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***HAITI – Earthquake***

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**KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On February 16, relief agencies distributed emergency food assistance to approximately 116,400 people in metropolitan Port-au-Prince through seven fixed distribution sites. Since January 13, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and partners have provided emergency food assistance to an estimated 3.6 million people, including more than 2.5 million people that have received food aid through the 16-point distribution system.
- On February 16, USAID/OFDA provided CHF International with nearly \$21 million in support for cash-for-work and economic recovery activities through rubble removal and rehabilitation of market infrastructure, as well as transitional shelter and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs in earthquake-affected areas and cities hosting displaced families.
- In response to increasing sanitation concerns, on February 17, USAID/OFDA provided the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) with \$2.5 million in funding for WASH activities aimed at reducing the health risks associated with unsafe drinking water, lack of sanitation, and poor hygiene practices among affected populations.
- On February 17, USAID/OFDA provided Partners in Health (PIH) with more than \$1.4 million for emergency health activities in earthquake-affected areas, including support for mobile health clinics to serve displaced populations in metropolitan Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	
<b>Estimated Deaths</b>	230,000 <sup>1</sup>	GoH – February 15
<b>People Displaced in Port-au-Prince Metropolitan Area</b>	700,000	GoH – January 31
<b>Estimated People Departing Port-au-Prince</b>	511,400	GoH – February 6
<b>Estimated Affected Population</b>	3 million	U.N. – January 15

**FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE**

<b>Total FY 2010 USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....</b>	<b>\$250,590,402</b>
<b>Total FY 2010 USAID/FFP<sup>2</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....</b>	<b>\$68,000,000</b>
<b>Total FY 2010 USAID/OTI<sup>3</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>
<b>Total FY 2010 USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....</b>	<b>\$30,012,212</b>
<b>Total FY 2010 USAID/DR<sup>4</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>Total FY 2010 DoD<sup>5</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....</b>	<b>\$255,000,000</b>
<b>Total FY 2010 USAID and DoD Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....</b>	<b>\$626,602,614</b>

**CURRENT SITUATION**

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA), more than 511,400 people have left earthquake-affected areas in and around metropolitan Port-au-Prince for outlying cities and departments, with the largest number of displaced people—162,500 individuals—currently residing in Artibonite Department, the area most affected by storms during the 2008 hurricane season.
- On February 15, staff from USAID’s Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) and USAID/Haiti conducted assessments of humanitarian conditions among displaced populations in Gonaïves, Jérémie, and Les Cayes, as well as a rapid health assessment in Jacmel. Families and relief organizations interviewed by the USAID assessment team in Gonaïves identified food as a priority need for displaced persons and host families, indicating that although food is currently available in local markets, prices have increased since the earthquake.

<sup>1</sup> Death estimates vary. On February 15, the Government of Haiti (GoH) Civil Protection Department (DPC) reported an estimated 217,366 earthquake-related deaths.

<sup>2</sup> USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>3</sup> USAID’s Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI)

<sup>4</sup> USAID/Dominican Republic (USAID/DR)

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

### *Shelter and Settlements*

- According to OCHA, the humanitarian community has distributed more than 87,000 tarpaulins and sections of plastic sheeting and 17,000 family tents to affected populations to date. At current distribution rates, the Shelter Cluster expects to achieve universal coverage of at least one plastic sheet per beneficiary household by April 1, prior to the expected onset of the rainy season. The Shelter Cluster plans to supplement the minimum level of shelter assistance, providing additional plastic sheeting and support, where possible.
- During a February 16 meeting with U.N. Human Settlements Program (UN HABITAT) staff and a GoH Shelter Commission urban planning official, the USAID/DART shelter and settlements advisor recommended an intensive design session to develop policies for the GoH emergency master plan for Port-au-Prince. The urban planning meeting is expected to occur before February 20, with representation from the GoH, the USAID/DART, and Haitian and international agency planners, architects, and engineers. The USAID/DART also continues to emphasize the critical role of debris removal in the recovery and redevelopment process.
- The USAID assessment team in Gonaïves noted that, due to lessons learned during the 2004 and 2008 hurricane seasons, the GoH DPC has expressed a preference for host family placement over camp construction, indicating that camps may be costly or difficult to service and less socially acceptable and sustainable, while also potentially leading to protection and environmental issues. The DPC also noted that the majority of the 162,500 displaced individuals in Artibonite Department originally came from the area and now reside with family and friends.

### *Livelihoods, Agriculture, and Food Security*

- Governmental authorities, relief organizations, and families interviewed by the USAID assessment team in Gonaïves identified a critical need for livelihood opportunities for displaced families and residents. Job creation would likely encourage displaced persons to remain in Gonaïves rather than return to Port-au-Prince.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is implementing USAID-funded cash-for-work activities in and around Gonaïves to increase income generation opportunities for vulnerable populations and improve productive and protective infrastructure in the area. IOM reported that approximately 30 percent of cash-for-work beneficiaries in Gonaïves are displaced persons recently arrived from Port-au-Prince.
- On February 16, USAID partners launched projects to clear debris in Tabarre and in the Baillergeau neighborhood of Port-au-Prince. The two projects employ nearly 500 people, including nearly 180 women.
- At the February 16 Agriculture Cluster meeting, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported working with the GoH Ministry of Agriculture to compile a list of authorized seeds for procurement and distribution. The distribution of seeds in advance of the rainy season remains a priority for the Agriculture Cluster.

### *Emergency Food Assistance*

- On February 15, relief agencies distributed emergency food assistance benefiting approximately 116,400 people in metropolitan Port-au-Prince, according to WFP and the USAID/DART. Since January 13, WFP and partners have provided emergency food assistance to more than 3.6 million people, including more than 2.5 million people that have received food through the 16-site distribution system to date. On February 17, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) planned to reach nearly 121,800 additional beneficiaries through distributions at six sites.
- According to OCHA, WFP and implementing NGOs have established two new food distribution sites in metropolitan Port-au-Prince—Kenscoff and Croix des Bouquets. Although the Croix de Bouquets site is already operational, the first food distribution at the Kenscoff site was temporarily postponed due to a request by local authorities to conduct all distributions Thursday through Saturday.
- According to OCHA, in tandem to the site-based distribution system in metropolitan Port-au-Prince, WFP is targeting outlying areas and cities hosting displaced populations with meals ready-to-eat (MREs). OCHA reports that more than 715,270 U.S. Government (USG)-funded MREs are en route to areas outside Port-au-Prince, in addition to ongoing food distributions in Léogâne, Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, and Gressier cities in West Department. In the coming weeks, WFP also plans to conduct food distributions in Belle Anse, Marigot, Baint, and Côte de Fer cities in Southeast Department.

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

- A USAID assessment team reported that poor sanitation remains a concern in Gonaïves due to added strains on host household facilities and the high water table in the area, which precludes the installation of pit latrines.
- The assessment team also reported that in Gonaïves, the existing water system was destroyed by the 2008 hurricanes and remains under repair. Residents continue the pre-earthquake practice of purchasing potable water from private drinking water companies.
- The WASH Cluster estimates that approximately 1.1 million people in earthquake-affected areas require emergency latrines. According to OCHA, humanitarian organizations plan to provide 12,950 latrines before April and 21,000 additional latrines within six months. OCHA also notes that WASH Cluster partners are working toward a goal of providing one latrine for every 20 affected individuals.

- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$13.8 million to humanitarian relief organizations in support of WASH activities in earthquake-affected areas, including \$2.5 million provided to UNICEF on February 17.

#### *Protection*

- IOM reported that the security situation in Gonaïves has remained calm despite concern among the population related to the escape of criminals from the national penitentiary in Port-au-Prince, which collapsed during the earthquake. IOM noted that as February 3, Haitian National Police and U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti forces had arrested 40 escaped prisoners in the Artibonite Department.

#### *Health*

- A USAID health assessment team visited Jacmel's sole public hospital, Saint Michael's Hospital, which continues to provide inpatient, surgical, and outpatient services at pre-earthquake levels, with external financial and staff assistance. While public dispensaries remain understaffed, the assessment team reported low admission and consultation rates at Jacmel's numerous private health care facilities, likely due to the free health care provided at Saint Michael's Hospital.
- USAID/OFDA partners Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US) and International Medical Corps (IMC) are operating mobile and fixed primary health care centers to assist displaced persons residing in spontaneous settlements in and around Jacmel. The teams collectively treat or provide consultations to an estimated 800 patients per day.
- SC/US currently conducts the only vaccine program in the Jacmel area, reaching approximately 2,000 children to date with measles and rubella vaccines. Children receiving the rubella vaccine are also screened for acute malnutrition, while the children's families receive insecticide-treated mosquito nets and soap.
- In Artibonite Department, the GoH DPC reported that the health situation has begun to stabilize. Priority needs in the department's health sector include medicines, medical supplies, and psychosocial support for individuals affected by the earthquake.
- To date, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$50 million in support for health activities in Haiti, including more than \$4 million for health services and mobile clinics provided to IMC and PIH on February 16 and 17, respectively.

#### **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 \$344 million in earthquake response funding, including more than \$250 million from USAID/OFDA, \$68 million from USAID/FFP, \$20 million from USAID/OTI, more than \$30 million from USAID/Haiti, and \$3 million from USAID/DR. In total, the USG has contributed more than \$626 million in earthquake response funding for Haiti to date.
- On January 12, USAID/OFDA activated a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team to support the USAID/DART that deployed to Haiti early on January 13 to assess humanitarian conditions and coordinate activities with the humanitarian community. The USAID/DART continues to assess humanitarian needs and identify emergency relief supplies for immediate delivery to Port-au-Prince and other earthquake-affected areas.
- As of February 17, DoD's estimated cost for the Haiti earthquake relief effort is \$255 million. DoD has been supporting humanitarian efforts through transportation of USG personnel and relief commodities into Haiti, as well as the provision of health and medical services.

#### **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	Logistics, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$2,000,000
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
CARE	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$997,321
CHF International	WASH, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements	Port-au-Prince, Petit Goâve, Cap Haitien, Gonaïves, Saint Marc	\$20,999,865

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$21,298,160
DoD	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$40,500,000
U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Search and Rescue, Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$49,000,000
Food for the Hungry (FH)	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$4,036,475
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Health	Affected Areas	\$36,196,000
IMC	Health, Nutrition	Port-au-Prince	\$2,564,607
InterAction	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$330,083
IOM	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$7,000,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$3,000,000
Peace Corps	Volunteer Translation Services	Affected Areas	\$187,000
PIH	Health	Port-au-Prince	\$1,468,147
Relief International	Health, WASH	Carrefour, Gressier, Jérémie, Léogâne, Port-au-Prince	\$1,500,000
Samaritan's Purse	Health, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, WASH	Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, Léogâne, Port-au-Prince	\$1,000,000
SC/US	Health, Nutrition, and Protection	Jacmel, Port-au-Prince	\$5,000,000
TBD	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA)	Health and Protection	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Affected Areas	\$9,000,000
UNICEF	WASH	West Department	\$2,500,000
USAID/DR	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$1,650,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service, Logistics and Commodities	Affected Areas	\$10,000,000
U.N. World Health Organization (WHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$18,682,458
	Administrative Costs	Affected Areas	\$229,574
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$250,590,402</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
WFP	39,550 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$48,000,000
WFP	15,730 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$68,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			

Chemonics, Internews, Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI)	Transition Initiatives	Affected Areas	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI</b>			<b>\$20,000,000</b>
<b>USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE</b>			
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	\$8,434,305
CHF International	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Infrastructure Rehabilitation	Affected Areas	\$3,500,000
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	Martissant, Carrefour, Carrefour Feuilles	\$7,550,000
IOM	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Infrastructure Rehabilitation	Affected Areas	\$3,527,907
<b>TOTAL USAID/HAITI</b>			<b>\$30,012,212</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>DoD ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
DoD	Logistics and Relief Supplies and Health	Affected Areas	\$255,000,000
<b>TOTAL DoD</b>			<b>\$255,000,000</b>
<b>FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE</b>			
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE</b>			<b>\$371,602,614</b>
<b>TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE</b>			<b>\$255,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE</b>			<b>\$626,602,614</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 17, 2010. This does not include assistance provided through a standing agreement to Fairfax County, VA, and Los Angeles County, CA, U.S. urban search and rescue teams.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated cost as of February 17, 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.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int) 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)

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