July and August, as well as a CFW program to assist 6,000 families in the area.

### **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 nearly \$623 million in earthquake response funding, including more than \$391 million from USAID/OFDA, more than \$125 million from USAID/FFP, more than \$68 million from USAID/Haiti, \$35 million from USAID/OTI, and \$3 million from USAID/DR. In total, the USG has contributed nearly \$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 18, 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 18, DoD's estimated cost for the Haiti earthquake relief effort was \$459 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**

<b>FY 2010</b>			
<b>Implementing Partner</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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
Catholic Relief Services (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	\$40,674,307
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
International Relief and Development (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
Pan American Development Foundation (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. Human Settlements Program (UN 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
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	\$390,212
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$391,010,856</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$125,292,300</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
Chemonics, Internews, Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI)	Transition Initiatives	Affected Areas	\$35,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI</b>			<b>\$35,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE</b>			
Academy for Educational Development (AED)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
American Institutes for Research (AIR)	Education	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
Associates in Rural Development (ARD)	Logistics, Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$500,000
Chemonics	Agriculture and Food Security, Livelihoods, Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$23,434,305

CHF International	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Infrastructure Rehabilitation	Affected Areas	\$10,037,220
Education Development Center (EDC)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Education, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Protection, Psychosocial Support	Affected Areas	\$1,500,000
IOM	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Infrastructure Rehabilitation	Port-au-Prince, Carrefour	\$7,550,000
IOM	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Infrastructure Rehabilitation	Affected Areas	\$3,527,907
IOM	Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$15,000,000
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/HAITI</b>			<b>\$68,391,212</b>
<b>USAID/DR ASSISTANCE</b>			
USAID/DR	Health	Affected Areas	\$3,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/DR</b>			<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM</b>			<b>\$11,200,000</b>
<b>DOD ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
DoD	Logistics and Relief Commodities, Health	Affected Areas	\$459,000,000
<b>TOTAL DOD</b>			<b>\$459,000,000</b>
<b>FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE</b>			
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE</b>			<b>\$622,694,368</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE</b>			<b>\$11,200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE</b>			<b>\$459,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID, STATE, AND DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$1,092,894,368</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 18, 2010.<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.<sup>3</sup> Estimated expenditure as of June 18, 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)