



HAITI – EARTHQUAKE AND CHOLERA

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- As of August 31, Shelter Cluster members had constructed 94,666 transitional shelters (t-shelters). As of September 1, USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) partners reported completion of 28,135 t-shelters, or approximately 30 percent of the international total. From May 1, 2010—the start of USAID/OFDA’s t-shelter program—to September 1, 2011, USAID/OFDA partners have built an average of nearly 62 t-shelters per day.
- As of September 18, the Government of Haiti (GoH) Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) reported that the cholera outbreak in Haiti had resulted in more than 450,000 cases, more than 240,000 hospitalizations, and more than 6,000 deaths. The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) anticipates the current distribution of cholera rates to remain consistent in the coming two to three years, with moderate peaks, before stabilizing. Artibonite and West departments are likely to be most affected due to poor access to water and sanitation, population density, and natural hazards. OCHA also expects peaks in rates in Center and Grand Anse departments.
- In total, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$39 million in humanitarian assistance to Haiti in FY 2011 in response to ongoing humanitarian needs resulting from the January 2010 earthquake and more than \$40 million in response to the cholera outbreak that began in October 2010. USAID/OFDA funding supported shelter and settlements, health, humanitarian coordination and information management, logistics and relief commodities, economic recovery and market systems (ERMS), protection, natural and technological risks, and water, sanitation, and health (WASH) activities. Overall, the U.S. Government (USG) provided more than \$191 million in humanitarian assistance to Haiti in FY 2011, including nearly \$80 million from USAID/OFDA, more than \$9 million from USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP), more than \$57 million from USAID’s Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI), nearly \$15 million from USAID/Haiti, \$1.3 million from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM), and nearly \$30 million from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

EARTHQUAKE NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		Source
Estimated Deaths	316,000 ¹	GoH – January 14, 2011
Verified Number of Displaced Individuals Still in Settlements	594,811	IOM ² – July 31, 2011
Estimated Affected Population	3 million	U.N. – January 15, 2010

FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE EARTHQUAKE ³	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$367,588,999
USAID/FFP Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$188,117,400
USAID/OTI Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$73,367,194
USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$51,458,830
USAID/DR ⁴ Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$3,000,000
State/PRM Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$14,599,690
DoD ⁵ Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$453,000,000
Total FY 2010 USG Humanitarian Assistance for the Earthquake	\$1,151,132,113

¹ Death estimates vary according to the source.

² International Organization for Migration (IOM)

³ Funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 29, 2011. Recent changes to this total reflect end-of-fiscal-year accounting modifications.

⁴ USAID/Dominican Republic (USAID/DR)

⁵ U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE EARTHQUAKE ⁶	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$38,838,526
USAID/FFP Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$9,336,900
USAID/OTI Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$53,692,889
USAID/Haiti Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$12,547,237
State/PRM Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$1,300,000
Total FY 2011 USG Humanitarian Assistance for the Earthquake	\$115,715,552

TOTAL FY 2010 AND FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE EARTHQUAKE ⁷	
Total FY 2010 and FY 2011 USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$406,427,525
Total FY 2010 and FY 2011 USAID, State, and DoD Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for the Earthquake	\$1,266,847,665

CHOLERA NUMBERS AT A GLANCE ⁸	
Overall Cholera Caseload	452,189
Hospitalized Cases	240,323
Deaths Due to Cholera	6,334
Fourteen Day Rolling Total CFR ⁹	0.44 percent

TOTAL FY 2010 AND FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR CHOLERA ¹⁰	
Total USAID/OFDA Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$40,047,601
USAID/OTI ¹¹ Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$3,425,906
USAID/Haiti ¹² Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$2,195,032
CDC Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$29,900,000
Total FY 2011 USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Cholera	\$75,568,539

Context

- On January 12, 2010, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck southern Haiti, with its epicenter located 10 miles southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince. The earthquake killed an estimated 316,000 people and affected approximately 3 million others, according to the GoH. On January 13, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth H. Merten declared a disaster due to the effects of the earthquake. In response, the USG provided more than \$1.1 billion to meet humanitarian needs arising from the earthquake in FY 2010, including more than \$683 million from USAID, and nearly \$116 million in FY 2011, including more than \$114 million from USAID.
- In the year following the earthquake, humanitarian efforts met the immediate needs of earthquake-affected populations by providing safe drinking water, food, household items, shelter, sanitation facilities, and health services. USAID continues to work closely with other USG agencies, the GoH, international organizations, the U.N., and non-governmental organizations to coordinate ongoing efforts and facilitate the transition from emergency relief to recovery while addressing identified humanitarian needs.
- On October 22, 2010, Ambassador Merten issued a disaster declaration due to the cholera outbreak that began in Haiti in October 2010. USAID/OFDA's emergency cholera response plan focused on preventing cholera

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⁸ Figures as reported by the GoH MSPP on September 18, 2011, except Fourteen Day Rolling Total CFR, which was reported by the CDC on September 28, 2011.

⁹ Case Fatality Rates (CFRs) are calculated by deaths divided by cases. CFRs in the early days of an epidemic heavily weight the cumulative CFR; overall deaths divided by overall cases. As a result the cumulative CFR may take significant time to reach the CFR goal of 1 percent or less, even after the epidemic has leveled off. While the cumulative CFR moves slowly and provides the long-view of the situation, the daily CFR fluctuates and reflects the acute situation. The 14-day rolling CFR balances the daily and cumulative CFRs.

¹⁰ All figures represent FY 2011 funding for the cholera response except for USAID/Haiti. For further information, see footnote 12. Funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 29, 2011. Recent changes to this total reflect end-of-fiscal-year accounting modifications.

¹¹ Total USAID/OTI funding includes both direct cholera-related programs and programs with some cholera-related outputs.

¹² USAID/Haiti has pre-existing, long-term health programs that have been an integral part of the cholera response; USAID/Haiti funding also continues to support pre-cholera health activities. The USAID/Haiti funding levels represent estimated amounts for one month of FY 2010 resources expended on the cholera response. USAID/Haiti figures represent funding spent during FY 2011.

cases, reducing the number of cases requiring hospitalization, and reducing the CFR. The plan included four elements: provision of chlorine to increase the availability of safe drinking water, expansion of national hygiene education outreach, provision of medical supplies and sachets of oral rehydration salts, and an increase in the number of cholera treatment facilities (CTFs), particularly in underserved and rural areas. USAID/OFDA recognizes that cholera will likely remain present in Haiti for several years and that the current rainy and hurricane seasons may cause additional caseload spikes. In response, the USG provided nearly \$76 million to meet humanitarian needs arising from the cholera outbreak in FY 2011, including nearly \$46 million from USAID.

- USAID/OFDA program office staff remain in Haiti to monitor the evolving humanitarian situation, enhance coordination, and monitor ongoing USAID/OFDA-funded response activities for both cholera and the earthquake. USAID/OFDA is working closely with USAID/Haiti, USAID/OTI, CDC, and the humanitarian community to coordinate efforts and facilitate a smooth transition from emergency relief activities to development programming.

Shelter and Settlements

- In early October, USAID/OFDA plans to conduct the first of several planned shelter study tours to share lessons learned from USAID/OFDA's Haiti earthquake response and better equip participants to consider effective responses to similar future urban disasters in other countries. Relief agency representatives and engineers from countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean plan to attend. The study tours will examine the nature of the disaster in Haiti. In particular, they will examine the existing construction shortfalls contributing to the scale of destruction and various aspects of the earthquake response, including habitability assessments, rubble removal, and shelter repair. These aspects make up part of USAID/OFDA's neighborhood approach, which aims to help internally displaced persons (IDPs) return to their communities of origin. Presenters will include USAID/OFDA partners the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), CHF International, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and Première Urgence (PU), as well as sub-grantees Miyamoto International, Project Concern International, Cordaid, and the J/P Haitian Relief Organization.
- On September 16, USAID/OFDA staff visited Petit Goâve, West Department, to view CHF International's rubble removal and t-shelter construction projects one year after completion. Staff observed the positive effect that CHF International's rubble removal work has had on shelter construction. After one year of use, the plastic siding of USAID/OFDA-funded metal-framed t-shelters has maintained its integrity. In addition, a number of beneficiaries had installed doors and shutters on their t-shelters.
- In partnership with PADF, USAID/OFDA supported a habitability assessment throughout all of Port-au-Prince and affected areas of West Department to identify repairable residences in response to the earthquake. By February 2011, a team of engineers had assessed more than 403,000 targeted structures and found that more than 50 percent of buildings were "green," or undamaged; 26 percent of assessed buildings were "yellow," or safe for inhabitation following repairs; and 20 percent were "red," or beyond repair and in need of demolition. In response, USAID/OFDA partners continue to perform "yellow" house repairs to facilitate the return of displaced populations to their dwellings. As of September 1, USAID/OFDA partners had completed repairs to structures sufficient to accommodate 6,818 households, or approximately 34,000 people.
- Overall, in FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$28 million for shelter and settlements activities throughout Haiti, including the clearing of rubble and repair of shelters, which facilitated the return of IDPs to their homes.

Health

- In FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$16.5 million in funding for health activities to prevent and treat cholera. At the height of the response, USAID/OFDA partners established 33 CTFs, with a cumulative 1,178 bed-capacity, and 117 oral rehydration points (ORPs) throughout Haiti's 10 departments. USAID/OFDA partners also established local ambulance systems to transport patients to cholera facilities, especially in difficult-to-access areas.
- In addition, in FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$7 million for WASH activities to mitigate the spread of cholera throughout Haiti. USAID/OFDA partners trained networks of 10,000 community health workers and hygiene promoters to provide cholera-related hygiene education, distribute soap and water purification supplies, and provide referral services, particularly in rural areas, throughout Haiti.

USAID/OFDA also funded sanitation activities, such as waste management, hand-washing stations, and disinfection of contaminated households to limit the spread of cholera.

- USAID/OFDA provided more than \$18 million for cholera-related logistics, relief commodities, and transportation in FY 2011, including procurement of cholera treatment and prevention supplies. In FY 2011, IOM managed a logistical pipeline of USAID/OFDA-funded cholera-related prevention and treatment commodities for affected populations.
- In response to the cholera outbreak, USAID/OFDA delivered the following WASH supplies to support cholera prevention measures: 15 million water purification tablets sufficient to provide purified water to 750,000 people for one month; 30 metric tons of calcium hypochlorite for water purification and disinfection of homes, latrines, and CTFs; 5 million 200-gram bars of soap; 33,180 hygiene kits with supplies for nearly 166,000 individuals; 30,000 ten-liter containers for safe transport of water from distribution points; and personal protective equipment and disinfection supplies for CTF personnel.
- In FY 2011, USAID/OFDA also provided more than \$3 million for earthquake-related health activities, including the prevention and treatment of vector-borne diseases in earthquake-affected areas and support for health clinics in IDP camps. In addition, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$3.2 million for earthquake-related WASH activities throughout Haiti.

Hurricane Season Preparation

- Through IOM, USAID/OFDA has pre-positioned emergency relief commodities sufficient for 20,000 families—or approximately 100,000 people—for the 2011 hurricane season at locations throughout Haiti. USAID/OFDA chose particular locations for commodity storage based on historical infrastructure damage and logistical bottlenecks observed during previous storms and flooding in Haiti.
- Through IOM, USAID/OFDA has also funded activities to increase the amount of safe evacuation space for the most vulnerable populations in Port-au-Prince by repairing and upgrading structures previously identified as evacuation shelters by the GoH. IOM's efforts have enhanced the GoH's capacity to provide support to high-risk populations in the event of severe storms or flooding. In addition, IOM is developing disaster risk management committees and conducting first aid trainings in more than 40 displacement camps, reaching approximately 63,000 people, and vulnerable surrounding communities. IOM is also providing materials and technical instruction for mitigation projects in 75 high-risk camps, as well as material and technical support for reinforcing tents and tarpaulins in more than 50 vulnerable camps.
- USAID/OFDA and IOM continue to work together on issues regarding GoH Department of Civil Protection (DPC) preparedness capacity, including shelter management, emergency operations center management, and damage and needs assessments. USAID/OFDA and IOM plan future collaboration to support stronger evacuation shelter management in Haiti. IOM will reactivate efforts and create a shelter management guide and accompanying tools for shelter management in Haiti. In addition, IOM plans to engage mayors, the GoH DPC, and the Red Cross community to implement existing shelter management protocols.
- USAID/OFDA continues hurricane preparation and mitigation efforts, in coordination with its relief agency partners, the GoH, and the international community. USAID/OFDA staff continue to monitor storms threatening Haiti and remain in regular contact with the DPC and other GoH officials, humanitarian organizations, and USAID/OFDA staff based at U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Florida. The USAID/OFDA warehouse in Miami is fully stocked with emergency relief commodities that are available for immediate transport to Haiti, if needed.

Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management

- As of September 1, the Camp Management and Camp Coordination Cluster (CCCM) and the Shelter/Non-Food Item (NFI) Cluster merged under the leadership of IOM. The cluster will continue to work on issues concerning t-shelters and the emergency provision of tents and tarpaulins. The U.N. Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT) will lead longer-term housing solutions, including repair to existing structures, construction of new housing, and urban planning efforts within the Early Response Cluster led by the U.N. Development Program (UNDP).
- In FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided UNDP with more than \$77,000 in funding for humanitarian coordination and information management in response to the earthquake. With this funding, UNDP enhanced the institutional capacity of the GoH DPC and strengthened GoH DPC emergency management capacity through the hiring of additional staff and information technology (IT) support.

- In addition, USAID/OFDA provided \$1 million to OCHA to better coordinate the international humanitarian response to the cholera outbreak and more than \$635,000 to the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) to coordinate cholera-related services for affected populations in Haiti in FY 2011.

Economic Recovery and Market Systems

- The earthquake damaged the livelihoods of many Haitians. In response to ongoing livelihoods needs, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$1.4 million in funding for ERMS activities in FY 2011. With USAID/OFDA funding, GOAL sponsored cash-for-work activities for affected populations enabling beneficiaries to purchase relief items in the local marketplace. In addition, with support from USAID/OFDA, Medair/SWI conducted activities aimed at improving the short-term economic security of urban populations, stimulating the local economy and providing an incentive for community participation in activities supporting shelter construction by temporarily employing earthquake-affected individuals in Port-au-Prince.

Protection

- The earthquake in Haiti exposed children and youth to various vulnerabilities as a result of the death of guardians, earthquake-related injuries becoming permanent disabilities, and the loss of pre-existing protection services. In FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$757,000 for protection activities in Port-au-Prince through CHF International, including activities that support protection programming for vulnerable children and youth and aim to encourage the inclusion of protection principles in every level of settlement planning and management. These activities include providing training in child protection issues, creating child-friendly spaces, and strengthening the mechanisms and systems for reporting and referring child protection violations.

Natural and Technological Risks

- In FY 2011, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$300,000 for natural and technological risks programs in Haiti. Through the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), USAID/OFDA supported programs to better determine future risk of earthquakes and provide technical assistance to the Haiti Seismic Network.

International Humanitarian Assistance

- The U.N. recently began planning for the 2012 Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) for Haiti. According to OCHA, the 2012 CAP will focus on residual humanitarian needs while strengthening linkages with developmental issues. The CAP will reflect priorities identified during a 2011 mid-year review, including WASH, CCCM, shelter, emergency preparedness, food insecurity, and protection.
- The World Bank recently signed an agreement to provide PADF with \$30 million for neighborhood revitalization of the Delmas 32 neighborhood, which builds on PADF's USAID/OFDA-funded "yellow" house repair program in the same neighborhood.

FY 2011 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Shelter and Settlements	West Department	\$1,924,875
CHF International	Health, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$16,705,583
GOAL	ERMS, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$2,449,449
IOM	Shelter and Settlements	Affected Areas	\$3,006,255
Medair/SWI	ERMS, Shelter and Settlements	Southeast Department	\$2,055,784
MENTOR Initiative	Health	Port-au-Prince; Petit Goâve, Grand Goâve, and Léogâne, West Department; and Jacmel, Southeast Department	\$685,661
PADF	Shelter and Settlements	Port-au-Prince	\$4,000,000
Partners in Health (PIH)	Health	Port-au-Prince	\$1,731,766
PU	ERMS, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$790,000
U.N. Development Program (UNDP)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Port-au-Prince	\$77,393
U.S. Department of Defense	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$858,806
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	Natural and Technological Risks	Affected Areas	\$298,000
World Concern Development Organization (WCDO)	Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Port-au-Prince	\$2,983,702
	Logistics and Relief Commodities		\$499,704
	Administrative Support		\$771,548
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$38,838,526
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$3,247,100
World Vision	Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Center and Artibonite Departments	\$6,089,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$9,336,900

USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Chemonics International	Community Stabilization, Enabling the Government of Haiti to Function, and Enhancing Citizen Participation in Relief and Recovery	Port-au-Prince; Cap-Haitien, North Department; and Saint-Marc, Artibonite Department	\$53,692,889
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$53,692,889
USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE			
CHF International	Debris Removal with Heavy Equipment	Affected Areas	\$3,620,431
Experts Comptables Associés (ECA)	Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) Assistance for Rubble Removal	Affected Areas	\$303,890
Interim Haiti Reconstruction Commission (IHRC)	Initial Budget Support	Port-au-Prince	\$6,000,000
IOM	Neighborhood Enumeration Project	Affected Areas	\$1,950,000
Merove-Pierre et Associés (MPA)	CPA Assistance to the IHRC	Port-au-Prince	\$672,916
TOTAL USAID/HAITI			\$12,547,237
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons and Host Communities	Haiti–Dominican Republic Border	\$1,300,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$1,300,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN FY 2011			\$115,715,552

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FY 2011 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
ACF	WASH	Artibonite and Northwest Departments	\$925,000
ARC	Health, WASH	West Department	\$1,144,166
CARE	Health, WASH	Grand Anse Department	\$985,481
CRS	Health	Artibonite, Grand Anse, Nippes, North, Northwest, South, and West Departments	\$1,417,527
CDC	Health	Affected Areas	\$275,000
Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)	WASH	Artibonite Department	\$400,096
Concern	WASH	Center and West Departments	\$624,942
Fairfax County, VA, Fire Department	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$23,275
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Health, WASH	Artibonite, Center, North, Northeast, Northwest, South, Southeast, and West Departments	\$7,285,583
IOM	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Artibonite, North, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and West Departments	\$4,600,000
IOM	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$7,800,000
L.A. County, CA, Fire Department	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$213,137
Management Sciences for Health (MSH)	Health	Affected Areas	\$825,617
Mercy Corps	WASH	Center Department	\$925,013
PIH	Health, WASH	Artibonite, Center, and West Departments	\$1,500,000
Samaritan's Purse (SP)	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	West Department	\$2,869,431
Save the Children (SC)	Health, WASH	West Department	\$825,000

WCDO	Health	West Department	\$364,180
U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
U.N World Health Organization (WHO)/ Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	Health	Affected Areas	\$635,580
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$500,000
	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$4,652,350
	Administrative Support		\$256,223
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$40,047,601
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Implementing Partners	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH, Media and Awareness, Public Outreach	Affected Areas	\$3,425,906
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$3,425,906
USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE²			
Community Health and AIDS Mitigation Project (CHAMP)	Community Health Services	Countrywide	\$198,000
Leadership, Management, and Sustainability Program (LMS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$185,000
PROMARK	Health, Public Outreach	Countrywide	\$232,000
Supply Chain Management System (SCMS)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$780,032
Health for the Development and Stability of Haiti (SDSH)	Essential Health Services	Countrywide	\$800,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI			\$2,195,032
CDC ASSISTANCE			
Implementing Partners	Health, WASH, Relief Commodities	Affected Areas	\$29,900,000
TOTAL CDC			\$29,900,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR CHOLERA IN FY 2011			\$75,568,539

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² USAID/Haiti figures represent funding spent during FY 2011.

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 cholera efforts in Haiti can be found at www.interaction.org. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Haiti 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, and warehouse space); 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 (202) 821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int