

# Haiti – Complex Emergency

October 22, 2021

## SITUATION AT A GLANCE



- USAID/BHA provides more than \$92 million in humanitarian funding for Haiti in FY 2021, including more than \$55.5 million in dedicated earthquake response funding.
- A September IPC analysis projects that 4.3 million people across Haiti are likely facing severe acute food insecurity.
- USAID/BHA partner WFP provides emergency food assistance to nearly 234,000 people in earthquake-affected areas as of September 26.
- USAID/BHA transitions its earthquake DART and RMT to steady-state teams; USAID/BHA staff continue to coordinate and monitor humanitarian response efforts in Haiti, from USAID/BHA’s regional office in Costa Rica, and from Washington, D.C.



TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING For the Haiti Response in FY 2021 <sup>1</sup>	USAID/BHA <sup>2</sup>	\$86,147,108
		DoD <sup>3</sup>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,847,108</b>

*For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 7*

<sup>1</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.  
<sup>2</sup> USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA). Funding figure reflects publicly announced funding as of October 22, 2021.  
<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). Funding figure reflects funding as of September 30, 2021.

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

### **USAID/BHA Continues to Coordinate Scale-Up of Humanitarian Assistance in Haiti. Transitions Earthquake DART and RMT to Steady-State Teams**

USAID/BHA had provided more than \$92 million in humanitarian funding for Haiti in FY 2021, including approximately \$86 million in emergency funding and \$6 million for early recovery, risk reduction, and resilience (ER4) programs, as of October 22. USAID/BHA's emergency funding includes more than \$55.5 million in earthquake response support for 13 humanitarian partners to provide critical shelter, food, health, livelihood, multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA), nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) support to earthquake-affected people in southwestern Haiti—including by providing crucial, medium-term services to spur household and community recovery. USAID/BHA is also supporting essential humanitarian coordination and logistics services to ensure assistance continues to reach those in need following the earthquake and has provided nearly 900,000 pounds of emergency relief commodities and 2,118 metric tons (MT) of food for onward distribution by partners to earthquake-affected households. USAID/BHA's FY 2021 funding also includes approximately \$30.6 million in emergency support for Haiti's ongoing complex emergency and coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, as well as \$6 million to implement ER4 programs bolstering food security and livelihood conditions and disaster risk management practices across the country, enhancing resilience to sudden-onset shocks, such as the earthquake.

On September 30, USAID/BHA transitioned earthquake response activities from the field-based Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) and Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team (RMT) to USAID/BHA steady-state teams in Haiti, at the regional office in Costa Rica, and in Washington, D.C. USAID/BHA staff continue to assess ongoing needs, work to ensure earthquake assistance reaches those in remote areas, and coordinate and monitor the scale-up of humanitarian assistance to meet heightened needs in the country due to the earthquake and ongoing food insecurity.

Throughout a nearly 50-day activation, the DART and RMT worked urgently to meet immediate humanitarian needs of earthquake-affected populations. At its height, the DART comprised 97 people, including 65 urban-search-and-rescue (USAR) personnel who performed assessment and response activities across 15 communes in Haiti's Grand'Anse, Nippes, and Sud departments. In addition, USAID requested the unique capabilities of DoD's U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) to support DART-led U.S. Government (USG) relief efforts. During its deployment, Joint Task Force (JTF)-Haiti—which included DoD and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) assets—flew 671 missions, assisting 477 people and transporting approximately 200 relief staff and 588,000 pounds of emergency relief commodities to affected areas.

### **GoH Outlines Priorities for Second Phase of Earthquake Response, as AST and UNDAC Personnel Demobilize Following Completion of Rescue Efforts**

As humanitarian actors continue to transition from immediate earthquake relief efforts to longer-term recovery programs, the Government of Haiti (GoH) Directorate General for Civil Protection (DGPC) recently outlined priorities to ensure additional assistance efficiently meets persistent needs. The DGPC indicated that identifying response gaps, readjusting beneficiary targeting, promoting cash assistance, distributing assistance to people displaced by the earthquake in informal sites, and reopening schools in southwestern Haiti will remain priorities in the recovery phase in coordination with relief actors. The GoH also plans to prioritize remote areas and the most vulnerable populations for assistance. Furthermore, the GoH plans to implement programs supporting displaced persons to return to their houses and conduct distributions in areas of origin to limit further displacement to urban centers.

Separately, following the completion of the rescue phase of the response, both UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) staff and USAID/BHA-funded Americas Support Team (AST) personnel demobilized and departed Haiti on September 25. The AST comprises members of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Fire and Rescue Department deployed after the earthquake to support UNDAC humanitarian coordination, information management, and assessment (HCIMA) and logistics efforts. Following UNDAC's departure, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Haiti country office has resumed its role as lead coordinating agency for the humanitarian response, retaining a sub-office in Sud's Les Cayes commune and field offices in Grand'Anse's Jérémie commune and Nippes' Miragoâne commune to support ongoing earthquake response activities.

### **IPC Projects 4.3 Million People Will Likely Face Severe Acute Food Insecurity Across Haiti Through February 2022; USAID/BHA Responds**

An estimated 4.3 million people will likely face Crisis—IPC 3—or worse levels of acute food insecurity through February 2022 across Haiti due to adverse economic factors; political instability; poor agricultural production; and significant natural shocks, including the recent earthquake and Tropical Depression Grace, according to a September IPC analysis for Haiti.<sup>1</sup> The figure represents an increase of approximately 300,000 people facing severe acute food insecurity compared with the same period through February 2021 and includes an estimated 1.3 million people facing Emergency—IPC 4—levels of acute food insecurity. The analysis also projects that the number of people facing Crisis or worse levels of acute food insecurity will increase further to an estimated 4.6 million individuals during the March-to-June period in 2022, as factors exacerbating food insecurity persist.

In response, USAID/BHA continues to support the UN World Food Program (WFP) and four non-governmental organization (NGO) partners to provide emergency food assistance to vulnerable households across Haiti, including by meeting heightened food needs in earthquake-affected areas. As of September 26, WFP had provided nearly 234,000 earthquake-affected individuals in Grand'Anse, Nippes, and Sud with nearly 2,500 MT of food commodities and approximately \$905,000 in cash-based transfers with USAID/BHA and other donor support. In addition, the UN agency had distributed nearly 210,000 hot meals to patients in hospitals and displaced individuals in temporary shelters in earthquake-affected areas. WFP continues to distribute in-kind food assistance at multiple locations daily to meet needs in hard-to-reach, rural communities. Preexisting USAID/BHA-supported programs to meet emergency food needs across Haiti also continue.

### **DART Members Observe Partner Activities Prior to Demobilization**

Prior to the DART's transition on September 30 to the steady-state USAID/BHA teams, DART members continued to travel to southwestern Haiti to monitor USAID/BHA partner activities and assess persistent needs among earthquake-affected communities, visiting sites with all 13 earthquake response partners. On September 23, DART staff travelled to Grand'Anse's Corail and Pestel communes to observe USAID/BHA partner ACTED's shelter and WASH interventions. In coordination with the GoH, ACTED is providing safe drinking water to affected communities via water trucking services and is assessing damaged water systems for repair. During the visit, DART members observed activities at water distribution points in Corail and Pestel, where ACTED had installed water bladders and the organization's staff conduct hygiene promotion sessions and distribute water purification tablets.

Separately, DART members travelled to Nippes's Baradères commune to observe Catholic Relief

<sup>1</sup> The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a multi-partner initiative that developed a standardized scale to classify the severity and magnitude of food insecurity. The IPC scale, which is comparable across countries and time, ranges from Minimal—IPC 1—to Famine—IPC 5—for acute food insecurity.

Services (CRS) cash distributions as part of a pre-existing USAID/BHA food security program on September 24. The DART noted that the distributions included measures to mitigate COVID-19 risks. The DART also observed heavy earthquake damage in Baradères town, while CRS staff indicated that populations in the area lacked access to safe drinking water and adequate information on water treatment protocols.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

### KEY FIGURES



**\$31.3 Million**

In dedicated USAID/BHA support for emergency food assistance operations in FY 2021



**2,118**

MT of contingency food commodities released by USAID/BHA to WFP for food assistance operations



**77,000**

Number of USAID/BHA-funded relief commodities distributed by IOM

### FOOD SECURITY

USAID/BHA supports partners to provide emergency food assistance—including by distributing cash and food vouchers; locally, internationally, and regionally procured food; and U.S. in-kind food assistance—to populations facing acute food insecurity across Haiti. In FY 2021, USAID/BHA provided more than \$31.3 million to WFP and four NGOs to bolster food security conditions nationwide.

USAID/BHA also supports WFP to maintain a pre-positioned stock of emergency food commodities to quickly distribute throughout Haiti in the event of a disaster, such as the August 14 earthquake. USAID/BHA had released more than 2,118 MT of food—including pulses, rice, and vegetable oil—from the stock following the earthquake as of late September, enabling WFP to reach approximately 79,500 beneficiaries with monthly food distributions for two months.

As of September 26, WFP had reached more than 94,000 people with nearly 1,240 MT of USAID/BHA-funded food commodities following the earthquake. The UN agency also distributed more than 11,000 hot meals with USAID/BHA support across Grand'Anse and Sud. In total, with support from USAID/BHA and other donors, WFP had reached nearly 234,000 earthquake-affected individuals in Grand'Anse, Nippes, and Sud with nearly 2,500 MT of food commodities, had provided approximately \$905,000 in cash-based transfers, and had distributed nearly 210,000 hot meals as of September 26.

### RELIEF COMMODITIES, SHELTER, AND WASH

USAID/BHA supports the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and six NGOs to provide emergency relief commodities, shelter support, and/or WASH interventions in Haiti. With USAID/BHA funding, partners distribute hygiene kits and safe drinking water to vulnerable households, disseminate COVID-19 risk and prevention messaging, and conduct awareness campaigns on hygiene best practices to reduce the transmission risk of communicable diseases. Partners also support affected populations to repair damaged houses and WASH infrastructure in southwestern Haiti, thereby reducing earthquake-related displacement.

USAID/BHA also funds IOM to maintain pre-positioned emergency relief supplies—sufficient to support nearly 50,000 individuals—in Haiti for

distribution in response to sudden-onset disasters, such as earthquakes and other shocks. IOM distributed supplies from these stockpiles in response to the August 14 earthquake. In addition, from September 2 to 7, USAID/BHA transported 10,000 plastic sheets for shelter and 10,000 shelter repair kits from its warehouse in Miami, Florida, to Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince, for transfer to and distribution by IOM. Furthermore, on September 15, USAID/BHA delivered an additional shipment of relief commodities—including approximately 44,000 water containers and buckets; 17,000 blankets; 5,700 kitchen sets; 2,600 rolls of plastic sheeting or plastic sheets for shelter; and 26 hygiene supply kits with materials sufficient for 2,600 households—from Miami to Port-au-Prince via ocean freight for distribution by IOM. The UN agency had distributed nearly 77,000 USAID/BHA-funded relief items to earthquake-affected households as of mid-October.

## HEALTH AND PROTECTION



**\$10.3 Million**

In dedicated USAID/BHA health support in FY 2021

USAID/BHA has provided nearly \$14.7 million in FY 2021 support to IFRC, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and 6 NGOs to provide critical health care and/or protection interventions to vulnerable households, particularly in earthquake-affected areas. In response to the August 14 earthquake, USAID/BHA is supporting International Medical Corps (IMC) to provide health assistance via an emergency medical team operating in Sud, as well as other relief actors to conduct primary health care interventions bolstering access to health services for earthquake-affected populations. Meanwhile, USAID/BHA supports Doctors of the World and PAHO to strengthen the capacity of health care centers in Artibonite, Centre, Nippes, Nord, and Ouest departments to detect, treat, and manage positive COVID-19 cases, as well as augment community awareness of the disease.

On August 30, USAID/BHA delivered emergency medical kits—including bandages, examination gloves, gauze, malaria medicine, stethoscopes, syringes, and thermometers—sufficient to meet the urgent medical needs for three months of approximately 20,000 people affected by the earthquake or who lost access to health care services due to earthquake-related disruptions to health systems. Furthermore, on September 13, USAID/BHA delivered a shipment of health supplies specifically for earthquake injuries—including crutches, gauze, medical tape, splints, used needle safety boxes, and wheelchairs—valued at more than \$312,000 to Port-au-Prince. USAID/BHA provided the items to PAHO for onward distribution in Haiti.



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USAID/BHA partners providing critical protection interventions

Meanwhile, USAID/BHA is supporting CRS, Humanity and Inclusion, IFRC, IMC, Project Hope, Save the Children Federation (SCF), and UNFPA to provide critical protection services—such as gender-based violence prevention and response and psychosocial support (PSS) interventions—across Grand’Anse, Nippes, and Sud in response to the heightened protection risks facing vulnerable individuals following the earthquake. In addition, USAID/BHA partner Doctors of the World is training health care personnel in Nippes and Ouest departments on PSS best practices.

Moreover, USAID/BHA requires all partners to incorporate protection principles into each supported intervention in Haiti and promote meaningful access, dignity, and safety for beneficiaries.

## URBAN SEARCH-AND-RESCUE

Following the August 14 earthquake, a USAR team from Fairfax County, Virginia, Fire and Rescue Department—including 65 search-and-rescue personnel and four dogs—deployed amid the passage of Tropical Depression Grace alongside DART members, arriving in Haiti on August 15. The USAR team traveled with 52,000 pounds of specialized tools and medical equipment, with additional supplies arriving on August 17.



65

USAR personnel deployed to Haiti with the DART

On August 25, DART USAR staff demobilized and returned to the United States following the completion of rescue efforts in Haiti, while other DART staff remained in country to continue scaling up humanitarian assistance. DART USAR experts reached communities in 15 communes while in Haiti, including Beaumont, Corail, Dame Marie, Jérémie, Pestel, and Roseaux in Grand'Anse; Anse-à-Veau, Baradères, and Petit-Trou-de-Nippes in Nippes; and Camp-Perrin, Île-à-Vache, Les Cayes, Maniche, Port-à-Piment, and Saint-Louis-du-Sud in Sud.

## LOGISTICS SUPPORT

To address persistent logistical challenges in Haiti that can hinder effective implementation of humanitarian programs, USAID/BHA supports Humanity and Inclusion, IOM, and WFP to conduct critical logistics activities in the country. USAID/BHA logistics funding includes support for a WFP barge service to facilitate humanitarian transport between Port-au-Prince and coastal areas of southwestern Haiti, as well as the operation of WFP-led humanitarian convoys by road from Port-au-Prince to affected areas.



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Missions completed by JTF-Haiti aircraft supporting relief operations

In response to the August 14 earthquake, USCG helicopters deployed to Haiti and began transporting DART and USAR personnel to assist assessment and response activities on August 16. USAID also requested the unique capabilities of DoD's USSOUTHCOM to support USAID's response efforts with transport of relief commodities, staff, and USAR team members within Haiti, as well as assessment efforts in earthquake-affected areas.



588,000

Pounds of relief commodities transported to affected areas by JTF-Haiti

USSOUTHCOM deployed numerous aircraft to support humanitarian operations and provided aerial imagery to support damage assessments. During its deployment, JTF-Haiti—which included DoD and USCG assets—flew 671 missions, transporting approximately 200 relief staff and 588,000 pounds of emergency relief commodities to affected areas. JTF-Haiti concluded its final missions in support of DART-led humanitarian operations in Haiti on September 2.

## HCIMA



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Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department staff deployed to assist UNDAC

In response to the earthquake, five members of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Fire and Rescue Department deployed as part of the AST to provide technical support to UNDAC personnel, assisting with HCIMA efforts. USAID/BHA supports the AST to assist with disaster response operations and coordination efforts between the UN, local emergency management agencies, donor governments, and NGOs. USAID/BHA is also supporting IFRC to conduct damage and needs assessments through the Haitian Red Cross, as well as IOM and WFP to bolster HCIMA efforts for the earthquake response. Meanwhile, USAID/BHA supports OCHA to augment HCIMA activities among relief actors countrywide.

### CONTEXT IN BRIEF

- On August 14, 2021, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck southwestern Haiti, generating and exacerbating humanitarian needs in Grand’Anse, Nippes, and Sud. The earthquake resulted in at least 2,248 deaths, injured an additional 12,763 people, and damaged or destroyed more than 137,000 houses, according to the GoH. Subsequently, on August 16, Tropical Depression Grace made landfall over southwestern Haiti, generating heavy rains and strong winds.
- On August 14, 2021, U.S. Ambassador Michele J. Sison declared a disaster for Haiti due to the effects of the earthquake. USAID/BHA subsequently deployed a DART and activated a D.C.-based RMT to coordinate USG relief efforts, requesting the unique capabilities of DoD’s USSOUTHCOM to assist DART-led response activities. On September 30, 2021, DART and RMT activities transitioned to steady-state USAID/BHA teams based in Haiti, at the regional office in Costa Rica, and in Washington, D.C., with USAID/BHA staff continuing to coordinate and monitor the scale-up of humanitarian assistance to meet heightened needs in the country.
- In addition, civil unrest, economic instability, and insecurity—combined with recurring shocks from natural disasters, including droughts, earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes—have resulted in food insecurity and other humanitarian needs throughout Haiti. In response, USAID/BHA funds humanitarian programs in Haiti that aim to build resilience, enhance food security, and strengthen livelihoods. USAID/BHA also funds additional programming to reduce disaster risk in Haiti and bolster national self-sufficiency in emergency preparedness and management.
- On March 24, 2021, Ambassador Sison declared a disaster for Haiti due to the complex emergency.

### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN FY 2021<sup>1,2</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/BHA</b>			
ACTED	Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS), Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Grand’Anse, Nippes, Sud	\$6,000,000
Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)	Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Grand’Anse, Nippes	\$5,000,000
CRS	ERMS, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Nippes, Sud	\$9,000,000

Doctors of the World	Health	Nippes, Sud	\$2,000,000
Humanity and Inclusion	Health, Logistics Support, Protection	Grand'Anse, Nippes, Sud	\$1,944,004
IFRC	HCIMA, Health, Protection, WASH	Sud	\$100,000
IMC	Health, Protection	Sud	\$2,200,000
IOM	HCIMA, Logistics Support, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Earthquake-Affected Areas	\$3,950,000
Mercy Corps	ERMS, MPCA, WASH	Grand'Anse, Nippes	\$4,400,000
Project Hope	Health, Protection, WASH	Grand'Anse, Nippes, Sud	\$2,700,000
SCF	Nutrition, Protection	Grand'Anse, Sud	\$2,300,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Grand'Anse, Nippes, Sud	\$2,000,000
WFP	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, HCIMA, Logistics Support	Grand'Anse, Nippes, Sud	\$7,472,029
	Food Assistance—U.S. In-Kind Food Aid	Countrywide	\$4,071,861
	In-Kind Relief Commodities	Earthquake-Affected Areas	\$739,483
	Logistics Support	Earthquake-Affected Areas	\$1,289,283
	Program Support		\$386,380
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING</b>			<b>\$55,553,040</b>
<b>DoD</b>			
	USAID-Validated Logistics Support	Affected Areas	\$12,700,000
<b>TOTAL DoD FUNDING</b>			<b>\$12,700,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>			<b>\$68,253,040</b>

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI COMPLEX EMERGENCY IN FY 2021<sup>1,2</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/BHA</b>			
Action Against Hunger (AAH)	Food Assistance—Cash Transfers and Food Vouchers; Nutrition	Nord-Ouest	\$3,317,336
Concern	ERMS, Food Assistance—Food Vouchers, Nutrition	Ouest	\$2,000,000
CRS	ERMS; Food Assistance—Cash Transfers; Nutrition	Sud-Est	\$6,000,000
Doctors of the World	Health, Protection, WASH	Nippes, Ouest	\$1,762,000
PAHO	Health	Artibonite, Centre, Nord, Ouest	\$2,248,000
WFP	Disaster Risk Reduction Policy and Practice (DRRPP); Food Assistance—Cash Transfers, Local, Regional and International Procurement; Logistics Support	Countrywide	\$7,250,000
	Food Assistance—U.S. In-Kind Food Aid	Countrywide	\$4,017,687
World Vision	Agriculture, DRRPP, ERMS, Food Assistance—Food Vouchers, Nutrition	Ouest	\$3,999,045
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI COMPLEX EMERGENCY IN FY 2021</b>			<b>\$30,594,068</b>

<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR THE HAITI RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>	<b>\$86,147,108</b>
<b>TOTAL DoD FUNDING FOR THE HAITI RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>	<b>\$12,700,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI RESPONSE IN FY 2021</b>	<b>\$98,847,108</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance and transportation costs at time of procurement; subject to change.

## **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 disaster responses around the world can be found at [interaction.org](https://www.interaction.org).
- 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, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [cidi.org](https://www.cidi.org)
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](https://www.reliefweb.int).