

Haiti – Complex Emergency

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SITUATION AT A GLANCE



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- Fuel availability increases countrywide after organized criminal groups lift their blockade of Varreux terminal in mid-November, allowing relief actors to largely resume activities.
- USAID/BHA partner WFP conducts barge and convoy operations transporting critical relief commodities to southwestern Haiti.



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

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

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² USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA). Funding figure reflects publicly announced funding as of September 30, 2021.
³ U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). Funding figure reflects funding as of September 30, 2021.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Relief Actors Reach Nearly 458,000 People with Humanitarian Assistance Since August Earthquake

The August 14 earthquake in Haiti resulted in more than 15,000 civilian casualties—including 2,246 deaths—with 329 people still missing, as well as damaged or destroyed more than 115,000 houses and 97 health facilities, according to a Government of Haiti (GoH) post-disaster needs assessment (PDNA) released in late November. Furthermore, the PDNA indicates the earthquake caused an estimated \$1.6 billion in infrastructure damage in Haiti, representing approximately 11 percent of Haiti's gross domestic product in 2020, with an estimated \$2 billion in reconstruction and economic recovery funding required for the country. Despite fuel shortages and continued insecurity, relief actors—including USAID/BHA partners—had reached nearly 458,000 people with life-saving humanitarian assistance in earthquake-affected areas as of mid-November, representing nearly 92 percent of the 500,000 people targeted through the UN Flash Appeal in response to the earthquake, the UN reports. Meanwhile, the GoH Ministry of Public Works, Transport, and Telecommunications and humanitarian organizations had assessed the structural integrity of more than 13,500 earthquake-affected buildings as of mid-November, supporting people to feel safe returning to their houses.

From mid-November to early December, USAID/BHA partner the International Organization for Migration (IOM) delivered approximately 24,000 plastic sheets and shelter fixing kits to relief actors in Sud Department's Les Cayes commune by sea from Haiti's capital city of Port-au-Prince for onward distribution. In addition, IOM had distributed nearly 81,000 USAID/BHA-funded emergency relief items—including hygiene kits, shelter fixing kits, plastic sheets, water containers, and other commodities—to more than 28,500 households across Grand'Anse, Nippes, and Sud departments since the earthquake as of mid-November. Meanwhile, USAID/BHA partner International Medical Corps (IMC) provided health, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) support to more than 7,200 people through its emergency medical team in Sud's Aquin commune during November, while USAID/BHA partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) distributed cash transfers to approximately 1,350 households in Nippes' Petite-Rivière-des-Nippes commune between mid-November and early December. USAID/BHA continues to work with the GoH, partners, and other relief actors to facilitate the unimpeded flow of humanitarian assistance to earthquake-affected areas.

Fuel Availability Improves Countrywide Following Blockade's Suspension

Fuel availability countrywide significantly increased from mid-November to mid-December after organized criminal groups (OCGs) lifted a month-long blockade of Port-au-Prince's Varreux terminal on November 12, allowing relief actors to largely resume affected activities, USAID/BHA partners report. During the blockade, resultant fuel shortages had prompted two-thirds of relief actors in Haiti to reduce operations by more than 50 percent from mid-October to mid-November, restricting access to humanitarian assistance for an estimated 700,000 people countrywide, the UN reports. However, since mid-November, rising fuel availability has allowed relief actors—including USAID/BHA partners—to resume full operations, including the delivery of life-saving relief commodities to earthquake-affected areas. USAID/BHA continues to closely monitor fuel availability and other operational constraints in Haiti in coordination with partners and other relief actors.

WFP Resumes Convoys, Continues Barge Services to Southwestern Haiti

From mid-October to early December, escalating OCG violence and fuel shortages had prompted the UN World Food Program (WFP) to cancel all land convoys transporting critical relief commodities from

Port-au-Prince to southwestern Haiti, the UN reports. However, on December 3, a WFP-led convoy of seven trucks delivered emergency relief supplies—including commodities for the GoH Directorate General for Civil Protection and the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF)—to Grand’Anse and Sud for onward distribution. WFP continues to monitor insecurity in and around Port-au-Prince to allow for additional convoys to southwestern Haiti.

Meanwhile, WFP continues to operate its barge service transporting relief commodities and vehicles from Varreux to Ouest Department’s Carrefour commune. From November 20 to 26, WFP operated 25 barge voyages transporting approximately 40 trucks and more than 60 metric tons (MT) of relief commodities for onward distribution. WFP also continues to distribute emergency food assistance to earthquake-affected households, providing assistance to approximately 8,100 people in Les Cayes during the period.

U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

KEY FIGURES



\$31.3 Million

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



2,140

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

FOOD SECURITY

USAID/BHA supports partners to provide emergency food assistance—including by distributing cash transfers for food and food vouchers; locally, regionally, and internationally procured (LRIP) 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 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to bolster food security conditions countrywide.

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 released more than 2,140 MT of food—including pulses, rice, and vegetable oil—from the stock following the earthquake, enabling WFP to reach approximately 79,500 beneficiaries with two cycles of food and cash distributions. With USAID/BHA and other donor support, WFP had reached more than 300,000 earthquake-affected individuals in Grand’Anse, Nippes, and Sud with nearly 4,040 MT of food commodities and more than \$2.4 million in cash-based transfers, as well as distributed approximately 280,000 hot meals to individuals in hospitals and displacement sites, as of mid-December.

RELIEF COMMODITIES, SHELTER, AND WASH

USAID/BHA supports the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), 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 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) risk and prevention messaging, and conduct awareness campaigns on hygiene best practices to reduce communicable disease transmission risks. Partners also support affected populations to repair damaged houses and WASH infrastructure in southwestern Haiti, thereby reducing earthquake-related displacement.



81,000

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

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 Port-au-Prince for 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 81,000 USAID/BHA-funded relief items to earthquake-affected households as of early December.

HEALTH AND PROTECTION



\$10.3 Million

In dedicated USAID/BHA health support in FY 2021

USAID/BHA provided nearly \$14.7 million in FY 2021 support to IFRC, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), and six 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 supported IMC to provide health assistance via an emergency medical team operating in Sud and is supporting 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 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 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 on PSS best practices. USAID/BHA requires all partners to incorporate protection principles into each supported intervention in Haiti and promote meaningful access, dignity, and safety for beneficiaries.



65

USAR personnel deployed to Haiti with the DART

URBAN SEARCH-AND-RESCUE

Following the August 14 earthquake, an urban search-and-rescue (USAR) team from Fairfax County, Virginia, Fire and Rescue Department—which included 65 search-and-rescue personnel and four dogs—deployed amid the passage of Tropical Depression Grace alongside USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) members, arriving in Haiti on August 15.

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.



671

Missions completed by JTF-Haiti aircraft supporting relief operations

LOGISTICS SUPPORT

To address persistent 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.



588,000

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

In response to the August 14 earthquake, U.S. Coast Guard (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 U.S. Southern Command (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. USSOUTHCOM deployed numerous aircraft to support humanitarian operations and provided aerial imagery to support damage assessments. During its deployment, Joint Task Force (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.



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Fairfax County Fire and
Rescue Department staff
deployed to assist
UNDAC

HCIMA

In response to the earthquake, five members of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Fire and Rescue Department deployed as part of the Americas Support Team (AST) to provide technical support to United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) personnel, assisting with humanitarian coordination, information management, and assessment (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 the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (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 2,246 deaths, injured an additional 12,763 people, and damaged or destroyed more than 115,000 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 Washington, D.C.-based Response Management Team (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 San José, 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 effects of the country's complex emergency.

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN FY 2021^{1,2}

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/BHA			
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, Multipurpose Cash Assistance (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
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING			\$55,553,040
DoD			
	USAID-Validated Logistics Support	Affected Areas	\$12,700,000
TOTAL DoD FUNDING			\$12,700,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN FY 2021			\$68,253,040

USAID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI COMPLEX EMERGENCY IN FY 2021^{1,2}

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/BHA			
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, LRIP; 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
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI COMPLEX EMERGENCY IN FY 2021			\$30,594,068
TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING FOR THE HAITI RESPONSE IN FY 2021			\$86,147,108
TOTAL DoD FUNDING FOR THE HAITI RESPONSE IN FY 2021			\$12,700,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE HAITI RESPONSE IN FY 2021			\$98,847,108

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² 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).