



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

**BUREAU FOR DEMOCRACY, CONFLICT, AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (DCHA)
OFFICE OF U.S. FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (OFDA)**

Democratic Republic of the Congo – Complex Emergency

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

November 13, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated November 6, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On November, 7, the African Union convened a Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Peace Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, including the leaders from the DRC, Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi, as well as representatives from the European Union, the United States, and other regional bodies to address the escalation of conflict in eastern DRC since August 2008. Participants called for an immediate ceasefire, the creation of humanitarian corridors, and the implementation of existing disarmament agreements for armed opposition groups in the region.
- On November 12 and 13, the first and second of five USAID/OFDA relief flights scheduled to transport a total of 10,000 blankets, 5,400 water containers, 500 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 5,000 kitchen sets valued at more than \$800,000 arrived in Goma, North Kivu Province. Relief commodities will be consigned to the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) for distribution to 25,000 internally displaced person (IDP) beneficiaries.
- USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff based in Goma continue to monitor population movements and assess humanitarian conditions in North Kivu Province, facilitate coordination and information sharing among U.N. and relief agencies, and work with implementing partners to address the needs of conflict-affected populations.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
North Kivu IDPs since August 2008	252,000	OCHA ¹ – November 2008
Total North Kivu IDPs	1,000,000	OCHA – November 2008
Congolese Refugees since August 2008	13,500 - 15,000	UNHCR ² – November 2008
Total Congolese Refugees	331,700	UNHCR – August 2008
Total Number of Deaths since 1998 ³	5,400,000	OCHA – September 2008

FY 2009 AND FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to DRC.....	\$22,061,168
USAID/FFP ⁴ Assistance to DRC	\$100,687,200
STATE/PRM ⁵ Assistance to DRC.....	\$33,989,988
Total USAID and State Assistance to DRC	\$156,738,356

CURRENT SITUATION

- Ongoing tensions and clashes between armed opposition groups and government forces continue to destabilize North Kivu Province and impede humanitarian relief efforts. Active fighting and insecurity have resulted in additional displacement of IDPs, the relocation of humanitarian staff, and the suspension of relief operations in areas of Rutshuru and Lubero territories, as well as surrounding areas of Goma.
- On November 4 and 5, clashes between the National Congress of the Defense of the People (CNDP) and the Mai-Mai militia group Patriotes Resistants Congolais (PARECO) in Kiwanja, located 4 kilometers north of Rutshuru, displaced the estimated 50,000 to 80,000 residents of the town and prompted the evacuation of humanitarian staff to Goma.
- From November 7 to 10, increased tensions surrounding Goma resulted in the temporarily disruption of food aid distributions and health and water and sanitation interventions in Kibati IDP camp, located 15 kilometers north of the provincial capital. However, OCHA reports that conditions have calmed since November 12, enabling the resumption of non-governmental organization (NGO) activities.

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

² Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

³ Since 1998, regional armed conflict across the DRC has resulted in an estimated 5.4 million deaths, according to a January 2008 report by the non-governmental organization (NGO) International Rescue Committee (IRC). Most deaths were due to the indirect consequences of fighting, such as disease, malnutrition, and neonatal- and pregnancy-related complications.

⁴ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁵ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- On November 8, the humanitarian organizations operating in southern Lubero Territory relocated due to security concerns, temporarily suspending water, agriculture, and protection activities.

Displacement

- The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates that recent conflict in North Kivu Province has displaced approximately 252,000 people since August 2008, increasing the total number of IDPs in the province to 1 million people. More than half of the 1 million IDPs comprise populations displaced from renewed conflict beginning in late 2006.
- USAID/DART staff note concerns that IDP populations in North Kivu may be over-reported due to ongoing population movements, including secondary displacement, and challenges to the implementation of registration processes.
- As of November 10, OCHA reported that 1,478 IDP families, representing approximately 7,400 individuals, are residing in public sites in Goma.
- During a November 8 and 9 assessment visit to Kanyabayonga, Lubero Territory, USAID/DART staff observed significant IDP movement into the area from as far south as Kibirizi Territory. On November 10, OCHA reported that IDPs continued to arrive in Kanyabayonga from conflict-affected areas of Rutshuru Territory, including Kiwanja and Nyanza, contributing to increasing IDP populations, in addition to approximately 17,000 previously registered IDPs. USAID/DART staff report water shortages and the need for food assistance.

Logistics and Relief Commodities

- The remaining three of an initial five USAID/OFDA relief flights of emergency commodities valued at more than \$800,000 are scheduled to arrive in Goma on daily flights between November 14 and 16. USAID/OFDA is also finalizing preparations to provide an additional 15,000 kitchen sets, 20,000 mosquito nets, 30,000 water containers, 30,000 sleeping mats, and 40,000 kilograms of soap, valued at nearly \$840,000 to assist an additional 75,000 beneficiaries.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA has committed \$2 million to UNICEF's rapid response mechanism for logistics and relief commodities to support response efforts targeting conflict-affected populations in North Kivu.

Health

- During the week of November 3, OCHA reported 70 cases of cholera in eight health zones of North Kivu Province, primarily concentrated in the southeastern area of the province most affected by recent conflict. Ongoing population movement and damage to water installations have reduced water availability exacerbating concerns for an increase in cholera cases and other waterborne diseases.
- USAID/DART staff note that current cholera levels are consistent with expected annual fluctuations associated with the endemic disease and that within accessible areas, adequate response capacity is in place to address the current situation. However, USAID/DART staff caution that many areas remain inaccessible where cholera levels and capacity are unknown. USAID/OFDA implementing partner UNICEF is providing cholera treatment supplies for the establishment of treatment centers in affected areas. USAID/DART staff and health partners will continue to monitor the situation.
- A U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) medical team is scheduled to visit Goma during the week of November 10 to assess overall health conditions, including the recent increase in reported cholera cases.
- On November 8, UNICEF reported 25 cases of measles in Masisi Territory in North Kivu Province. In response to concerns regarding a potential measles outbreak and its impact on vulnerable populations, UNICEF is conducting an emergency measles vaccination and vitamin A campaign targeting 86,000 children. On November 12, UNICEF resumed measles vaccination efforts in Kibati IDP camp following a temporarily suspension due to fighting in the area.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On October 15, 2008, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Samuel V. Brock redeclared a disaster in response to the ongoing humanitarian emergency in the DRC.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$22 million in humanitarian assistance to the DRC, primarily targeting beneficiaries in North Kivu and South Kivu provinces. At present, USAID/OFDA is supporting programs in nutrition, health, agriculture, food security, logistics and relief commodities, economy and market systems, protection, water, sanitation, and hygiene, and shelter and settlements. USAID/OFDA maintains two permanent program officers in DRC.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, USAID/FFP provided nearly \$101 million to meet the food needs of conflict-affected persons throughout eastern DRC, including 63,810 MT of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance and funding for administrative support. In addition, USAID/FFP maintains a permanent FFP officer in DRC responsible for monitoring food security-related activities.

- State/PRM provided nearly \$34 million to UNHCR, WFP, and NGO partners for protection and assistance and repatriation and reintegration programs benefiting returning refugees, IDPs, and host communities in FY 2008.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2009

FY 2009			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
UNICEF	Logistics and Relief Commodities	North Kivu Province, Orientale Province	\$3,637,641
	Administrative Support	Countrywide	\$128,820
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$3,766,461
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	20,870 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, Orientale, Maniema, and Equateur Provinces	\$29,673,100
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$29,673,100
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2009			\$33,439,561
FY 2008			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Air Service International (ASI)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$4,449,269
Concern	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems, and Logistics and Relief Commodities	North Kivu Province	\$784,398
German Agro Action (GAA)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems	Ituri Province	\$1,646,047
Handicap International	Health	Goma Territory, North Kivu Province	\$416,494
IMC	Health, WASH, Nutrition, and Protection	Rutshuru, Masisi and Goma Territories, North Kivu Province	\$2,820,203
IRC	Health, Protection, and WASH	Rutshuru Territory, North Kivu Province	\$2,000,000
Mercy Corps	WASH	North Kivu Province	\$772,872
Merlin	Health, WASH, Nutrition, and Protection	Rutshuru Territory, North Kivu Province	\$842,953
Première Urgence	Agriculture and Food Security, Economy and Market Systems, Protection	Rutshuru Territory, North Kivu Province	\$2,071,058
UNICEF	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$500,000
UNHCR	Shelter and Settlements	North Kivu Province	\$1,000,000

	Administrative Support	Countrywide	\$991,413
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$18,294,707
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	42,940 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga, North Kivu, South Kivu, Orientale, Maniema, and Equateur Provinces	\$68,972,700
Food for the Hungry International (FHI)	Administrative Support for P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Katanga Province	\$2,041,400
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$71,014,100
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ACTED	Refugee Assistance, Livelihoods	Katanga Province	\$1,000,000
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Shelter and Settlements	South Kivu Province	\$698,057
Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA)	Health	Katanga Province	\$20,000
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Agriculture and Food Security	Katanga Province	\$900,000
Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)	Psychosocial Services	Katanga Province	\$897,285
FHI	Agriculture and Food Security, Health	Katanga Province	\$1,173,463
ICRC	Emergency Relief for IDPs and Conflict Victims	Countrywide	\$8,500,000
IMC	Health, WASH, Protection	South Kivu Province	\$1,500,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Refugee Repatriation from Zambia	Katanga Province	\$500,000
Tearfund	Education	South Kivu Province	\$941,183
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance and Repatriation, Protection	Countrywide	\$12,300,000
UNHCR	IDP Assistance, Protection	Countrywide	\$5,160,000
WFP	Agriculture and Food Security, Refugee Assistance	Katanga Province, South Kivu Province	\$400,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$33,989,988
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2008			\$89,308,807
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC IN FY 2008			\$123,298,795
FY 2008 AND FY 2009			
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FY 2008 AND FY 2009			\$22,061,168
TOTAL USAID/FFP FY 2008 AND FY 2009			\$100,687,200
TOTAL STATE/PRM FY 2008 AND FY 2009			\$33,989,988
TOTAL USG FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DRC			\$156,738,356

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of November 13, 2008.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

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 Pakistan 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