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Burma – Cyclone

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated December 19, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- In December 2008, the Tripartite Core Group (TCG), composed of representatives from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Government of Burma (GoB), and U.N. agencies, released the first Post-Nargis Periodic Review based on October and November 2008 assessments conducted in 108 cyclone-affected communities. According to the report, the provision of humanitarian assistance has positively impacted affected populations but continued humanitarian and recovery assistance remains necessary to meet ongoing needs, particularly in western parts of Ayeyarwady Division.
- On May 7, 2009, assessment teams deployed to 102 communities in Ayeyarwady and Rangoon divisions to collect data for the second Post-Nargis Periodic Review, scheduled for release in July.
- On February 9, the TCG launched the Post-Nargis Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PONREPP) outlining a three-year recovery strategy focused on livelihood, shelter, education, disaster risk reduction, protection, health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities. In total, the TCG requested nearly \$700 million to fund the PONREPP.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, the U.S. Government (USG) has provided nearly \$74 million in cyclone assistance to Burma, including more than \$33 million in USAID/OFDA funding to support relief and early recovery activities for cyclone-affected populations.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Total People Displaced	800,000	U.N. – February 23, 2009
Total People Dead or Missing	140,000	U.N. – February 23, 2009
Total Affected Population	2.4 million	U.N. – February 23, 2009

FY 2008 AND FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Burma	\$33,589,103
USAID/FFP¹ Assistance to Burma	\$28,063,200
DOD² Assistance to Burma	\$12,273,152
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Burma.....	\$73,925,455

CURRENT SITUATION

- As of late May, the TCG continues to facilitate planning, programming, and delivery of assistance to cyclone-affected populations in Burma. The TCG-managed PONREPP, which replaced U.N. Revised Appeal programs at the end of April, provides a platform for the transition from relief assistance to early- and medium-term recovery activities.
- Approximately 10 U.N. agencies, 60 international humanitarian organizations, and 40 donor governments continue to work in cooperation with the GoB to implement the PONREPP.

Agriculture and Food Security

- On January 22, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and U.N. World Food Program (WFP) released results from a joint Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM) to Burma. Based on the assessment, FAO and WFP reported that approximately 5 million people in Burma remain food-insecure and require emergency humanitarian assistance. In addition, cyclone-related damage to livestock and fisheries in Ayeyarwady and Rangoon divisions will likely continue to negatively affect food supply and income generation through 2009.
- Despite significant agricultural declines in cyclone-affected areas of Ayeyarwady and Rangoon divisions during the 2008/2009 harvest season, FAO and WFP forecasted normal to above-normal overall food production in 2009 due to expected increases in output from other regions of the country.

¹ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

² U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

- Based on the CFSAM findings, FAO and WFP forecasted a 2008/2009 cereal output of 21 million metric tons (MT), representing a 3 percent decrease compared to the 2007/2008 output. However, the expected output represents a 10 percent increase compared to the five-year average.
- As of May 2009, WFP had delivered approximately 70,000 MT of food to more than 1 million cyclone-affected people in Burma and supported an additional 76,000 individuals through food-for-work activities.
- USAID/OFDA continues to support agriculture and food security activities throughout cyclone-affected areas, including programs designed to increase agricultural outputs and restore livelihood opportunities. In addition, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$3.3 million in FY 2009 to support economy and market system activities, including increased access to employment opportunities, restoration of household assets, and rehabilitation of basic infrastructure in affected communities.

Shelter

- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), humanitarian organizations have supported the construction of more than 4,000 permanent shelters for cyclone-affected households since May 2008. However, as of late May, many affected households remain without adequate shelter.
- Approximately 90 percent of affected households included in the first Post-Nargis Periodic Review reported poor living conditions compared to pre-cyclone levels. In addition, an estimated 30 percent remained in households constructed with transitional shelter materials, including plastic or canvas walls and roofs.
- In FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$800,000 to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to support shelter activities in Burma, including programs designed to provide shelter for displaced families and host communities during the May monsoon season.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- In response to an insufficient supply of safe drinking water and increased vulnerability to waterborne diseases following Cyclone Nargis, humanitarian organizations continue to provide safe drinking water to cyclone-affected populations and to support early recovery efforts, including the rehabilitation of destroyed or contaminated water sources.
- Since May 2008, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) has provided 250,000 people with safe drinking water. UNICEF has also assisted with the construction of eight water treatment plants in cyclone-affected areas with the capacity to produce between 4,000 to 15,000 liters of safe drinking water per hour. UNICEF's early recovery efforts include rehabilitation of 530 ponds and 246 wells.
- In FY 2009, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$800,000 to support WASH activities in Burma, including programs designed to increase access to safe drinking water and mitigate the impact of future water shortages through increased water storage capacity in cyclone-affected communities.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On May 5, 2008, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Shari Villarosa issued a disaster declaration in Burma due to the effects of Cyclone Nargis.
- From May to July 2008, USAID/OFDA activated a Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) and a Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team to respond to Cyclone Nargis.
- Following the deactivation of the USAID/DART in July, USAID/OFDA deployed an Emergency Disaster Response Coordinator to Rangoon to conduct humanitarian assessments, monitor USG-funded programs, and coordinate with humanitarian organizations.
- In FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009, the USG has provided nearly \$74 million in response to Cyclone Nargis, including more than \$33 million in USAID/OFDA assistance.

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA IN FY 2008 AND 2009

FY 2009			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	Economy and Market Systems, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Labutta Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$700,000
Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA)	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Labutta, Myaungmya Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$600,000
Church World Service (CWS)	Economy and Market Systems	Ayeyarwady Division	\$899,998
IOM	Shelter and Settlements	Bogale, Mawlamyineguyn, Pyapon Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$800,000
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Economy and Market Systems	Labutta, Ngapudaw Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$399,583
Save the Children/US (SC/US)	Economy and Market Systems	Labutta Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$650,000
U.N. Development Program (UNDP)/Pact	Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Labutta, Mawlamyineguyn Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$950,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$4,999,581
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA IN FY 2009			\$4,999,581
FY 2008			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
ACTED	Agriculture and Food Security; Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Dedaye, Labutta Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$1,600,000
ADRA	Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Labutta Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$400,000
American Red Cross	Emergency Relief Commodities; Shelter Kits	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
ASEAN	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$50,000
CWS and International Development Enterprises (IDE)	Agriculture and Food Security; Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Maubin, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Kyaiklat, Pyapon Townships, Ayeyarwady Division; Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Kyauktan, Twantay Townships, Rangoon Division	\$3,975,703

IOM	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$250,000
IRC	Emergency Relief Commodities; Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$500,000
MENTOR	Health	Ayeyarwady Division	\$500,000
Medical Emergency Relief International (MERLIN)	Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Labutta Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$749,874
Pact	Economy and Market Systems; Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Bogale, Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$554,135
SC/US	Economy and Market Systems; Emergency Relief Supplies; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Myaungmya, Ngapudaw Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$2,280,629
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$100,000
UNICEF	Health; Nutrition; Protection; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Countrywide	\$1,900,000
UNDP/Pact	Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun Townships, Ayeyarwady Division	\$1,000,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$250,000
U.N. World Health Organization	Health	Countrywide	\$500,000
WFP	Logistics	Countrywide	\$4,050,000
World Concern	Agriculture and Food Security; Economy and Market Systems	Bogale, Labutta, Kyaiklat Townships, Ayeyarwady Division; Kungyangon, Twantay, Dala Townships, Rangoon Division	\$499,975
World Vision	Economy and Market Systems; Protection; Shelter and Settlements; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Bogale Township, Ayeyarwady Division	\$892,433
Implementing non-governmental organizations	Emergency Relief Commodities; Health	Affected Areas	\$399,484
Action Contre la Faim (ACF), ADRA, CARE, IOM, SC/US, UNICEF	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$4,223,789
	Administrative Support and Travel	Burma	\$874,949
	Logistics and Transport	Burma	\$2,038,551
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$28,589,522
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE³			

WFP	23,640 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$28,063,200
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$28,063,200
DOD ASSISTANCE⁴			
DOD	Air Transport; Logistics	Affected Areas	\$12,273,152
TOTAL DOD			\$12,273,152
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA IN FY 2008			\$68,925,874
FY 2009 AND FY 2008 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE			
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TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BURMA			\$73,925,455

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of May 29, 2009.

² Includes \$600,000 in USAID/OFDA-purchased DOD commodities.

³ Estimated value of anticipated or obligated food assistance.

⁴ Numbers reflect value of assistance after USAID/OFDA reimbursement of \$600,000.

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: Cyclone Nargis, 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
- In addition to USG contributions, the U.S. private sector has actively responded to the cyclone in Burma. More information can be found at:
 - U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center: www.uschamber.com/bclc/default
 - Business Roundtable Partnership for Disaster Response: www.respondtodisaster.com/mambo/