Humanitarian funding analysis: Hurricane Matthew, Haiti

1. Key points

- According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)’s Financial Tracking Service (FTS), donors have committed/contributed US$87.7 million of humanitarian assistance to Haiti in 2016.
- As of 6 October 2016, according to FTS, US$1.3 million has been reported as specifically allocated in response to Hurricane Matthew. As yet, there is no UN-coordinated appeal for the crisis. However, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) announced an international appeal for Haiti requesting US$5.1 million.

2. Recent humanitarian funding to Haiti

Donors have committed or contributed US$87.7 million to Haiti since the start of 2016. US$0.6 million remains in uncommitted pledges. The EU Institutions are the largest donor to the country, committing/contributing US$23.5 million so far (27% of the total), followed by the US (US$19.0 million, 22%) and Canada (US$15.2 million, 17%). The three largest donors make up a third (66%) of the total funding to Haiti in 2016 so far.

Figure 1: Largest ten humanitarian donors to Haiti, 2016

3. Recent funding to Hurricane Matthew

As of 6 October 2016, US$1.3 million has been specifically reported for the Hurricane Matthew response, all of which was committed/contributed by the US. The majority of this funding (77%), was allocated to provide emergency food assistance to people affected by the crisis, the remaining funds were allocated for logistics support and relief commodities, shelter and settlements.

Funding announcements in response to Hurricane Matthew

A number of agencies have made funding announcements in response to the disaster. These include:

- IFRC launched an international appeal for Haiti for 5 million CHF (US$5.1 million) for health and water, sanitation and hygiene.
- The Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) has announced that Haiti will receive in excess of US$20 million, the largest payment ever made by CCRIF, as a result of the country’s Tropical Cyclone policy. This is the country’s second payment from the risk insurance facility, the first being in response to the earthquake in 2010.
- The Caribbean Development Bank has announced that an Emergency Relief Grant (US$200,000) will be made available to Haiti.
- The EU announced that it has allocated €255,000 (US$284,000) to assist the most affected communities.

4. Appeals and response plans

The UN-coordinated appeal for Haiti 2016 requests US$193.8 million from donors to respond to the crisis. The appeal focuses on “protecting the most vulnerable and improving access to life-saving services to those suffering from food insecurity, malnutrition, cholera and other diseases.” In addition, the appeal promotes the resilience of internally displaced people and continuing support to Government-led efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness. It is currently 32% funded at US$62.1 million, US$0.6 million remains in uncommitted pledges. US$24.4 million has been committed or contributed outside of the appeal.
5. **Funding channels**

In 2016 over half (62%) of reported international humanitarian assistance to Haiti was channelled in the first instance through UN agencies, amounting to US$54.1 million. Together, the World Food Programme (with US$26.6 million), International Organisation for Migration (with US$15.9 million) and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF; with US$7.9 million) received 93% of the UN agencies’ total. About 28% (US$24.6 million) was channelled through NGOs and 6% (US$5.4 million) through private organisations and foundations.

**Figure 2: Humanitarian assistance to Haiti by funding channel, 2016**

Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS. Data downloaded and compiled 6 October 2016.

6. **Funding to sectors**

The largest proportion of funding to Haiti in 2016 is allocated to food (32%, US$28 million), followed by sector not yet specified (18%, US$16.0 million) and coordination and support services (17%, US$15.3 million).

**Figure 3: Humanitarian funding to Haiti by sector, 2016**

Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS. Data downloaded and compiled 6 October 2016. Notes: Percentages in the pie chart add to 99% due to rounding issues to zero decimal places. WaSH: Water, sanitation and hygiene; ‘Protection/Human rights/Rule of law’ renamed to ‘Protection’

7. **Humanitarian funding trends to Haiti (historic)**

Total funding to Haiti in 2016 has increased to US$87.7 million from US$60.1 million in 2015; these figures are significantly lower than the level of funding reported in the previous three years, which peaked in 2014 at US$200.8 million.
Figure 4: Humanitarian funding to Haiti, 2012–2016

Data is correct at time of writing and subject to change. For up-to-date figures on the humanitarian response to Haiti and other crises see UN OCHA’s Financial Tracking Service: fts.unocha.org/pageloader.aspx?page=home

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