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Southern Africa – Floods and Cyclones

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated March 14, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Since December 2007, unusually heavy rainfall has caused widespread flooding across Southern Africa, particularly affecting areas of Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, and Zambia. In addition, Tropical Cyclones Fame, Jokwe, and Ivan have affected Madagascar and Mozambique.
- According to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), flooding and cyclones in Southern Africa have affected nearly 900,000 people since October 2007.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		
Country	Estimated Affected Population	Source
Angola	81,400	OCHA – April 10, 2008
Madagascar	332,391	OCHA – April 10, 2008
Malawi	180,246	OCHA – April 10, 2008
Mozambique	173,535	OCHA – April 10, 2008
Namibia	65,000	OCHA – April 10, 2008
Zambia	34,776	OCHA – April 10, 2008

FY 2008 USAID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

Total USAID/OFDA Humanitarian Assistance to Southern Africa in FY 2008.....\$2,098,298
Total USAID/FFP¹ Emergency Assistance to Southern Africa in FY 2008².....\$3,043,700
USAID/Mozambique Humanitarian Assistance in FY 2008.....\$233,850
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Southern Africa in FY 2008.....\$5,375,848

CURRENT SITUATION

Angola

- The Government of Angola’s Civil Protection Unit (CPU) reported that flooding had killed at least 14 people and displaced more than 56,000 others in Cunene and Cuando Cubango provinces as of April 10. In addition, floods killed livestock and destroyed or damaged crops, roads, houses, and schools.
- The CPU indicated that the dispersed nature of the disaster and limited accessibility have hindered response efforts in Cuando Cubango Province.

Madagascar

- Cyclones Fame and Ivan killed 106 people and affected more than 330,000 others, including 190,000 who were displaced, according to the U.N.
- On April 21, the Government of Madagascar (GOM) Ministry of Health reported more than 400 cases of Rift Valley Fever (RVF), resulting in 17 deaths in five regions of eastern Madagascar. To date, 59 of the cases have been laboratory-confirmed. On April 9, the GOM Ministry of Agriculture also reported RVF cases in livestock.
- In response to a request from the GOM, representatives from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, U.N. World Health Organization, and World Organization for Animal Health traveled to Madagascar to assist the GOM in containing the disease.

Malawi

- Heavy rains in central and southern Malawi led to flooding in 15 of the country’s 28 districts, particularly in Chikwawa and Nsanje. The Government of Malawi estimates that flooding affected 32,722 households.

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

² This total includes food assistance provided in response to food insecurity in Mozambique following the drought in 2007.

- In the Chikwawa and Nsanje districts, the flooding affected more than 19,600 households. In addition to destroying crops, floods have submerged property and damaged bridges and roads. In some areas, residents are unable to access basic services, such as health clinics and schools, according to USAID/Malawi.

Mozambique

- On March 8, heavy rains and winds from Cyclone Jokwe affected approximately 60,000 people in northern Mozambique, according to OCHA. Since early January, unusually heavy rainfall particularly affected towns along the Zambezi River Basin in central Mozambique. OCHA reported that more than 110,000 flood-affected individuals were living in resettlement centers as of April 10.

Namibia

- Since mid-January, flooding has affected the northern regions of Oshana, Omusati, Oshikoto, and Ohangwena, which previously had been under drought conditions. Extensive flooding in the four regions affected nearly 40,000 people, including approximately 4,000 individuals displaced to temporary reception centers in eight towns.
- In late March, the USAID/OFDA regional advisor conducted an assessment in flood-affected areas with representatives from the Namibia Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Government of the Republic of Namibia.

Zambia

- Heavy rains damaged crops, potentially affecting 2007/2008 agricultural season yields. According to the most recent Zambian National Vulnerability Assessment Committee assessment, losses for staple crops are expected to range from 20 to 60 percent.
- The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) is planning to begin food distributions for 137,400 people in 13 flood-affected districts in Southern, Eastern, and Lusaka provinces for three months. Other humanitarian organizations have distributed food in Southern and Western provinces.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Angola

- On April 11, U.S. Ambassador Dan Mozena issued a disaster declaration for Angola due to the flooding. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/Angola to CARE for emergency relief supplies and shelter materials to support flood-affected populations in Cuito Cuanavale municipality, Cuando Cubango Province.
- USAID/OFDA, in coordination with USAID/Angola and OCHA, is scheduled to conduct an assessment in May of the impact of the flooding on agriculture and food security in Benguela, Cuando Cubango, and Cunene provinces.

Madagascar

- On February 19, U.S. Ambassador R. Niels Marquardt declared a disaster due to the impact of Cyclone Ivan. To date, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$500,000 to support relief efforts in Madagascar, including 315 rolls of plastic sheeting to assist with emergency shelter needs.
- To support cyclone-affected families, USAID/FFP provided 443 metric tons (MT) of emergency food assistance, valued at \$346,000, to assist more than 28,000 beneficiaries in nine districts.

Malawi

- On April 1, U.S. Ambassador Alan W. Eastham issued a disaster declaration for Malawi due to the flooding. The USAID/OFDA Southern Africa regional advisor is working with USAID/Malawi to identify unmet recovery needs of flood-affected households. In May, USAID/OFDA in coordination with USAID/Malawi is scheduled to conduct an assessment of the impact of the flooding on agriculture and food security in Chikwawa and Nsanje districts.

Mozambique

- On February 6, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Todd Chapman issued a disaster declaration for Mozambique due to the flooding. In response, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$1.4 million through USAID/Mozambique to International Relief and Development (IRD), Save the Children/UK (SC/UK), and WFP for agriculture and food security programs, logistics support, and water, sanitation, and hygiene activities in affected areas. In FY 2007, USAID/OFDA also provided \$132,000 to WFP for logistical support which contributed to the 2008 flood response.
- USAID/Mozambique provided nearly \$24,000 to SC/US to support seed fairs in affected areas and more than \$200,000 to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Population Services International (PSI) for insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

Namibia

- On March 6, U.S. Ambassador Gail D. Mathieu declared a disaster in Namibia due to the flooding. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$50,000 through USAID/Namibia to the Namibia Red Cross for the distribution of emergency supplies, including soap, blankets, first aid kits, hygiene kits, gel stoves, and portable showers.

Zambia

- On March 4, U.S. Ambassador Carmen M. Martinez declared a disaster in Zambia due to the flooding. In response, USAID/OFDA provided \$100,000 through USAID/Zambia for emergency relief supplies to be donated to the Government of the Republic of Zambia's Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit to support ongoing relief efforts for flood-affected populations.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA IN RESPONSE TO FLOODS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
CARE	Shelter, Emergency Relief Supplies	Cuando Cubango Province	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA IN FY 2008			\$50,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 29, 2008.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MADAGASCAR IN RESPONSE TO FLOODS AND CYCLONES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
CARE	Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Fenerive Est, Soanierana, Ivongo, Toamasina II, Vavatenina Districts	\$50,000
CARE	Agriculture and Food Security	Fenerive Est District	\$10,000
CARE	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transport	Affected Areas	\$211,275
WFP	Emergency Relief Supplies, Logistics	Affected Areas	\$250,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$521,275
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
CRS	268 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$217,200
Adventist Development and Relief Agency	175 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$128,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$346,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MADAGASCAR IN FY 2008			\$867,275

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² Estimated value of food assistance.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE IN RESPONSE TO FLOODS AND CYCLONES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
IRD	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Chinde and Morrumbala Districts	\$654,615
SC/UK	Agriculture and Food Security	Zambezi River Valley and Nampula District	\$472,408
WFP	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$250,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$1,377,023

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USAID/MOZAMBIQUE ASSISTANCE			
SC/US	Agriculture and Food Security	Affected Areas	\$23,850
PSI	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$180,000
UNICEF	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$30,000
TOTAL USAID/MOZAMBIQUE			\$233,850
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP	3,190 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$2,697,700
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$2,697,700
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE IN FY 2008			\$4,308,573

²Estimated value of food assistance.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA IN RESPONSE TO FLOODS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Namibia Red Cross	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA IN FY 2008			\$50,000

¹USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 29, 2008.

USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA IN RESPONSE TO FLOODS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
USAID/Zambia	Procurement of Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$100,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$100,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA IN FY 2008			\$100,000

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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. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Southern Africa 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, 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