

USAID/OFDA FISCAL YEAR 2010 CASH-FOR-WORK (CFW) ACTIVITIES IN HAITI

OVERVIEW

The January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti destroyed homes, damaged productive assets, and disrupted transportation and market infrastructure—affecting economic activity at the household, community, and regional levels. To help affected communities resume economic activity and rebuild livelihoods, USAID/OFDA supports temporary employment through short-term, CFW opportunities in a variety of sectors.



A CFW beneficiary conducts rubble removal activities. (Photo: USAID)

RUBBLE REMOVAL

Debris from collapsed buildings blocked crucial roadways and covered usable land following the earthquake. USAID/OFDA CFW programs have linked immediate-term income generation to longer term recovery through rubble removal activities, which are required to permit further reconstruction on cleared land. CFW rubble removal programs have proven a vital part of the USAID/OFDA shelter strategy by increasing land availability for shelter construction.

TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

USAID/OFDA partners are giving affected populations a stake in incremental housing by employing them to construct transitional shelters through CFW. Representing an intermediate step between basic shelter made of plastic sheeting and permanent housing, transitional shelters are designed for resistance to hurricane-force winds, seismic risks, and heavy rainfall. Current USAID/OFDA-funded projects target an estimated 47,500 households or nearly 240,000 people.

AGRICULTURE AND WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) INTERVENTIONS

USAID/OFDA-supported CFW programs in the agriculture and food security and WASH sectors both address current needs and lay the groundwork for preventing or mitigating future disasters. CFW soil conservation, watershed management, and reforestation activities create better crop growing conditions and reduce the risk of landslides in the future. Clearing drainage canals and rehabilitating irrigation systems through CFW both allow for improved use of the systems immediately and lower the potential for flooding during heavy rains. Other WASH CFW projects include construction of sanitation facilities, such as latrines.

CURRENT AWARDS

As of June 24, USAID/OFDA had provided nearly \$19.3 million to partners implementing programs exclusively in CFW, as well as more than \$53 million for other earthquake response activities with a CFW component. USAID/OFDA partners survey the locations in which they work to select the most vulnerable beneficiaries, including members of female-headed households, and often strive to develop a workforce composed of 40 percent female employees, placing women in supervisory roles to support female empowerment. USAID/OFDA programs include the following:

USAID/OFDA has provided more than **\$900,000** to **Action Contre la Faim** for CFW activities in cleaning public areas, targeting 10,000 beneficiaries in Port-au-Prince, Léogâne, Gressier, Jacmel, and Carrefour.

With more than **\$1.2 million** in USAID/OFDA support, the **Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)** is supporting CFW projects in sanitation facility construction, rubble removal, and spontaneous settlement cleaning. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided nearly **\$2.4 million** to ACTED for shelter and settlements activities benefitting 40,000 individuals in Léogâne, Gressier, Petit Goâve, and Grand Goâve, including CFW rehabilitation of temporary shelters.

With more than **\$1.7 million** in USAID/OFDA support, **ACDI/VOCA** plans to commence CFW activities on July 1 in irrigation system rehabilitation, canal clearing, watershed management, nursery development and reforestation, and soil conservation—including through building dry walls, protecting ravines, and installing gully plugs—for 72,000 beneficiaries in Southeast Department.

USAID/OFDA has provided more than **\$600,000** to **CARE** to implement CFW projects in waste removal benefitting an estimated 5,025 individuals in Pétiön-Ville, Carrefour, and Léogâne.

USAID/OFDA has provided more than **\$21 million** to **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** to provide emergency shelter materials and shelter kits, as well as to implement cash-for-work activities in transitional shelter construction and in debris removal to clear land for transitional shelters. CRS plans to train 400 teams of skilled laborers to assist 40,000 affected people in building transitional shelters. In addition, CRS is using CFW to facilitate construction of latrines and bathing facilities in spontaneous settlements.

With more than **\$5.4 million** in USAID/OFDA support, the **Center for International Studies and Cooperation** is implementing a CFW road improvement project, using CFW to construct emergency evacuation centers, and is utilizing CFW for repair of a dam and irrigation system, river embankment strengthening, and for soil conservation activities in Artibonite Department.

USAID/OFDA has provided more than **\$10 million** to **CHF International** for CFW projects clearing rubble from critical public infrastructure, such as roads, canals, and public buildings. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided CHF International with nearly **\$11 million** for shelter and settlements and WASH activities, including CFW for transitional shelter construction and CFW rehabilitation of critical water and sanitation infrastructure in affected communities in West, North, and Artibonite departments.

USAID/OFDA has provided nearly **\$1.7 million** to **Concern Worldwide** to implement CFW programs in solid waste management and latrine construction in spontaneous settlements, among other economic recovery programs, to benefit nearly 13,000 people in West and Center departments.

With more than **\$2 million** in USAID/OFDA support, **Food for the Hungry** is supporting CFW interventions in rubble removal, canal and sewer clearing to prevent flooding, and absorption pit construction to reduce the accumulation of stagnant water.

USAID/OFDA has provided nearly **\$3.8 million** to **GOAL** to develop CFW projects clearing debris from drainage ways and public spaces and preparing sites for construction of latrines, bathing areas, and child-friendly spaces. Programs target 50,000 people in Turgeau and Canape Vert, metropolitan Port-au-Prince.

USAID/OFDA has provided nearly **\$2.4 million** to **International Relief and Development (IRD)** to implement CFW in rubble removal and road and water system repair to benefit approximately 28,000 affected individuals in rural Léogâne. With a portion of an additional approximately **\$950,000** in WASH funding, IRD is employing displaced persons to build latrines and rehabilitate sanitation infrastructure.

USAID/OFDA has provided more than **\$930,000** to the **International Rescue Committee** for CFW activities in waste removal from spontaneous settlements and clearing of drainage canals in Port-au-Prince.

With nearly **\$700,000** in USAID/OFDA support, **Medair/SWI** is conducting rubble removal activities through CFW targeted to more than 3,000 affected individuals in Southeast Department.

With more than **\$7.5 million** in USAID/ODFA support, **Mercy Corps** is employing an estimated 55,000 displaced and host individuals in Hinche and Mirebalais municipalities, Center Department, through CFW in tree planting, levee construction, soil conservation, and community space and road maintenance.

USAID/OFDA has provided more than **\$300,000** to **Premiere Urgence** to implement CFW projects in rubble removal to prepare sites for transitional shelter and latrine construction, as well as in waste water trench clearing, targeted to more than 7,000 beneficiaries in the Fontamara and Martissant neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince. USAID/OFDA has contributed an additional more than **\$370,000** for WASH activities, including CFW to dig latrine pits.

With more than **\$480,000** in USAID/OFDA support, **Samaritan's Purse** is targeting 50,000 beneficiaries with CFW projects removing rubble from roads in Léogâne, Petit Goâve, and Grand Goâve, West Department.

USAID/OFDA has provided nearly **\$1.7 million** to **World Vision** for the implementation of CFW activities in debris cleanup and shelter installation assistance to benefit 10,000 displaced individuals in Pétion-Ville, metropolitan Port-au-Prince.