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## *Haiti – Earthquake*

Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

January 6, 2011

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

### KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- USAID/OFDA grantees constructed 13,662 transitional shelters (t-shelters) as of January 6, providing transitional housing for more than 68,000 individuals and representing an increase of more than 2,100 USAID/OFDA t-shelters since December 15.
- As of January 6, USAID/OFDA grantees completed repairs to earthquake-damaged buildings sufficient to accommodate 1,875 households. Government of Haiti (GoH) engineers and others previously marked the structures “yellow” to indicate they could be made safe for habitation with minor repairs. The repair total represents an increase of nearly 1,100 households from the figure reported on December 15.
- On January 14, USAID/OFDA grantee the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) and partner Miyamoto International plan to host the first training session for relief agencies and masons interested in conducting repairs to yellow-marked houses. The training follows development of repair guidelines by a GoH Ministry of Public Works, Transport, and Communication technical committee, with support from PADF and Miyamoto International, as part of the ongoing habitability assessment funded by USAID/OFDA and the World Bank.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
<b>Estimated Deaths</b>	230,000 <sup>1</sup>	GoH – February 15
<b>Verified Number of Displaced Individuals in Settlements</b>	1 million	IOM <sup>2</sup> – December 9
<b>Estimated Affected Population</b>	3 million	U.N. – January 15

### FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$367,588,999
USAID/FFP <sup>3</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$188,154,500
USAID/OTI <sup>4</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$75,650,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$47,499,456
USAID/DR <sup>5</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$3,000,000
State/PRM <sup>6</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$14,599,690
DoD <sup>7</sup> Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$453,000,000

### FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$11,603,047
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### TOTAL FY 2010 AND FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

Total USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake .....	\$379,192,046
Total USAID, State, and DoD Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake.....	\$1,161,095,692

### 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 230,000 people and affected approximately 3 million others, according to the GoH. 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 nearly \$682 million from USAID. The USAID contribution comprised nearly \$368 million from USAID/OFDA, more than

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

<sup>2</sup> 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)

\$188 million from USAID/FFP, nearly \$76 million from USAID/OTI, more than \$47 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 to coordinate ongoing efforts and facilitate the transition from emergency relief activities to recovery operations, while addressing identified needs.

### ***Shelter and Settlements***

- During a December 30 visit to the heavily earthquake-affected commune of Petit Goâve, West Department, USAID/OFDA staff observed well-assembled metal frames constructed by grantee CHF International, with secure fastening of the roof to the frame and sound anchoring of the structure to the concrete base. T-shelter beneficiaries reported preferring USAID plastic sheeting, which CHF International uses for t-shelter walls, over other forms of sheeting. The USAID sheeting affords residents greater privacy at night by reducing backlighting, according to t-shelter recipients.
- Beneficiaries have begun to modify CHF International t-shelters, including through installation of plumbing, wiring, tile floors, stucco exteriors, and metal doors, indicating a sense of ownership in the structures and ability to locally acquire materials to improve living conditions.
- CHF International utilizes crushing machines to turn rubble at t-shelter sites into usable material. CHF International uses approximately 70 percent of crushed material for its shelter projects, while the remaining 30 percent is used for re-grading dirt roads, constructing walkways and pads for t-shelters by other relief agencies, and improving drainage at cholera treatment facility sites.
- USAID/OFDA staff also visited shelter programs implemented by grantee the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) in Léogâne, West Department, on December 30, reporting well-constructed t-shelters with secure anchoring of the frame to the ground and secure fastening of the roof to the frame. Since beneficiaries provide their own cement floors and can construct windows and doors with ACTED materials as they deem most appropriate, USAID/OFDA staff observed extensive beneficiary activity to improve shelters.
- ACTED is working to improve storage capacity at its Léogâne warehouse to minimize delays in t-shelter construction in the event of renewed political violence hindering access to construction materials. ACTED teams currently assemble 30 t-shelters per day, and the warehouse can store components for 60 t-shelters. ACTED is expanding warehouse capacity to stockpile one week's worth of materials at any given time.

### ***Economic Recovery and Market Systems***

- USAID/OFDA programs continue to help beneficiaries improve livelihoods disrupted by the earthquake. On December 29, USAID/OFDA staff visited a program implemented by the Center for International Studies and Development (CECI) in La Chapelle, Artibonite Department. A significant influx of earthquake-displaced people from Port-au-Prince has resulted in strains on host communities in Artibonite Department.
- USAID/OFDA staff met beneficiaries from a 60-person women's group who each received a cash grant of 10,000 Haitian gourdes, or approximately \$250, through the CECI program. Beneficiaries reported using the cash to purchase materials for sale at a profit, buy building materials or livestock for use at home, pay school fees and rent, and purchase rice to feed displaced families. One beneficiary reported reselling charcoal at a 40 percent profit; another doubled the return on an investment of rice for her restaurant.

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

- USAID/OFDA grantees continue to engage in WASH activities that have helped meet displaced populations' WASH needs after the earthquake and are being adapted to respond to the cholera outbreak. On December 29, USAID/OFDA staff observed beneficiaries from a women's group in La Chapelle speaking accurately of best practices to avoid disease transmission following participation in CECI's hygiene promotion trainings.
- USAID/OFDA grantee Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continues to increase access to sanitation facilities for earthquake-affected populations in Port-au-Prince. As of December 24, CRS constructed 506 latrines, 96 hand-washing stations, and 394 bathing facilities in the Port-au-Prince area. In addition, CRS trained more than 700 water monitors and latrine monitors. To date, more than 36,700 people have taken part in CRS hygiene education programs supported by USAID/OFDA.

### ***Health and Protection***

- Nearly a year after the earthquake, Haitians continue to experience effects of earthquake-related injuries, and people who had been disabled before the earthquake have become increasingly vulnerable due to displacement, loss of family members, loss of livelihoods, the cholera outbreak, and political violence, which can cause temporary cessations of humanitarian activities.

- To grant injured and disabled individuals increased independence, USAID/OFDA grantee Handicap International (HI) provides physical rehabilitation and care through referral to medical facilities and establishment of care points in communities for assessment of beneficiaries' needs and dissemination of information on relief options. The program also includes psychosocial support, humanitarian coordination efforts to ensure that disabled and injured people are not overlooked in response efforts, and monitoring of disabled and vulnerable populations' conditions.
- During a January 5 visit, USAID/OFDA staff spoke with a displaced beneficiary in Port-au-Prince's Delmas 40B neighborhood who sustained a complex fracture of the tibia during the earthquake but reported progress in her rehabilitation since HI therapists began to visit in April. HI therapists visit the patient on a weekly basis to conduct physical therapy exercises, and HI has provided the beneficiary with wound care kits. The beneficiary travels to medical appointments via a USAID/OFDA-funded IOM medical referral and transport program.
- USAID/OFDA staff also visited a beneficiary in the Pétiion-Ville Club/Golf Delmas 48 displacement camp who noted increased strength and flexibility in his foot and leg—which had been fractured during the earthquake—since he began working with HI therapists in September. HI staff continue wide-ranging efforts to identify injured people who would benefit from physical rehabilitation. In Pétiion-Ville Club/Golf Delmas 48 camp alone, HI works with 52 patients to conduct physical rehabilitation exercises. USAID/OFDA staff also observed international HI staff providing hands-on training to Haitian therapists.
- HI continues to work with camp managers, such as in Corail Cesselesse and Tabarre Issa camps, to ensure the placement of disabled and injured people near essential services. HI is identifying community teams and pre-deploying contingency stocks of food, water, and relief commodities to allow disabled and injured people with limited mobility to receive assistance in the event that future political violence disrupts relief agency activities.

### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

FY 2011			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
CHF International	Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$8,644,193
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Port-au-Prince, Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, Léogâne, Jacmel	\$685,661
Partners in Health	Health	Port-au-Prince	\$1,731,766
	Logistics and Relief Commodities		\$490,948
	Administrative Costs		\$50,479
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$11,603,047</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2011</b>			<b>\$11,603,047</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of January 6, 2011

### 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 [haiti.humanitarianresponse.info](http://haiti.humanitarianresponse.info) 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)

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)