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## ***Haiti – Cholera***

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*Note: The last fact sheet was dated January 21, 2011.*

### **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

- On January 27, the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) transitioned to a USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) Haiti program office. This transition reflects the evolution of the cholera outbreak from the acute phase of the humanitarian emergency to a stabilized situation, with declining overall case fatality rates (CFRs) and a decreasing rate of new cholera cases during recent weeks. The USAID/DART, USAID/OFDA grantees, and other relief agencies note that existing cholera treatment facilities (CTFs) established by the Government of Haiti (GoH) Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) and humanitarian community are sufficient to meet current and anticipated caseload treatment needs and that adequate quantities of cholera-related commodities are in-country or en route to meet ongoing needs.
- On January 28, the Washington, D.C.,-based Response Management Team (RMT) transitioned to the USAID/OFDA Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) expanded regional team (ERT). The expanded LAC team will continue to provide support to the USAID/OFDA Haiti program office.
- On January 26, USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance Deputy Assistant Administrator (DCHA/DAA) Mark Ward visited Haiti to discuss the transition from emergency cholera response to development activities with the USAID/Haiti Mission Director, the U.S. Ambassador to Haiti, and the USAID/DART. In addition, DCHA/DAA Ward observed USAID/OFDA cholera response activities in and around Mirebalais, Centre Department, and met with USAID/OFDA Haitian surge capacity consultants to discuss the consultants' recent assessment of cholera knowledge and practices throughout Haiti.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>		<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Overall Cholera Caseload</b>	209,034	MSPP – January 24, 2011
<b>Hospitalized Cases</b>	117,930	MSPP – January 24, 2011
<b>Deaths Due to Cholera</b>	4,030	MSPP – January 24, 2011
<b>Overall CFR</b>	1.9 percent	MSPP – January 24, 2011

### **HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE FOR CHOLERA**

<b>USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for Cholera</b> .....	<b>\$40,445,532</b>
<b>USAID/OTI<sup>1</sup> Assistance to Haiti for Cholera</b> .....	<b>\$1,016,214</b>
<b>USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for Cholera<sup>2</sup></b> .....	<b>\$2,015,000</b>
<b>Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Cholera</b> .....	<b>\$43,476,746</b>

### **CONTEXT**

- On October 22, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten issued a disaster declaration due to the cholera outbreak. On October 26, USAID deployed a DART to coordinate emergency response efforts, provide technical assistance to the MSPP, and support longer-term health systems. USAID also stood up a Response Management Team 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 transitioned to a LAC ERT 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 sachets of oral rehydration salts (ORS) and medical supplies; and an increase in the number of 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

<sup>1</sup> USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI)

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the humanitarian community to coordinate efforts and facilitate a smooth transition from emergency relief activities to development programming.

### **Health**

- On January 21, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that, as a result of decreasing or stabilized CFRs in all of Haiti's 10 departments, some health agencies are consolidating their CTFs and are relocating medical services to remote and rural areas. USAID/OFDA grantees are coordinating with other relief agencies to meet ongoing needs and ensure that no coverage gaps emerge.
- On January 27, the USAID/DART and DCHA/DAA Ward traveled to a CTF operated by grantee Partners in Health (PIH) in Mirebalais, Centre Department. PIH reported that the rate of new cholera patients seen at the CTF had declined from more than 200 per day during the height of the outbreak to approximately 35 to 40 new patients per day at the time of the visit.
- On January 24, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$985,000 to grantee CARE for health and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions targeting more than 300,000 individuals in Grand Anse Department. CARE will train 112 community health workers to conduct hygiene education sessions and train individuals on the proper use of ORS. In addition, CARE will establish 12 oral rehydration points (ORPs) to ensure that rural and underserved communities located far from health centers have access to basic cholera care and referral services. On January 21, the Health Cluster—the coordinating body for health activities—reported the need for the establishment of additional ORPs throughout the department to increase coverage in rural areas.

### **WASH**

- On January 27, USAID/DART members and DCHA/DAA Ward observed USAID/OFDA grantee Mercy Corps' program on hygiene promotion, relief commodity distribution, water chlorination, and training of community decontamination teams in rural areas near Mirebalais, Centre Department. Mercy Corps staff reported that ongoing, persistent hygiene promotion efforts have helped local populations overcome initial reluctance to change hygiene and sanitation habits. To date, Mercy Corps has reached more than 183,000 people with cholera prevention activities in Centre Department.
- On January 20, USAID/DART staff traveled to Marchand Dessalines, Artibonite Department, to meet with USAID/OFDA grantee the Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI). CECI is training individuals on cholera prevention methods, such as proper food preparation, hand-washing, water purification, and preparation of ORS solution. As of January 20, individuals trained had provided cholera-related hygiene education to approximately 25,000 people in Artibonite Department.
- CECI staff reported that cholera cases and cholera-related deaths are decreasing in and around Marchand Dessalines, and attributed the decrease to improved recognition of cholera symptoms, increased use of ORS, and faster treatment-seeking behavior. According to CECI, populations in remote mountainous areas may not receive adequate cholera-related information or supplies, and face difficulty transporting patients to CTFs. In response, CECI will deliver ORS supplies to village-level officials in difficult-to-access areas to improve the cholera response.

### **USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA**

<b>FY 2011</b>			
<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
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

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
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
U.N. World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization (WHO/PAHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$635,580
	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$5,385,505
	Administrative Costs		\$157,411
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$40,445,532</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
Implementing Partners	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Affected Areas	\$1,016,214
<b>TOTAL USAID/OTI</b>			<b>\$1,016,214</b>
<b>FY 2010</b>			
<i>Program</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
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
<b>TOTAL USAID/HAITI</b>			<b>\$2,015,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA</b>			<b>\$43,476,746</b>

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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](http://www.interaction.org). Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Haiti may be available at [www.reliefweb.int](http://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](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)