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Georgia – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated August 25, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- According to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Government of Georgia (GoG) plans to close all internally displaced person (IDP) centers in Tbilisi by September 30 and relocate remaining IDPs to Gori in order to facilitate schools reopening as scheduled in October. The GoG intends to establish collective centers in Gori to accommodate IDPs unable to return to homes in Gori or South Ossetia or other locations. Current GoG planning figures estimate that between 15,000 and 30,000 new IDPs may remain displaced in the long-term.
- The GoG and several non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are scheduled to complete distributions of USG-provided meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) and humanitarian daily rations (HDRs) in Tbilisi by August 29. Following a revised assessment that approximately 98 percent of IDPs in collective centers have access to cooking facilities, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) is preparing to resume regular food distributions of staple food commodities to IDPs remaining in the capital.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Newly* Displaced Persons in Georgia (total)	128,703	U.N. Georgia Flash Appeal - August 18, 2008
Newly* Displaced Persons in Russia (total)	30,000	U.N. Georgia Flash Appeal - August 18, 2008
Returnees from parts of Georgia to Gori	10,000	OCHA ¹ - August 25, 2008
Returnees from Russia to S. Ossetia	19,255	EMERCOM ² / OCHA - August 25, 2008

* Since August 8, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Georgia.....	\$4,183,334
State/EUR/ACE³ Assistance to Georgia	\$2,844,581
DOD⁴ Assistance to Georgia	\$14,483,220
Total USAID, State, and DOD Humanitarian Assistance to Georgia.....	\$21,511,135

CURRENT SITUATION

Humanitarian Access

- According to OCHA, humanitarian agencies continue to have access to Gori as well as to locations in western and eastern Georgia. As of August 25, however, humanitarian agencies have not been able to access South Ossetia from the south; only from Russia to the north.

Non-Food Items / Emergency Relief Supplies

- On August 25, implementing partners collected a total of 12,200 HDRs and 11,736 MREs for distribution to 332 IDP centers in 9 municipalities in and around Tbilisi. In addition, the GoG Ministry of Finance collected 10,000 HDRs for distribution in Gori.
- As of August 25, U.N. agencies, donor governments, and relief organizations have dispatched 104 airlifts, truck convoys, and ships carrying humanitarian relief supplies to Georgia, according to OCHA. An additional 10 flights are scheduled for the coming days.
- According to OCHA, the Russian Federation's emergency response agency has delivered more than 3,300 metric tons (MT) of humanitarian assistance to Tskhinvali, South Ossetia, including food, safe drinking water, medical supplies, hygiene commodities, shelter materials, beds, and sheets. The Russian Federation has also reportedly deployed two air-mobile hospitals to Tskhinvali to provide medical assistance and conduct surgeries and has established food, water, and medicine distribution points in the city. As of August 25, more than 558 persons have received medical treatment and 79 surgeries have been performed.

¹ The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

² The Russian Federation's Ministry of Emergency Situations (EMERCOM)

³ U.S. Department of State Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia (State/EUR/ACE)

⁴ U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

Food

- To date, WFP has provided emergency food assistance to more than 127,000 people throughout Georgia, excluding South Ossetia and Abkhazia due to access restrictions. Distributions include flour, oil, beans, salt, sugar, and bread.
- Since the withdrawal of Russian armed forces from Gori on August 23, WFP has been providing flour to bakeries in Gori for the distribution of bread to returning populations. In addition, WFP is planning to begin providing emergency food commodities to villages north of Gori in the coming days.

Shelter and Settlements

- The Shelter and Settlements specialist on the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) has noted that the rapid return of displaced populations to Gori and other areas has created the need for new assessments of IDP centers in Tbilisi. The USAID DART remains closely engaged with the UNHCR-led Shelter and Non-Food Items sector coordination group.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- On August 25, OCHA reported that the WASH coordination group has identified 56 IDP collective centers in Tbilisi that require additional WASH interventions. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and additional relief organizations are conducting further assessments to determine specific activities and plan to provide additional WASH assistance.
- According to the findings of an August 20 interagency assessment to Gori, urban water and sanitation infrastructure remains at pre-conflict levels. The coordination group, however, has projected that the provision of hygiene kits and hygiene promotion interventions will likely be required for up to three additional months.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

- According to OCHA, Russian de-mining teams are in the process of clearing UXO from affected areas of South Ossetia. To date, the teams have disposed of more than 1,100 UXO.

Logistics

- On August 25, four U.S. European Command (EUCOM) flights arrived in Tbilisi delivering 24,960 HDRs, 31,104 MREs, and tent sets. Since August 13, EUCOM has dispatched a total of 51 flights carrying DOS, DOD, and USAID humanitarian relief commodities to Georgia. Additional flights are scheduled through late August. The total value of EUCOM's transportation assistance, including operational and personnel support, now stands at nearly \$12.9 million.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On August 9, U.S. Ambassador John F. Tefft declared a disaster due to the effects of armed conflict in Georgia. As of August 23, the USG has provided more than \$21.5 million, including more than \$4.1 million from USAID/OFDA, \$2.8 million from the U.S. Department of State, and nearly \$14.5 million from DOD.
- Since August 9, USAID/OFDA has provided an more than \$370,000 through USAID/Georgia to four NGOs for the provision and distribution of emergency relief supplies to benefit up to 12,500 people.
- To respond to immediate emergency needs for conflict-affected populations, the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi released U.S. Department of State pre-positioned disaster packages, including medical supplies, tents, blankets, bedding, hygiene items, and clothing valued at \$1.2 million. State/EUR/ACE provided additional emergency relief commodities valued at \$1.6 million from storage warehouses in Germany.
- On August 13, EUCOM began airlifting USAID/OFDA, DOD, and State/EUR/ACE-provided relief and medical supplies to Tbilisi. As of August 23, the total value of USG emergency relief commodities, including shelter, emergency food assistance, hygiene kits, sleeping bags, and medical commodities, is nearly \$4.7 million. Seven NGO partners, including Counterpart International, Samaritan's Purse, CARE International, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), World Vision, Save the Children, and Mercy Corps, have been delivering USG emergency relief commodities to populations in need.
- On August 14, USAID/OFDA in collaboration with USAID Office of Food for Peace provided \$1 million to WFP for the procurement of 653.5 MT of emergency food commodities for populations affected by the ongoing emergency. Following the release of the August 18 U.N. Flash Appeal, USAID/OFDA provided an additional \$1 million to WFP to coordinate the distribution of emergency relief supplies and \$750,000 to UNICEF for WASH issues in conflict-affected areas. On August 25, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$113,000 to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to conduct an agriculture and food security needs assessment in conflict-affected areas.
- The enhanced USAID/OFDA regional team for Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia transitioned to a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team on August 13 to coordinate USG humanitarian response efforts, identify priority needs, and program additional emergency assistance.
- A USAID DART has been in Tbilisi since August 15 to conduct humanitarian needs assessments, coordinate with the GoG and relief agencies, and inform further USAID assistance priorities.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GEORGIA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
CARE	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$129,000
Counterpart International	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$158,332
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$112,714
UMCOR	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$23,000
UNICEF	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$750,000
WFP	Nutrition, Logistics, and Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$63,000
USAID/Georgia	Local transportation and distribution of Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$200,000
Logistics	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$265,370
	Administration and DART Support		\$481,918
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$4,183,334
STATE/EUR/ACE ASSISTANCE²			
Multiple	Emergency Relief and Medical Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$2,844,581
TOTAL STATE/EUR/ACE			\$2,844,581
DOD ASSISTANCE			
	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$1,586,130
	Airlift of USG emergency relief supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$12,897,090
TOTAL DOD			\$14,483,220
TOTAL USAID, STATE, AND DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GEORGIA IN FY 2008			\$21,511,135

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 26, 2008.

² State/EUR/ACE has facilitated the provision of emergency relief supplies to non-governmental organizations for distribution in cooperation with the GoG Ministry of Refugees and Accommodation. The funding amounts represent the approximate value of relief commodities; the costs of transportation of the commodities by U.S. European Command military flights is reflected in the DOD Assistance section.

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 Georgia 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

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/