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Haiti – Cholera and Earthquake

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Note: This is the first joint fact sheet.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- In recent days, USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) program staff have conducted a series of meetings with U.N. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Protection, and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster staff to discuss transition strategies as relief agencies phase down earthquake and cholera response programming. USAID/OFDA staff report that the clusters are actively developing strategies to transition relief agency services to Haiti's public and private sectors where possible.
- On March 15, a USAID/OFDA field officer visiting grantees in Port-de-Paix, Northwest Department, reported that while field offices do not expect treatment disruptions following elections scheduled for March 20, relief agencies have taken measures to ensure uninterrupted treatment of cholera patients. Grantees have contingency stocks of cholera treatment supplies and are maintaining full tanks of gas to facilitate necessary staff movement.
- Between March 9 and 11, USAID hosted Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean Mark Feierstein in Haiti for briefings on the progress of USAID's cholera response and earthquake recovery and reconstruction activities to date. USAID/OFDA jointly presented an overview of the cholera response and transition plans with USAID/Haiti and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition, USAID/OFDA, USAID/Haiti, and USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) discussed intra-USAID cooperation on shelter interventions, such as rubble removal activities, in earthquake-affected areas.
- On March 10, USAID/OFDA participated in a briefing for Lieutenant General P. K. Keen, Military Deputy Commander of the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and presented an overview of USAID/OFDA's current planning and preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. Lieutenant General Keen traveled to Haiti to inaugurate the new Port-au-Prince Emergency Operations Center, established with joint funding from USAID and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD).

CHOLERA NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Overall Cholera Caseload	258,084	MSPP ¹ – March 9, 2011
Hospitalized Cases	138,946	MSPP – March 9, 2011
Deaths Due to Cholera	4,717	MSPP – March 9, 2011
Overall CFR ²	1.8 percent	MSPP – March 9, 2011

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE FOR CHOLERA

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$40,513,142
USAID/OTI Assistance to Haiti for Cholera.....	\$3,008,803
USAID/Haiti ³ Assistance to Haiti for Cholera.....	\$2,015,000
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$45,536,945

EARTHQUAKE NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Estimated Deaths	316,000 ⁴	GoH – January 14, 2011
Verified Number of Displaced Individuals in Settlements	680,000	IOM ⁵ – March 16, 2011
Estimated Affected Population	3 million	U.N. ⁶ – January 15, 2010

FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$367,588,999
USAID/FFP ⁷ Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$188,117,461

¹ Government of Haiti (GoH) Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP)

² Case Fatality Rate (CFR)

³ USAID/Haiti has pre-existing, long-term health programs that have been an integral part of the cholera response; these programs have also continued normal activities. The USAID/Haiti funding levels represent estimated amounts for one month of FY 2010 resources expended on the cholera response. The funding is based on an estimate of the program spending rate and percentage of resources expended on the cholera response.

⁴ Death estimates vary.

⁵ International Organization for Migration (IOM)

⁶ United Nations (U.N.)

⁷ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

USAID/OTI Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$102,871,828
USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$52,388,856
USAID/DR ⁸ Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$3,000,000
State/PRM ⁹ Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$14,599,690
DoD Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$453,000,000

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$25,234,095
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TOTAL FY 2010 AND FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

Total USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$392,823,094
Total USAID, State, and DoD Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....	\$1,206,800,929

CHOLERA CONTEXT

- On October 22, 2010, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten issued a disaster declaration due to the cholera outbreak. On October 26, USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to coordinate USAID/OFDA emergency response efforts with USAID/Haiti, USAID/OTI, and the CDC; provide technical assistance to the MSPP; and support relief agencies' response activities. USAID also stood up a Response Management Team (RMT) in Washington, D.C., to support the USAID/DART in Haiti and coordinate with the USAID Haiti Task Team (HTT). The USAID/DART transitioned to a Haiti program office on January 27, and the RMT stood down on January 28.
- USAID/OFDA's emergency cholera response plan focused on preventing cholera cases, reducing the number of cases requiring hospitalization, and reducing the CFR. The plan included four elements: provision of chlorine to increase availability of safe drinking water; expansion of national hygiene education outreach; provision of oral rehydration sachets (ORS) and medical supplies; and an increase in the number of cholera treatment facilities (CTFs), particularly in underserved and rural areas.
- USAID/OFDA recognizes that cholera will likely remain present in Haiti for several years and that the rainy and hurricane seasons may cause additional caseload spikes. USAID/OFDA program office staff remain in Haiti to monitor the evolving humanitarian situation, enhance coordination, monitor ongoing USAID/OFDA-funded response activities, and adjust programming in response to evolving conditions on the ground. USAID/OFDA is working closely with USAID/Haiti, USAID/OTI, CDC, and the humanitarian community to coordinate efforts and facilitate a smooth transition from emergency relief activities to development programming.

EARTHQUAKE CONTEXT

- On January 12, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck southern Haiti from an epicenter located 10 miles southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The earthquake killed an estimated 316,000 people and affected approximately 3 million others. On January 13, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten declared a disaster due to the effects of the earthquake. In response, the U.S. Government (USG) provided more than \$1.1 billion to meet humanitarian needs in Haiti in FY 2010, including more than \$713 million from USAID. The USAID contribution comprised nearly \$368 million from USAID/OFDA, more than \$188 million from USAID/FFP, more than \$102 million from USAID/OTI, more than \$52 million from USAID/Haiti, and \$3 million from USAID/Dominican Republic.
- In the year following the earthquake, humanitarian efforts met the immediate needs of earthquake-affected populations by providing safe drinking water, food, household items, shelter, sanitation facilities, and health services. USAID continues to work closely with other USG agencies, the GoH, international organizations, the U.N., and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to coordinate ongoing efforts and facilitate the transition from emergency relief activities to recovery operations, while addressing identified needs.

Shelter and Settlements

- On March 11, Mr. Feierstein visited the Nazon neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, where USAID/OFDA grantee World Concern and USAID/Haiti grantee CHF International are working together to demolish houses marked red, or unsafe for habitation; repair "yellow" houses, those requiring minor or moderate repair; and construct transitional shelters (t-shelters). During the visit, USAID staff briefed Mr. Feierstein on specific rubble removal and shelter accomplishments.
- As of March 9, USAID/OFDA grantees had completed 17,176 t-shelters, representing more than 35 percent of the international total, and an increase of 2,025 since the figure reported on February 4. In addition, USAID/OFDA grantees had completed repairs to structures deemed "yellow" by structural engineers conducting habitability assessments to accommodate 3,908 households. The figure represents an increase of more than 1,500 households since the figure reported on February 4.

⁸ USAID/Dominican Republic (USAID/DR)

⁹ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- On March 4, USAID/OFDA program office staff met with CCCM Cluster leads to discuss camp management and community returns. The CCCM Cluster reported that, as of March 2, NGOs were managing 179 of the estimated 1,050 camps in Haiti, while the remaining camps were managed by the CCCM. In addition, according to CCCM Cluster leads, the majority of people who have left camps have done so in response to “push factors”—such as evictions and cholera—rather than “pull factors,” which include jobs, access to services, and overall community restoration. The CCCM Cluster is developing an operational plan to respond to the evolving situation. To date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$97 million for shelter and settlement activities and more than \$50 million for economic recovery and market systems activities in response to the Haiti earthquake.

WASH

- On March 10, USAID/OFDA program staff met with WASH Cluster leads to discuss transition plans regarding sanitation and water provision for earthquake-affected populations in displacement camps. The WASH Cluster plans to finalize a WASH strategy by the end of March 2011, including water distribution alternatives, as relief agencies phase down free water trucking services to camps from March through June 2011.
- WASH Cluster members have identified four primary alternatives to help mitigate the effects of discontinued free water trucking services. The alternatives include: connecting to the public network, drilling boreholes and installing hand pumps, transitioning responsibility for management and payment of water trucking to local communities, and establishing new water kiosks where community members may purchase drinking water.
- WASH Cluster leads suggested that relief agencies may employ a full range of alternatives to appropriately address the diverse situations found in camps and areas throughout the city, and the Cluster is considering strategies that simultaneously create water solutions for several camps at once.
- WASH Cluster leads stated that the rapid and effective WASH response helped contain the cholera outbreak in camps; however, relief agencies remain concerned that the upcoming rainy season, which begins in April, may cause a renewed outbreak. USAID/OFDA continues to monitor cholera developments and discuss contingency activities with cholera response organizations, in preparation for a potential spike in cholera numbers due to the upcoming rainy season. USAID/OFDA grantees have stocked cholera-related supplies—such as sachets of ORS, chlorine, and aquatabs—in local warehouses and continue to emphasize cholera prevention messaging.

Protection

- USAID/OFDA staff and Protection Cluster leads met to discuss transition plans on March 10. The Cluster leads noted that many people will continue to reside in the camps in coming months and that sustained, effective protection efforts will require increased leadership and accountability by GoH agencies as international organizations phase down activities.
- Protection Cluster leads noted that, while protection issues have evolved since the days immediately following the earthquake, needs are ongoing. According to the Protection Cluster, efforts in the camps to date include improved nighttime lighting, patrolling, incident reporting, and awareness-raising within the community and among local NGOs and government agencies. The Protection Cluster is also conducting a widespread mapping exercise to improve coordination, with support from USAID/OTI through Chemonics International.
- To date, the GoH has been involved with some protection issues—in particular, gender-based violence (GBV)—and has participated on a GBV committee jointly supported by the GoH, U.N. agencies, and NGOs. Protection Cluster leads noted that capacity building of local NGOs and relevant government agencies are priorities for effective child protection. Other priorities include information management and monitoring and reporting. To date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$11 million for protection activities in response to the Haiti earthquake.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA

FY 2011			
<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Action Contre la Faim (ACF)	WASH	Artibonite, Northwest Departments	\$925,000
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Health, WASH	West Department	\$1,144,166
CARE	Health, WASH	Grand Anse Department	\$985,481
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Health	Artibonite, Grand Anse, Nippes, North, Northwest, South, West Departments	\$1,417,527
CDC	Health	Affected Areas	\$275,000
Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)	WASH	Artibonite	\$400,096
Concern	WASH	Center, West Departments	\$624,942
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$500,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, WASH	Artibonite, Center, North, Northeast, Northwest, South, Southeast, West Departments	\$7,285,583
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Artibonite, North, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, West Departments	\$4,600,000
IOM	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$7,800,000
Management Sciences for Health (MSH)	Health	Affected Areas	\$825,617
Mercy Corps	WASH	Center Department	\$925,013
Partners in Health (PIH)	Health, WASH	Artibonite, Center, and West Departments	\$1,500,000
Samaritan's Purse (SP)	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	West Department	\$2,869,431
Save the Children (SC)	Health, WASH	West Department	\$825,000
World Concern Development Organization (WCDO)	Health	West Department	\$364,180

U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
World Health Organization (WHO) / Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$635,580
	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$5,410,544
	Administrative Costs		\$199,982
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$40,513,142
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Implementing Partners	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH, Media and Awareness, Public Outreach	Affected Areas	\$3,008,803
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$3,008,803
FY 2010			
<i>Program</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE			
Community Health and AIDS Mitigation Project (CHAMP)	Community Health Services	Countrywide	\$198,000
Leadership, Management, and Sustainability Program (LMS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$185,000
PROMARK	Health, Public Outreach	Countrywide	\$232,000
Supply Chain Management System (SCMS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$600,000
Health for the Development and Stability of Haiti (SDSH)	Essential Health Services	Countrywide	\$800,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI			\$2,015,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA			\$45,536,945

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 18, 2011.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

FY 2011			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE²			
CHF International	Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$16,705,583
Medair/SWI	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Shelter and Settlements	South East	\$2,055,784
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Port-au-Prince, Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, Léogâne, Jacmel	\$685,661
PIH	Health	Port-au-Prince	\$1,731,766
WCDO	WASH, Shelter and Settlements	Port-au-Prince	\$2,983,702
	Logistics and Relief Commodities		\$485,939

	Administrative Costs		\$585,660
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$25,234,095
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2011			\$25,234,095

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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. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for cholera efforts in Haiti can be found at www.interaction.org. 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, 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 – 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