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## ***Latin America and the Caribbean – Hurricane Season 2005\****

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### **BACKGROUND**

- The 2005 Atlantic hurricane season has brought an unprecedented 13 hurricanes to date, of which five—Dennis, Emily, Stan, Wilma, and Beta—along with Tropical Storm Gamma, have devastated parts of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Cuba, the Bahamas, Haiti, and Grenada.
- Hurricane Dennis made landfall in central Cuba on July 8 bringing sustained winds of 150 miles per hour (mph) and triggering sea surges, floods, landslides, and heavy rains which affected Haiti as well.
- Hurricane Emily passed near Grenada on July 14 as a category one hurricane with 90 mph winds.
- Hurricane Stan made landfall south of Veracruz, Mexico, on October 4, with sustained winds of 80 mph, before weakening to a tropical storm and generating severe flooding across southern Mexico and Central America.
- Hurricane Wilma hovered for more than 24 hours near the Yucatan Peninsula before making landfall in Cozumel, Mexico, on October 22, as a category four hurricane.
- Hurricane Beta made landfall on October 30, near Karabal and Sandy Bay, Nicaragua, as a category two hurricane.
- Tropical Storm Gamma passed over the northern coast of Honduras on November 19, triggering heavy flooding in the northern departments. A low pressure system that developed on November 16 near the Honduras/Nicaragua border contributed to the flooding.

<b>NUMBERS AT A GLANCE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>
<b>Honduras</b> 32 dead, 30,219 evacuated, 21,827 in shelters, 530 homes damaged/destroyed (Gamma) 11,000 displaced, 7,700 in shelters (Beta)	Government of Honduras – November 21 Government of Honduras – October 31
<b>Nicaragua</b> 4,780 in shelters (Stan) 2,580 displaced, 506 damaged/destroyed homes (Beta)	Government of Nicaragua (GON) – November 3
<b>Guatemala</b> 669 dead, 31,971 in shelters, 474,928 directly affected and/or displaced (Stan)	Government of Guatemala (GOG) – October 25
<b>Mexico</b> 15 dead, 1.5 million affected, 370,000 displaced (Stan) 7 dead, 1million affected, 300,000 displaced (Wilma)	OCHA <sup>1</sup> – October 23 OCHA – October 25
<b>El Salvador</b> 68 dead, 26,000 in shelters (Stan)	Government of El Salvador – October 18
<b>Costa Rica</b> 459 communities affected, 1,074 evacuated (Stan)	Government of Costa Rica – October 6
<b>Cuba</b> 16 dead, 73,000 homeless (Dennis) 4,200 in shelters, 11 of 14 provinces affected (Wilma)	Government of Cuba National Civil Defense OCHA - October 28
<b>Bahamas</b> 1,500 displaced, 200 homes damaged/destroyed (Wilma)	Government of the Bahamas – October 28
<b>Haiti</b> 40 dead, 15,000 affected (Dennis)	Government of Haiti – July 15
<b>Grenada</b> 1,650 initially displaced, 2,641 homes damaged/destroyed (Emily)	OCHA – July 16

**Total USAID/OFDA 2005 Hurricane Season Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean ..... \$6,360,736<sup>2</sup>**  
**Total USAID 2005 Hurricane Season Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean..... \$12,476,136<sup>3</sup>**

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

#### *USAID/OFDA Team Deployment*

- More than 25 USAID/OFDA staff, working closely with USAID Missions and U.S. Embassy staff, have deployed to countries affected by tropical storms Stan and Gamma and hurricanes Wilma and Beta in the last six weeks—including Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Mexico, and El Salvador—to assess damages, identify needs, and coordinate assistance with local disaster officials.<sup>4</sup>

\* The 2005 hurricane season lasts from approximately early June to late November, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> The U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

<sup>2</sup> Total USAID/OFDA FY 2005 assistance for the 2005 hurricane season was \$291,119. Total FY 2006 USAID/OFDA assistance for the 2005 hurricane season was \$6,069,617.

<sup>3</sup> Total USAID FY 2005 assistance for the 2005 hurricane season was \$291,119. Total USAID FY 2006 assistance for the 2005 hurricane season was \$12,185,017.

<sup>4</sup> This includes staff deployed in response to multiple disasters.

- As of November 22, three USAID/OFDA staff remain in Honduras, including two regional advisors and a USAID/OFDA consultant, coordinating the USG response to Tropical Storm Gamma.

#### *Honduras*

- Heavy rainfall caused by the convergence of two tropical systems—Tropical Storm Gamma and a low pressure system that developed on November 16 near the Honduras/Nicaragua border—brought severe flooding to the northern departments of Gracias a Dios, Colón, Atlántida, Cortés, Yoro, Santa Bárbara, and the Bay Islands.
- On November 22, the Government of Honduras Permanent Commission on Contingencies (COPECO) reported that the flooding caused 32 deaths—with an additional 13 people missing—and forced the evacuation of 30,219 people, including more than 21,827 housed in temporary shelters. COPECO reported that 530 homes have been damaged or destroyed, as well as 42 roads and 56 bridges damaged.
- The heaviest rainfall occurred in the cities of El Progreso, La Ceiba, Olanchito, and San Pedro Sula, causing damage to public infrastructure and communications systems. More than 30 inches of rain fell along the north coast between Tela and La Ceiba, between November 16 and 19, which was similar to the rainfall accumulations received during Hurricane Mitch in 1998.
- From October 29 to 31, the outer bands of Hurricane Beta passed over northeastern Honduras, flooding the departments of Gracias a Dios, Atlántida, and Colón and initially displacing more than 11,000 people.

#### *Nicaragua*

- On November 3, the GON announced the final results of assessments conducted in areas affected by Hurricane Beta. According to the GON, Beta displaced 2,580 persons and damaged or destroyed 506 homes in the municipalities of Desembocadura del Rio Grande, Laguna de Perla, and Tortugero in Autonomous Region of the South Atlantic (RAAS). The most affected communities are Karawala, Kara, La Barra, Sandy Bay Sirpe Sur, and Walpa, in Desembocadura del Rio Grande Municipality.
- According to the GON, Beta caused extensive damage to public infrastructure, including 12 churches, 10 schools, 5 health centers, 194 latrines, 115 wells, and 2 water tanks. Communities' livelihoods were also impacted as residents lost fishing equipment and 250 hectares of beans, maize, yucca, and plantains. The GON reported that urgent needs include food, medicines, potable water, sanitation facilities, and shelter materials.
- In addition to the damage caused by Beta, above-normal winter rains along Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast overflowed the Coco River in RAAN Department. On November 3, the GON reported that 4,780 persons from the RAAN municipalities of Puerto Cabezas, Prinzapolka, and Waspan remained in 14 shelters.
- Tropical Storm Stan caused flooding and landslides in the departments of Esteli, Chinandega, and Jinotega, forcing approximately 840 people to evacuate to shelters. In addition, extensive rainfall destroyed crops and food supplies in 14 communities in the Municipality of Waspan, RAAN Department, severely affecting 4,450 people.

#### *Guatemala*

- On October 28, CONRED reported that Tropical Storm Stan caused 669 deaths, with an additional 844 missing; directly affected 474,928 people; and damaged or destroyed 34,968 homes. As of October 28, there were 296 shelters serving residents from 1,100 communities.
- On November 9, the Economic Commission for Latin America (CEPAL), in coordination with the GOG, released the results of a comprehensive sector-by-sector evaluation of damages caused by Tropical Storm Stan. According to the GOG, the economic damages caused by Stan totaled more than \$985 million (or 7,472.7 Guatemalan Quetzals). The CEPAL evaluation will be used as a framework for GOG and donor reconstruction efforts.

#### *Mexico*

- In early October, Tropical Storm Stan flooded the states of Veracruz, Chiapas, Oaxaca, Tabasco, Puebla, Hidalgo, and Guerrero, killing 15 people, displacing 370,000, and affected approximately 1.5 million, according to OCHA.
- On October 25, OCHA reported that Hurricane Wilma caused severe flooding across Quintana Roo and Yucatan states, killing 7 people, affecting more than 1 million, and displacing approximately 300,000 people in Cancún alone, according to OCHA.

#### *El Salvador*

- Two simultaneous emergencies in the first week of October—the severe flooding caused by Tropical Storm Stan and the eruption of the Santa Ana volcano—caused 69 deaths and affected roughly half of the country. Flood damage to housing and public infrastructure was particularly severe in the departments of San Miguel, Usulután, San Salvador, and Sansonate.

#### *Costa Rica*

- Extensive rainfall in late September flooded areas in the provinces of Alajuela, Cartago, Guanacaste, Heredia, Puntarenas, and San José, forcing more than 1,000 residents of 459 communities to evacuate to local shelters.

#### *Cuba*

- The Cuban National Civil Defense reported that Hurricane Dennis made landfall in central Cuba on July 8, killing 16 people, damaging or destroying more than 58,000 homes, and leaving an estimated 73,000 people homeless.
- On October 22, the outer bands of Hurricane Wilma passed over western Cuba, bringing 10 consecutive days of rainfall that flooded 11 out of 14 provinces and resulted in 700,000 evacuations. Concurrently, rains from Tropical Storm Alpha flooded the eastern provinces.

### *Bahamas*

- On October 24, Hurricane Wilma passed through the northern islands of the Bahamas with 100 mile per hour winds and 15 foot storm surges. According to Bahamian National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the hurricane displaced 1,500 people, damaged or destroyed more than 200 homes, and caused extensive damage to public infrastructure.

### *Haiti*

- According to the Government of Haiti, flooding from Hurricane Dennis in early July killed 40 people and affected 15,000 residents in the southern peninsula of Haiti.

### *Grenada*

- Strong wind and heavy rains from Hurricane Emily impacted the northern parishes of St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's and the outer islands of Carriacou and Petit Martinique, forcing more than 1,650 people to seek refuge in shelters.

## **USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

### **Honduras**

#### *USAID*

- On November 18, U.S. Ambassador to Honduras Charles A. Ford declared a disaster due to the impact of the flooding associated with Tropical Storm Gamma and heavy rainfall. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$225,000 through USAID/Honduras to CARE for the purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies to affected families in Atlántida, Yoro, Cortés, and Colón departments. A USAID/OFDA airlift containing 5,000 blankets, 5,000 water containers, and 200 rolls of plastic sheeting is scheduled to arrive in the coming week. The value of these commodities, excluding transport, is \$180,000.
- On October 31, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires James G. Williard issued a disaster declaration due to the impact of Hurricane Beta. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/Honduras for the local purchase and distribution of emergency relief items, including blankets, foam mattresses, and hygiene kits, as well as for helicopter lubricants and fuel for transport of relief items to isolated communities.
- In addition, USAID/OFDA utilized two locally contracted Fokker 27 aircrafts for transport of relief items to affected areas near Puerto Lempira. On November 1 and 2, eight flights transported 18,000 pounds of relief items. The flights are valued at approximately \$40,000.

#### *U.S. Embassy/Honduras*

- The U.S. Embassy in Honduras provided a C-12 aircraft to transport 3,000 pounds of relief supplies to Puerto Lempira in response to Hurricane Beta.

#### *Department of Defense (DOD)*

- On November 20, eight SOUTHCOM helicopters from Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, airlifted a total of 92,000 pounds of WFP emergency food assistance from San Pedro Sula to La Ceiba, and an additional 17,500 pounds to Palacios, Gracias a Dios.
- From November 4 to 8, military personnel from SOUTHCOM's Joint Task Force-Bravo airlifted more than 155,000 pounds of emergency relief items, food, and medical supplies to affected communities in Colón and Gracias a Dios departments.

### **Guatemala**

#### *USAID*

- On October 5, U.S. Ambassador James M. Derham issued a disaster declaration due to the impacts of Tropical Storm Stan.
- In response, USAID/OFDA provided more than \$4 million in humanitarian assistance to Guatemala. This funding includes: \$150,000 to USAID/Guatemala for the local purchase of emergency relief supplies and for helicopter support; \$3 million to USAID/Guatemala for emergency grants to humanitarian aid organizations—including Catholic Relief Services (CRS), World Vision, Project Hope, Save the Children/US (SC/US), Project Concern, SHARE Guatemala, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—for health, water and sanitation, and shelter activities. In addition, \$200,000 was provided to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for emergency health and water and sanitation activities.
- Though three airlifts, USAID/OFDA provided the following relief supplies: 5,004 hygiene kits; 1,500 rolls of plastic sheeting; 5,000 blankets; 2,502 hygiene kits; 9,200 5-gallon water containers; 1,120 water containers with a 10 liter capacity; 6 water bladders with a 12,000 liter capacity; and 2 water treatment units. The value of these supplies, including transport, is nearly \$790,000.
- USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) pledged \$4 million in emergency food assistance to the U.N. World Food Program's (WFP) emergency operations in Guatemala. This assistance will meet the immediate food needs of 285,000 people affected by Tropical Storm Stan.
- USAID/Guatemala redirected \$1.1 million from longer-term food security and health programs to emergency relief activities.

#### *DOD*

- The U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) deployed a 58-person team from Joint Task Force-Bravo in Honduras to Guatemala City to assist with ongoing disaster relief efforts. Joint Task Force-Bravo provided a total

of 134 U.S. military personnel, one C-130 aircraft, one P3 aircraft, and 10 helicopters for relief operations. U.S. helicopters flew more than 400 hours; delivered more than 300 tons of supplies; evacuated more than 50 personnel; and transported host nation firefighters and emergency aid workers. A Navy P3 surveillance aircraft and three fixed wing assets and personnel from the National Geospatial Agency provided imagery support for assessments.

## **Nicaragua**

### *USAID*

- On October 28, U.S. Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli issued a disaster declaration due to the impacts of Hurricane Beta. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$200,000 through USAID/Nicaragua to WFP and the Nicaraguan Red Cross for the local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies and helicopter fuel. On November 10, USAID/OFDA contributed \$100,000 to PAHO for water and sanitation and health activities.
- On November 1, USAID/OFDA airlifted 200 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,020 ten-liter water containers, and 2,736 hygiene kits, valued at \$120,877, including transport. In addition, USAID/OFDA locally contracted an aircraft and a Bell 205 helicopter to conduct aerial assessments of affected areas, valued at \$22,000.
- On October 19, U.S. Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli declared a disaster due to the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Stan that led to the destruction of crops and food supplies. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to WFP for the transport of 224 metric tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance for 4,450 beneficiaries.

## **Mexico**

### *USAID*

- On October 6, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Antonio O. Garza Jr. declared a disaster due to the flooding from Tropical Storm Stan. On October 23, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Stephen R. Kelly issued a disaster declaration due to the impacts of Hurricane Wilma.
- In response to both storms, USAID/OFDA provided a total of \$600,000. This funding included: \$300,000 to the American Red Cross as part of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) flash appeal; and \$300,000 through USAID/Mexico for the local purchase of relief items—\$200,000 to the Mexican Red Cross and \$100,000 to the Nature Conservancy.

## **El Salvador**

### *USAID*

- On October 4, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Michael A. Butler issued a disaster declaration due to the effects of the flooding from Tropical Storm Stan and the eruption of the Santa Ana volcano.
- In response, USAID/OFDA provided a total of \$200,000, including: \$100,000 through USAID/El Salvador to CRS for the local purchase of emergency relief supplies, including sleeping mats, blankets, and hygiene kits; and \$100,000 to PAHO for emergency health and water and sanitation activities as part of the U.N. joint appeal. USAID/OFDA also donated 35 rolls of plastic sheeting previously stockpiled.
- On October 19, USAID/El Salvador pledged \$1 million to support recovery efforts, in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. USAID/El Salvador also provided 55 rolls of plastic sheeting, valued at more than \$15,000 to the Government of El Salvador's National Emergency Committee (COEN).

### *U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)*

- On October 17, a scientist from the USGS Volcano Disaster Assistance Program (USGS/VDAP) traveled to El Salvador to assess volcanic activity and damage following the eruption of the Santa Ana volcano. USGS/VDAP provided approximately \$20,000 in assessments and monitoring equipment to the local *Servicio Nacional de Estudios Territoriales* (National Service of Land Studies) for monitoring of seismic activity in the region.

## **Costa Rica**

### *USAID*

- On September 30, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Russell L. Frisbie declared a disaster due to the impact of the flooding. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to Government of Costa Rica's National Commission for the Prevention of Risks and Attention to Emergencies (CNE) for the local purchase of relief supplies, water, and food.

## **Cuba**

### *USAID*

- On July 11, the U.S. Interests Section in Havana issued a disaster declaration due to the impact of Hurricane Dennis. On October 27, the U.S. Interests Section in Havana declared a disaster due to the damage caused by Hurricane Wilma. In response, USAID/OFDA provided a total of \$200,000—\$100,000 for each disaster—to independent NGOs for the purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies.

## **Bahamas**

### *USAID*

- On October 28, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Brent Hardt declared a disaster due to the damage caused by Hurricane Wilma. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to NEMA for the local purchase and distribution of emergency relief supplies and an additional \$9,000 for locally contracted helicopter assessments of affected areas.

## **Haiti**

### *USAID*

- On July 15, the U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Douglas Griffiths declared a disaster due to the impacts of Hurricane Dennis. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 to CRS for potable water and relief supplies.

**Grenada**

*USAID*

- On July 15, the U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Mary E. Kramer declared a disaster due to the effects of Hurricane Emily. In response, USAID provided \$50,000 to PAHO for the emergency repair of health facilities. In addition, USAID/OFDA airlifted 504 hygiene kits, 150 rolls of plastic sheeting and 500 10-liter water containers, valued at \$91,000, including transport.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
CARE (Gamma)	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$225,000
	Emergency Relief Supplies (en route)	Affected Areas	\$112,500
	Transport of Emergency Relief Supplies En Route	Affected Areas	pending
USAID/Honduras (Beta)	Emergency relief supplies, helicopter fuel	Affected Areas	\$50,000
(Beta)	Locally contracted helicopter support	Affected Areas	\$40,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$427,500</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$427,500</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
WFP (Stan)	Transportation cost of 224 MT P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$50,000
USAID/Nicaragua (Beta)	Local Purchase and Transport of Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$200,000
PAHO (Beta)	Water and Sanitation, Health	Affected Areas	\$100,000
	Locally contracted Bell 205 helicopter	Affected Areas	\$22,000
	Emergency relief supplies	Affected Areas	\$94,691
	Transport of emergency relief supplies	Affected Areas	\$26,186
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$492,877</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$492,877</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
USAID/Guatemala	Air Support, Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$150,000
USAID/Guatemala	Emergency Grants to Humanitarian Aid Organizations for Relief Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRS (temporary shelter, water and sanitation)</li> <li>• World Vision (temporary shelter, water and sanitation)</li> <li>• Project Hope (transport and storage of medical supplies)</li> <li>• SC/US (health and water and sanitation)</li> <li>• Project Concern (water and sanitation)</li> <li>• SHARE Guatemala (water and sanitation)</li> <li>• CDC (health)</li> </ul>	Affected Areas	\$3,000,000

USAID/Guatemala, NGOs	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$660,986
PAHO	Emergency Health, Water and Sanitation	Affected Areas	\$200,000
	Air and Land Transport of Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$129,254
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$4,140,240</b>
<b>USAID/GUATEMALA ASSISTANCE</b>			
USAID/Guatemala	Reprogrammed Food Security Funds	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
USAID/Guatemala	Reprogrammed Health Funds	Affected Areas	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/LAC</b>			<b>\$1,100,000</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			
WFP	Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$4,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP</b>			<b>\$4,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$9,240,240</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Mexican Red Cross	Local Purchase of Emergency Relief Supplies, Water, and Food	Affected Areas	\$100,000
Nature Conservancy	Purchase and Distribution of Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
Mexican Red Cross	Local Purchase of Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
IFRC Appeal	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$600,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EL SALVADOR

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
CRS	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
PAHO Appeal	Emergency Health, Water and Sanitation	Affected Areas	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>USAID/EL SALVADOR ASSISTANCE</b>			
COEN	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$15,400
NGOs	Disaster Recovery Activities	Affected Areas	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/EL SALVADOR</b>			<b>\$1,015,400</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EL SALVADOR - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$1,215,400</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
NGOs (Dennis)	Emergency Relief Supplies, Water, and Food	Affected Areas	\$100,000
NGOs (Wilma)	Emergency Relief Supplies, Water, and Food	Affected Areas	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

#### USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
NEMA	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$50,000
	Helicopter Transport for Assessments	Affected Areas	\$9,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$59,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE BAHAMAS - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$59,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
CRS	Emergency Relief Supplies and Water	Affected Areas	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
PAHO	Emergency Repair of Health Facilities	Affected Areas	\$50,000
	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$46,399
	Air Transport of Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$44,720
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$141,119</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GRENADA - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$141,119</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

**USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO COSTA RICA**

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
CNE	Emergency Relief Supplies, Water, and Food	Affected Areas	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO COSTA RICA - 2005 HURRICANE SEASON</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents commitments or actual expenditures as of November 23, 2005.

<b>TOTAL USAID HURRICANE SEASON 2005 ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO, AND THE CARIBBEAN</b>	<b>\$12,476,136<sup>5</sup></b>
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**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.
- 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; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering can be found at:
  - USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov) – Keyword: Donations
  - The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or (703) 276-1914
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.org](http://www.reliefweb.org).

<sup>5</sup>Total USAID FY 2005 assistance for the 2005 hurricane season was \$291,119. Total USAID FY 2006 assistance for the 2005 hurricane season was \$12,185,017.

*USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/).*