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HAITI – Earthquake

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January 18, 2010

Note: The last fact sheet was dated January 17, 2010.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On January 17, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon visited Haiti to assess humanitarian conditions and meet with U.N. and government officials on the ground. Ban urged coordination among the international community to sustain the increasingly large aid operation and of the huge amount of aid that is pouring into the country
- As of 1100 hours local time on January 18, the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) reported that U.S. urban search and rescue (USAR) teams had rescued approximately 40 individuals from collapsed buildings, including one girl two years of age this morning. On January 17, USAR teams rescued 12 people, including three children between the ages of three and seven. To date, international USAR teams have rescued more than 70 individuals throughout Port-au-Prince, an unprecedented tally for a five-day USAR operation.
- International USAR teams have completed reconnaissance in 100 percent of assigned areas in Port-au-Prince; however, search and rescue activities will continue until the Government of Haiti (GoH) decides to cease operations, according to the U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team.
- On January 18, USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), in coordination with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), facilitated the delivery to Port-au-Prince of 9,600 ten-liter water containers to serve an additional 19,200 people and 7,602 hygiene kits to benefit an additional 38,010 people for two weeks. An airlift containing 300 rolls of plastic sheeting, which will meet the shelter needs of 15,000 people, is scheduled to arrive at 1400 hours local time on January 18.
- With USAID/OFDA support through the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), the U.N. Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is establishing a passenger service from Santo Domingo to Port-au-Prince to transport relief workers, with two daily flights scheduled to begin on January 18.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Estimated Number of Deaths	At least 65,000 people	GoH – January 17
Estimated Number Displaced	200,000	IOM ¹
Estimated Affected Population	Approximately 3 million people	U.N. – January 15

FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

Total FY 2010 USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....	\$65,482,301
Total FY 2010 USAID/FFP Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....	\$48,000,000
Total FY 2010 USAID/DR Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$1,000,000
Total FY 2010 USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....	\$114,482,301

CURRENT SITUATION

Search and Rescue Operations

- On January 18, U.S. USAR teams continued to deploy to locations throughout Port-au-Prince, including the Caribbean Market, Carrefour, and a local school, to conduct reconnaissance missions where local residents have identified possible signs of life.
- At present, 43 international USAR teams, with 1,739 rescue workers, and 161 dogs, are working in Haiti. Of the total, six teams with 506 personnel were deployed by the U.S. Government (USG) from Fairfax County, Los Angeles County, Miami, Miami-Dade, Virginia Beach, and New York fire departments.

¹ International Organization for Migration

Emergency Food Assistance and Relief Supplies

- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reports that 95 MT of high-energy biscuits (HEBs) are currently available in Haiti, and WFP is working to distribute the HEBs to affected populations. WFP has also concluded purchase of 2.2 million meals.
- On January 18, DoD approved transfer of 16 million U.S. meals ready-to-eat (MREs) as an additional contribution to WFP. DoD is preparing the MREs for shipment to Haiti. In addition, the USG, with funding from USAID/OFDA and support from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is finalizing a contribution of approximately 1.5 million MREs to WFP. Combined with the 600,000 humanitarian daily rations previously committed by the USG, the additional meals will provide 67 percent of the WFP-estimated prepared meals requirement.
- At 1500 hours local time, a DoD C-17 air-delivered 14,500 MREs and 15,000 liters of water into a controlled drop zone located five miles north-northeast of the Port-au-Prince airport.

Logistics

- Humanitarian organizations in Haiti report that roads remain difficult to transit, particularly as displaced populations are living on the streets, preventing trucks carrying relief and food supplies from reaching distribution sites. However, relief organizations continue to deliver an increased amount of assistance each day, in coordination with the GoH and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), according to the USAID/DART.
- According to the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo, the route from Santo Domingo to Port-au-Prince was reportedly passable, though bottlenecks due to relief traffic were creating delays of up to an hour at the border crossing point, and disorganized relief convoys were creating further delays. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) recently reported a transit time of up to 18 hours. The U.N. Logistics Cluster has requested that the Government of the Dominican Republic (GoDR) establish a humanitarian hub in Barahona as an alternate for channeling humanitarian relief cargo from Santo Domingo to Haiti.

Health

- According to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), as of January 17, a comprehensive assessment of earthquake-related damages was underway but not yet completed. Interagency health assessment teams have started to systematically visit existing hospitals and report to the health cluster meetings held daily. PAHO noted that preliminary health assessments do not indicate risk of widespread communicable diseases. The latest data on hospital operations and capacity include six operational field hospitals, as well as six operational and nine partially operational local hospitals.
- According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department will have all personnel and equipment on the ground in Haiti by the evening of January 19 for full activation of five Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs). The DMATs will initially provide support to eight severely damaged hospitals and health care centers.
- USAID Dominican Republic (USAID/DR) has reprogrammed \$1 million in health resources to provide three Dominican Public Hospitals near the Haiti border crossing at Jimaní with medications and supplies. USAID/DR plans to provide an additional \$1 million to non-governmental organization (NGO) partners addressing health issues.
- Five U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) medical kits capable of supplying medical supplies for up to 10,000 individuals for a two-month period are scheduled to arrive January 19. The hospital ship USNS COMFORT is scheduled to arrive in Haiti on January 20 with 1,000 hospital beds and medical supplies.
- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has set up a field hospital at Hospital Universitaire d'Haiti in downtown Port-au-Prince, with the first surgeries scheduled for January 18. As of the evening of January 18, three Red Cross Basic Healthcare Emergency Response Units (ERUs) will be on the ground to provide care and triage in Port-au-Prince and potentially Jacmel. The Dominican Red Cross and the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo are working to set up a field hospital in Jimaní, Dominican Republic, near the Haiti–Dominican Republic border. An additional Red Cross Referral Hospital ERU is preparing for deployment. Combined, the field hospitals and Basic Healthcare ERUs will meet the needs of more than 500,000 people.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- Relief agencies have identified four new displaced persons sites in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince in critical need of water: Primature, Debussy, Morne Brun, and Croix des Prez. Assessment of new sites is ongoing. The GoH's National Directorate for Potable Water and Sanitation (DINEPA) is encouraging relief agencies to take a holistic approach to addressing water and sanitation issues. DINEPA is encouraging NGOs responsible for water distribution to also handle solid waste, water treatment, and hygiene in the assigned sites.

- Relief agencies are currently working to install water bladders at distribution sites. Four water trucks have arrived at the Champ de Mars site, and water is being distributed by the NGO Action Contre la Faim (ACF).
- Three Red Cross Water and Sanitation Emergency Response Units have arrived in-country, and initial water distributions have begun. Once at full capacity, the ERUs will provide safe drinking water for up to 50,000 people each day.
- With USAID/OFDA support, USAID/DR is purchasing water and other supplies to ship to Haiti. The first shipment arrived in Port-au-Prince on January 17. USAID/DR plans frequent and increasing shipments daily.

Shelter and Settlements

- According to IOM, the Haitian prime minister and the GoH focal point for shelter met on January 17 to request support from the international community for the establishment of temporary camps to house 3 million people. IOM, GoH officials, and other partners conducted a technical assessment mission on January 17 at Croix-des-Bouquets, 13 kilometers northeast of Port-au-Prince, to determine the suitability of the area for a settlement.
- To date, IOM has recorded 106 population concentrations, including the 63 sites identified by the GoH on January 16. According to the GoH, the camp at Croix-des-Bouquets should be ready to begin receiving people in one week. Teams will conduct additional assessments on January 18 to identify temporary camp sites and to develop plans for the construction of new houses, which will be funded by the Inter-American Development Bank.
- IOM has conducted preliminary assessments of displaced persons and reported that the earthquake displaced approximately 200,000 people.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- To date in FY 2010, USAID has provided nearly \$113.5 million in humanitarian assistance for the Haiti earthquake, including a USAID/OFDA contribution of approximately \$65.5 million and USAID/FFP food assistance valued at an estimated \$48 million.
- On January 12, USAID/OFDA activated a Washington D.C.-based Response Management Team (RMT) 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 29-member USAID/DART continues to assess priority humanitarian needs and identify emergency relief supplies for immediate delivery to Port-au-Prince from the USAID/OFDA warehouse in Miami.
- DoD has authorized \$20 million in overseas humanitarian and disaster assistance appropriations in support of the Haiti earthquake relief effort. DoD has been supporting the humanitarian response through transportation of emergency relief personnel and commodities into Haiti. In addition, several U.S. military ships are currently positioned near Haiti to provide tactical and operational support to the emergency response operation.
- On January 13, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti Kenneth H. Merten declared a disaster due to the effects of the earthquake. In response, USAID/OFDA provided an initial \$50,000 through the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince for the implementation of an emergency response program. USAID/OFDA is providing additional assistance in accordance with the findings of USAID/DART and humanitarian community assessments, as access to affected groups expands over the coming days.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

FY 2010			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
DOD	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$1,500,000
FEMA	Search and Rescue	Affected Areas	\$23,500,000
HHS	Health	Affected Areas	\$13,000,000
IOM	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$7,000,000
USAID/DR	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$1,350,000
TBD	Emergency Response Activities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
WFP	Humanitarian Air Service, Logistics and Commodities	Affected Areas	\$10,000,000
WHO	Basic Health Services	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000

	Logistics and Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$3,961,371
	Administrative Costs	Affected Areas	\$120,930
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$65,482,301
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	14,550 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$18,000,000
WFP	TBD	Affected Areas	\$30,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$48,000,000
USAID/DR ASSISTANCE			
USAID/DR	Health	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
TOTAL USAID/DR			\$1,000,000
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TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI			\$114,482,301

1 USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of January 18, 2010.

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 Haiti 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