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Georgia – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated August 22, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- A U.S. Navy vessel and U.S. Coast Guard cutter are scheduled to arrive in Georgia in the coming days to deliver additional relief commodities. The USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) together with non-governmental organization (NGO) partners are planning to receive and distribute the commodities.
- Transportation routes continue to improve in Georgia. According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), a railroad line, which was damaged in mid-August, has been repaired and will be fully functional within the next few days. International media have reported that Georgian authorities have regained control of the country's main East-West highway following the partial Russian withdrawal on August 22.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Newly Displaced Persons in Georgia	128,703	U.N. Georgia Flash Appeal - August 18, 2008
Newly Displaced Persons in Russia	30,000	U.N. Georgia Flash Appeal - August 18, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Georgia.....	\$3,793,329
State/EUR/ACE¹ Assistance to Georgia	\$2,844,581
DOD² Assistance to Georgia	\$6,525,343
Total USAID, State, and DOD Humanitarian Assistance to Georgia.....	\$13,163,253

CURRENT SITUATION

Priority Needs

- USAID implementing partners have noted that priority needs in many internally displaced person (IDP) collective centers in and around Tbilisi include psycho-social support; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities; and assistance to vulnerable populations, including women and children.
- According to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), priority needs for the nearly 40,000 children affected by the Georgia crisis include psycho-social assistance and nutrition support. In an August 22 statement, UNICEF reiterated that many IDP collective centers lack adequate WASH facilities.
- Humanitarian organizations continue to report that overall priority needs include hygiene kits, water containers, blankets, mattresses, pillows, bed sheets, and cooking stoves.

Non-Food Items / Emergency Relief Supplies

- On August 23, Mercy Corps distributed more than 1,000 USAID/OFDA hygiene kits in Gori in coordination with local authorities. The distribution follows an earlier distribution of 1,400 USAID/OFDA hygiene kits in Tbilisi on August 22.
- The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has reportedly airlifted more than 30 metric tons (MT) of relief items to Vladikavkaz in the Russian Federation on August 19 and 20. On August 22, OCHA reported that the governments of Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Uzbekistan have also provided emergency relief commodities in North Ossetia.
- The Russian Ministry of Emergency Services has reportedly delivered more than 2,300 MT of humanitarian assistance to Tskhinvali, South Ossetia, including food, safe drinking water, medicine and medical equipment, baby food, and reconstruction materials. In addition, the organization has distributed 260 large tents, 850 beds, 40 generators, 21 water purification units, 1 mobile gas station, and 40 gas cylinders.

¹ U.S. Department of State Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia

² U.S. Department of Defense

Food

- As of August 22, U.N. World Food Program (WFP) assistance had reached 127,000 IDPs and other conflict-affected people. WFP distributions include wheat flour, vegetable oil, sugar, salt, high-energy biscuits, and baked bread. On August 22, WFP assistance reached IDPs in the Tianeti District for the first time since the crisis began.

Protection

- UNICEF is reportedly setting up child friendly spaces in collective centers in and around Tbilisi.
- According to OCHA, the Georgian Civil Registry Agency (CRA) in co-operation with UNHCR is assisting with the registration of new IDPs.
- On August 22, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), UNICEF, and UNHCR met to establish a mechanism to verify reports of unaccompanied children in the conflict affected areas.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

- According to the USAID DART, NGO partners have prepared a list of collective centers in Tbilisi considered high priorities for WASH activities. A WASH coordination group plans to divide responsibility among eight NGOs for the 56 high-priority locations and is planning further assessments of WASH conditions in the coming days.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

- The NGO Halo Trust has dispatched seven teams to survey the approximate number and locations of unexploded munitions in conflict-affected areas of Georgia. Halo Trust has expressed the need for immediate mine risk education in and around villages where munitions were dropped and for populations displaced from affected areas.
- The Government of the Russian Federation (GoRF) reports that de-mining teams have cleared 738 UXOs in South Ossetia, Georgia, to date.

Health

- According to an NGO partner who conducted a recent assessment in Gori, many of the people who require medical attention, including pregnant women and those with chronic health conditions, are unable to reach hospitals. The NGO noted that the main reasons given for the lack of access include fear of traveling and lack of transportation options.
- A recent health and nutrition working group assessment to Batumi, Ajaria Region, identified a need for mobile medical teams to provide medicine and health services, including psycho-social support, to IDPs in the region.

Logistics

- On August 22, six U.S. European Command (EUCOM) flights arrived in Tbilisi delivering 52,500 humanitarian daily rations (HDRs) and 20,736 meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) from DOD stockpiles; 1,497 sleeping bags from DOS Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance for Europe and Eurasia (State/EUR/ACE) warehouses in Germany; and 7,488 hygiene kits from USAID/OFDA's warehouse in Pisa, Italy. Since August 13, EUCOM has flown 38 missions to Georgia, with additional flights of DOS, DOD, and USAID relief commodities scheduled through late August. The total value of EUCOM's transportation assistance has increased to nearly \$5 million.
- The interagency logistics working group has noted increased demand for interagency warehousing space as a result of the relief commodities arriving in Georgia.
- According to OCHA, the port of Batumi has established a humanitarian coordination center operated by local authorities and NGOs. As of August 22, the center had provided humanitarian assistance to the estimated 15,000 IDPs, including approximately 4,500 children, in the surrounding area.

USAID, STATE, AND DOD 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 \$13.1 million, including nearly \$3.8 million from USAID/OFDA, \$2.8 million from the U.S. Department of State, and more than \$6.5 million from the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).
- On August 9, USAID/OFDA provided an immediate \$250,000 through USAID/Georgia to four NGOs—CARE, Counterpart International, UMCOR, and World Vision—for the provision and distribution of emergency relief supplies to benefit up to 10,000 people. On August 19, USAID/OFDA provided a further \$123,000 to Counterpart International to assist an additional 2,500 people.
- The U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi immediately 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.
- 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.

- 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 metric tons (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 the UNICEF for WASH issues 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	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$158,332
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	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Emergency Relief Supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$63,000
USAID/Georgia	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		\$204,627
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$3,793,329
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
	Transportation of USG emergency relief supplies	Tbilisi and Affected Areas	\$4,939,213
TOTAL DOD			\$6,525,343
TOTAL USAID, STATE, AND DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GEORGIA IN FY 2008			\$13,163,253

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 23, 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