



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SITUATION REPORT

Lebanon 2006 Humanitarian Emergency

USG Humanitarian Situation Report #11, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

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Note: The last situation report was dated December 29, 2006.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Since the July 2006 conflict between the Israel Defense Forces and Hezbollah militias, USG-funded emergency relief and early recovery activities have benefited more than 2 million Lebanese in more than 500 villages across 24 of Lebanon's 26 districts. USG agencies are working closely with the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and with USAID/Lebanon to transition short-term humanitarian programs into longer term reconstruction and recovery activities.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE - LEBANON		SOURCE
Dead	1,191	Government of Lebanon (GOL) – December 29, 2006
Injured	4,409	GOL – December 29, 2006
Displaced (at height of emergency)	975,000	GOL – December 29, 2006

Total USG Humanitarian Assistance Committed to Lebanon..... \$109,345,093
Total USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged to Lebanon \$230,000,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- At the height of the emergency, the GOL's Higher Relief Council (HRC) estimated that nearly 975,000 Lebanese fled their homes. Since the August 14 ceasefire, most of the displaced families have returned home.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Clearance

- The May 7 report from the U.N.'s Mine Action Coordination Centre, South Lebanon, indicated that between August 2006 and April 2007, UXO-related accidents injured 190 people and killed 22 Lebanese civilians. The GOL's National Demining Office attributes an increase in casualty figures to the resumption of agricultural activity and subsequent exposure of previously buried munitions.
- To date, the USG has provided more than \$9.6 million for UXO clearance and demining activities, as well as mine risk awareness and victim assistance efforts.
- To date, World Rehabilitation Fund (WRF) has completed six public awareness campaigns, including the production and distribution of mine awareness posters, flyers, billboards, calendars, and brochures reaching nearly the entire population of southern Lebanon. WRF has also implemented protection activities, such as community meetings and puppet shows, to educate local populations on UXO hazards. WRF continues to distribute hygiene packages and support psychosocial activities for individuals injured by UXO. With support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), and the U.S. Department of State, U.S.-supported UXO clearance organizations have destroyed more than 100,000 pieces of UXO, including more than 92,000 cluster munitions and more than 400 unexploded aircraft bombs, clearing more than 5 million square meters of land in the process.

Infrastructure Rehabilitation

- The GOL is continuing to monitor the rehabilitation and reconstruction of nearly 800 schools, out of more than 860 schools that were damaged or destroyed due to the direct and indirect effects of the conflict, such as aerial bombardment and deterioration from serving as temporary shelters for displaced families.
- Since the cessation of hostilities in August 2006, USG partners rehabilitated 350 housing units and 141 community spaces, as well as 35 health clinics reaching nearly 340,000 beneficiaries. Implementing partners distributed nearly 23,000 shelter kits, more than 7,000 heaters and stoves, nearly 5,000 tarps, and fuel for shelter winterization for more than 400,000 people in 20 districts. In addition, 48 USG-supplied generators supported community water systems, schools, and health clinics.
- In Marjeyoun, Hasbeya, Bent Jbail, Nabatiye, and Tyre (Sur) districts, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) facilitated the repair and rehabilitation of 23 schools, benefiting more than 460,000 returnee students and community members in 64 villages. IOCC also repaired water infrastructure in 30 villages, assisting approximately 200,000 residents, and distributed emergency relief supplies to more than 13,000 individuals.
- Implementing partner Habitat for Humanity continues to provide transitional housing assistance to more than 300 families in six villages in southern Lebanon.

Emergency Relief Supplies

- In Lebanon's Marjayoun, Bent Jbail, and Bekaa districts, implementing partner World Vision provided more than 17,000 families with approximately 300 liters of diesel oil per family to power stoves and heat homes. World Vision also distributed nearly 20,000 blankets to approximately 40,000 beneficiaries, waterproofed more than 650 homes, and provided cooking stoves to approximately 7,400 people.
- In conflict-affected coastal communities, CHF International's distribution of food items, emergency relief supplies, and hygiene kits benefited approximately 20,000 individuals. A further 20,000 people benefited from new water reservoirs, water piping, and electricity generators, and approximately 1,000 individuals received psychosocial assistance. To improve the livelihoods of nearly 2,000 Lebanese, CHF oversaw the reconstruction of a local fish market and a boat repair warehouse and the rehabilitation of nearly 250 hectares of olive orchards.
- From July 2006 to January 2007, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) provided nearly 140,000 people in southern Lebanon with emergency relief supplies, shelter repair kits, psychosocial activities, water and sanitation facilities, and/or livelihood assistance, such as livestock, seedlings, and small business equipment.
- Since November 2006, Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA) has supported more than 500 herders in southern Lebanon with emergency relief supplies and animal feed. ACDI/VOCA's assistance, which sustains approximately 90,000 sheep and goats, ensures the livelihoods of these herding communities.

Economy and Markets

- To assist with the overall economic recovery of the conflict affected region, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) has provided more than 2,000 local residents with cash grants and supported vocational training workshops in business management, construction, soil fertility, zataar growing and processing, food processing and safety, and product marketing and labeling. Nearly 400 individuals have taken part in these workshops. ANERA has also implemented 34 small infrastructure projects, including repairing irrigation channels, bracing retaining walls, and renovating small business structures.

USG ACTION

- On July 25, 2006, U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Jeffrey Feltman declared a humanitarian emergency in Lebanon due to ongoing insecurity and humanitarian needs. U.S. President George W. Bush authorized \$230 million in USG humanitarian and reconstruction assistance for conflict-affected persons in Lebanon.
- From July 23 to December 10, 2006, a USG Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), based out of Beirut and led by USAID, coordinated the USG humanitarian response to the crisis, including assessments of emergency needs and programming emergency and early recovery assistance. During the height of the emergency, a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team supported the DART.
- In FY 2006 and 2007, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) contributed more than \$66.5 million in humanitarian assistance to Lebanon. USAID/OFDA provided funding to partners ACDI/VOCA, ANERA, CRS, Church World Service (CWS), CHF International, International Medical Corps (IMC), IOCC, MAG, Mercy Corps, World Vision, and WRF for the distribution of food and relief supplies, food security and agriculture, health services, infrastructure rehabilitation, livelihood recovery activities, nutrition, protection, psychosocial support, transitional and winterization shelter activities, security training for relief organizations, and/or water, sanitation, and hygiene services. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided \$1 million to Seacor Environmental Services (SES) to assist in clean-up efforts associated with the mid-July oil spill. USAID's Bureau for Asia and the Near East complemented this funding by providing an additional \$4 million.
- The USG provided more than \$9.6 million for demining and UXO clearance activities in Lebanon. USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$1.2 million to MAG for demining and UXO clearance activities and \$600,000 to WRF for mine risk education and a victims' assistance program. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs provided \$2 million to the U.N. Mine Action Service (UNMAS). In FY 2006, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (State/PM/WRA) provided \$420,000 to MAG and \$384,000 to RONCO for the coordination of demining and UXO clearance activities, as well as \$30,000 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAFA) for the mapping of UXO. State/PM/WRA provided the Engineer Regiment (ER) of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) with \$510,000 for UXO clearance. Although given before the conflict, this funding has enabled the LAF to destroy more than 66,000 UXO, including 60,000 cluster munitions, since the conflict. As part of broader security assistance, DOD provided \$5 million for humanitarian assistance in Lebanon to the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (State/S/CRS), who apportioned these funds to State/PM/WRA. Of this \$5 million, State/PM/WRA provided \$2.8 million to MAG and \$2.2 million to RONCO for UXO clearance and demining activities. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs also assisted the GOL with stabilization activities.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$7 million to support the U.N. Flash Appeal for Lebanon to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) and the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC) for logistics and coordination; the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)

for water, sanitation, and hygiene activities; and the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and OCHA's Humanitarian Information Center (HIC) for coordination and information management. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) provided \$7.5 million to the U.N. Flash Appeal to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) for protection, shelter, and emergency relief supplies; the U.N. Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) for safety and security activities; and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for transportation of third-country nationals. USAID/OFDA also provided nearly \$200,000 to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for agriculture and livelihoods projects. State/PRM also contributed more than \$13.5 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) emergency appeal for protection, food, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities.

- From July 25 to August 24, USAID/OFDA provided 3,000 tarps, 40,000 blankets, and 18 emergency health kits in support of relief operations in Lebanon. The DART consigned these relief supplies to ICRC, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), IMC, and Mercy Corps for delivery to nearly 300,000 beneficiaries in Beirut and southern Lebanon. Total USG-donated commodities were valued at more than \$590,000, including transport.
- The USG provided nearly \$10 million in wheat flour, wheat, and lentil commodities. USAID's Office of Food for Peace provided 1,000 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance to support WFP operations. Through the Food for Progress program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided 25,000 MT of wheat to the GOL.
- In addition to evacuating nearly 15,000 American citizens, the U.S. Military provided transport to Beirut for both the DART and USAID emergency relief supplies.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006–2007¹

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2006 USG ASSISTANCE			
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
CRS	Psychosocial support, food, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$6,352,741
CHF International	Psychosocial support, health, livelihoods, food security and agriculture, emergency relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,261,358
CWS	Security training for relief workers	Jordan	\$25,916
ICRC	Protection, food, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Countrywide	\$13,512,000
IMC	Health, psychosocial support, emergency relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,413,917
IOM	Evacuation of third-country nationals	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
IOCC	Health, psychosocial support, infrastructure rehabilitation, emergency relief supplies, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,999,427
Mercy Corps	Shelter, nutrition, emergency relief supplies, health, food security and agriculture, school rehabilitation, protection, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Mt. Lebanon, South Lebanon, Nabatiye, Bekaa, Beirut	\$8,369,974
MAG	Demining and UXO clearance	Countrywide	\$1,199,984
MAG	Coordination of Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$420,000
OCHA	Coordination	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
OCHA/HIC	Information management	Countrywide	\$200,000
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$384,000
SES	Oil spill clean-up activities	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon	\$5,000,000
UNDSS	Safety and security for humanitarian operations	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNJLC	Logistics	Countrywide	\$280,374
UNICEF	Coordination and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
UNHCR	Protection, shelter, and emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$4,200,000
UNRWA	Food, health, and emergency relief supplies	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
VVAF	UXO mapping	Countrywide	\$30,000
World Vision	Emergency relief supplies and water, sanitation, and hygiene	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut, Nabatiye	\$1,563,584
WFP	Logistics and coordination	Countrywide	\$3,019,626
	300 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$280,000
GOL	25,000 MT of USDA Food for Progress Assistance	Countrywide	\$9,200,000
Multiple	Emergency relief supplies, including transport	Affected areas	\$590,271
Multiple	Administration and operations	Affected areas	\$244,748
TOTAL FY 2006 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$76,347,920

FY 2007 USG ASSISTANCE			
ACDI/VOCA	Food security, agriculture, shelter, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa	\$501,344
ACTED	Transitional shelter	South Lebanon	\$1,000,000
ANERA	Food security and agriculture and livelihoods	South Lebanon	\$2,205,500
CRS	Psychosocial support, shelter, emergency relief supplies, food security and agriculture, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$5,939,534
CHF International	Food security and agriculture and protection	Bekaa, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, North Lebanon, Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,163,685
FAO	Food security and agriculture	Countrywide	\$196,900
Habitat for Humanity	Shelter and livelihoods	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,918,421
IOCC	Agriculture, food security, protection, relief supplies, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$1,733,405
UNMAS	Demining and UXO clearance ²	South Lebanon	\$2,000,000
MAG	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$2,800,000
Mercy Corps	Relief supplies, protection, livelihoods, and water, sanitation, and hygiene	Bekaa, Nabatiye, Mt. Lebanon	\$4,822,436
RONCO	Demining and UXO clearance	South Lebanon	\$2,200,000
WFP	700 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$426,000
WRF	Mine risk education and victims' assistance	Nabatiye, South Lebanon	\$600,001
World Vision	Relief supplies and shelter	North Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon, Bekaa, Beirut, Nabatiye	\$5,475,797
Multiple	Administration and operations	Affected areas	\$14,150
TOTAL FY 2007 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON			\$32,997,173

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON IN FY 2006 AND FY 2007	\$109,345,093
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¹ USG funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of June 20, 2007.

² This amount is reprogrammed FY 2005 funding.

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 identifying such organizations is available in the “How Can I Help” section of www.usaid.gov (keyword: Lebanon) or by calling the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914.
- 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

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