

VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS

FACT SHEET #6, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

2.6 million

Estimated Venezuelans Outside of Venezuela
UN – September 2018

1.1 million

Estimated Venezuelans and Colombian Returnees in Colombia
GoC – June 2018

414,000

Venezuelans Sheltering in Peru
GoP – August 2018

250,000

Venezuelans Sheltering in Ecuador
GoE – August 2018

611,000

Estimated Food-Insecure Venezuelans and Colombian Returnees in Colombia
UN – April 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- U.S. Vice President Michael R. Pence announces more than \$48 million in additional U.S. Government (USG) funding to support Venezuela regional crisis humanitarian response activities
- Health actors confirm additional measles and diphtheria cases in Venezuela
- UN appoints a Joint Special Representative to support the Venezuela regional response

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017–2018

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$24,705,084
USAID/FFP ²	\$24,846,508
State/PRM ³	\$47,042,414
\$96,594,006	

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On September 25, U.S. Vice President Pence announced more than \$48 million in additional USG humanitarian assistance in response to the Venezuela regional crisis, including approximately \$21.6 million in State/PRM funds, \$18.8 million in USAID/FFP funds, and \$7.8 million in USAID/OFDA funds. The USAID funding includes approximately \$18.6 million for food, health, nutrition, and livelihoods assistance for more than 144,000 vulnerable individuals in Colombia affected by the Venezuelan regional crisis; \$6 million in food assistance for nearly 25,000 food-insecure people in Ecuador; and \$2 million in food assistance for approximately 6,600 vulnerable Venezuelans and host community members in Brazil. In addition, the State/PRM funding includes more than \$12 million in support for non-governmental organization (NGO) partners providing humanitarian assistance to Venezuelans across the region, including in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Peru; \$7 million in support to the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to provide education and child protection assistance in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago; and \$2.5 million to support the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to provide emergency assistance in Colombia and Ecuador. The announced funds bring the USG humanitarian assistance total to nearly \$97 million since FY 2017.
- Public health concerns persist throughout the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region, including the spread of measles and diphtheria. As of early September, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) confirmed 5,300 measles cases in Venezuela from the commencement of the outbreak in July 2017 to early September 2018. In addition, PAHO recorded more than 1,200 confirmed cases of diphtheria, including more than 200 associated deaths, from July 2016 to early September 2018.

¹ USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

CURRENT EVENTS

- On September 19, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNHCR announced the appointment of Eduardo Stein as Joint Special Representative for the Venezuela regional crisis. Mr. Stein will support coordination between national governments, international organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure a harmonized regional approach to the ongoing response. IOM and UNHCR are also supporting a regional coordination platform, which is conducting scenario planning for potential additional displacement in 2018. The platform is also mapping current migration routes and humanitarian support in response to the Venezuela regional crisis.
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REGIONAL

- PAHO recorded more than 5,300 confirmed measles cases in Venezuela from the commencement of the outbreak in July 2017 to early September 2018, including nearly 1,100 confirmed cases recorded from late July 2018 to early September 2018 alone. Health authorities have also recorded measles cases in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, many of which are associated with the ongoing outbreak in Venezuela. As of early September, PAHO had reported more than 1,700 confirmed measles cases—including 10 deaths—in Brazil; PAHO reported more than 96 percent of the cases in Brazil's Amazonas and Roraima states along the Brazil–Venezuela border. USAID/OFDA continues to support PAHO across the region to enhance national efforts to prevent, detect, and control the spread of infectious diseases.
 - In addition, the ongoing diphtheria outbreak in Venezuela continues to contribute to increased public health concerns throughout the region. As of early September 2018, health authorities in Venezuela had recorded more than 1,200 confirmed cases of diphtheria, including more than 200 associated deaths, since the onset of the diphtheria outbreak in Venezuela in July 2016, according to PAHO.
 - In response to growing regional health needs, PAHO is increasing its technical assistance in the region, establishing six field offices—five in Colombia and one in Brazil—and mobilized more than 60 employees since November 2016. Additionally, PAHO has conducted more than 35 technical cooperation missions in Brazil, Colombia, Guyana, and Venezuela.
 - State/PRM partners IOM and UNHCR continue to provide emergency assistance to Venezuelans across the LAC region. In FY 2018, State/PRM has provided approximately \$8.1 million and \$14.5 million to IOM and UNHCR, respectively, to support relief efforts related to the Venezuela regional crisis in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and elsewhere in the region. Additionally, with \$7 million in support from State/PRM, UNICEF is providing education and child protection assistance in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago. State/PRM has also contributed more than \$500,000 in support to the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) to provide livelihoods, protection, and shelter assistance in Ecuador and more than \$1.4 million in support to Save the Children to provide child protection and education assistance in Colombia in FY 2018.
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BRAZIL

- Following a September 7 altercation near an informal migrant settlement in northern Brazil's Boa Vista city, Roraima, social tensions escalated between Venezuelans and host community members. Local authorities are investigating the incident, which occurred during an attempted robbery and resulted in the deaths of one Brazilian and one Venezuelan. Subsequently, on September 8, approximately 100 Venezuelans departed Boa Vista for Venezuela noting concerns regarding growing violence and xenophobia in the city, according to USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) field officers.
- In response to the impact of Venezuelan arrivals on host communities in Roraima, the Government of Brazil (GoB) is supporting the voluntary relocation of populations to other cities in Brazil. State/PRM partner IOM is assisting with relocation activities, including supporting the pre-departure and identification process for individuals interested in relocating, monitoring the relocation movements, and assisting populations upon arrival at their destination. State/PRM partner Caritas is also supporting GoB voluntary relocation efforts through the provision of emergency

relief commodities, including household items and hygiene supplies, to vulnerable populations. As of August 31, more than 1,500 Venezuelans had been voluntarily relocated to the cities of Brasília, Cuiabá, João Pessoa, Manaus, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, and São Paulo.

- From September 4–5, USAID/OFDA partner the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) distributed emergency relief commodities—including clothing, household supplies, and hygiene kits—to populations sheltering in Janokoida emergency shelter located in Roraima’s Pacaraima Municipality. In addition, on September 6, ADRA distributed nearly 230 family kitchen sets to vulnerable Venezuelans residing in Boa Vista’s Tancredo Neves shelter. In FY 2018, USAID/OFDA supported ADRA with \$500,000 to assist vulnerable populations in Roraima.
- In FY 2018, USAID/FFP has contributed \$2 million to ADRA in Brazil to provide six months of food vouchers—designed to meet approximately 75 percent of monthly food needs—to 6,600 vulnerable Venezuelans sheltering in Boa Vista, allowing food-insecure families to purchase food in local markets. With USAID/FFP support, ADRA also conducts nutritional messaging activities, such as providing pamphlets including information on nutritious, locally available foods.

COLOMBIA

- In early September, USG representatives traveled to northeastern Colombia’s Norte de Santander and Santander departments to assess the humanitarian needs of vulnerable Venezuelans, including *caminantes*—a distinct population of concern comprised of individuals without access to transportation who travel to interior areas of Colombia and neighboring countries on foot. Relief actors report that *caminantes* are especially vulnerable due to limited resources, transportation, and information regarding travel routes, as well as extreme temperatures. While several local NGOs and local community members are providing small-scale support—such as basic first aid, blankets, food, and personal hygiene supplies—to *caminantes* in Norte de Santander and Santander, relief actors report that emergency food, health, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) support remain critical needs among *caminante* populations. In response, USAID/OFDA is supporting a local relief organization to provide emergency relief supplies, including blankets, first aid kits, personal hygiene items, and warm clothing, to transiting *caminantes* in Colombia.
- In late August, USG partners the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and UNHCR conducted an assessment of humanitarian needs among the estimated 2,600 Venezuelans, Colombian returnees, and local host community households residing in Riohacha Municipality’s Brisa de Norte and Villa del Sur towns, La Guajira Department. The majority of Venezuelans sheltering in the area do not possess regularized migration status and therefore lack access to formal livelihood opportunities and basic social services. In addition, Venezuelans, Colombian returnees, and local host community members remain in need of health, protection, and WASH assistance, according to focus group discussions. The lack of access to sanitation and hygiene facilities, as well as difficulty accessing health care services, are contributing to the spread of skin and acute respiratory infections, vector-borne illnesses, and other health concerns.
- With \$13 million in FY 2018 support from USAID/FFP, the UN World Food Program (WFP) continues to provide food assistance to vulnerable people in Colombia affected by the Venezuela regional crisis. To date, WFP has provided food assistance to more than 60,000 Venezuelans and Colombian returnees in Arauca, La Guajira, and Norte de Santander departments along the Colombia–Venezuela border, including hot meals in transit centers for nearly 33,000 of the most vulnerable people, such as women, children, older people, and people with disabilities. WFP also provides food vouchers to vulnerable individuals affected by the crisis, allowing households to purchase nutritious food in local markets. The UN agency is expanding emergency food assistance operations in Nariño Department, along the Colombia–Ecuador border, as well as school meal voucher programs in La Guajira.
- USAID/FFP and USAID/OFDA are jointly supporting an NGO partner to provide multi-sector assistance to more than 11,200 people affected by the Venezuela regional crisis in Arauca and La Guajira. The assistance includes multi-purpose cash transfers for food and basic emergency relief items, such as hygiene and shelter supplies; nutrition support; and protection activities, including psychological support and training on child protection best practices.
- With \$4.7 million in USAID/OFDA funding, a humanitarian partner is implementing health programming in Colombia, including strengthening the capacities of health institutions responding to needs in their communities, providing technical

assistance, and supporting immunization activities and mental health services. Additionally, with more than \$900,000 in USAID/OFDA support, a second partner is implementing livelihood improvement activities in Cundinamarca, Nariño, and Norte de Santander departments and the capital city of Bogotá, including conducting market assessments and assisting vulnerable populations in developing and implementing business plans to promote income-generating activities.

- State/PRM partner UNHCR continues to provide education, health, legal, and shelter support to vulnerable Venezuelans and host community members in La Guajira. UNHCR recently supported the construction of three classrooms in La Guajira's Maicao Municipality to bolster schools' capacity to accommodate an increased number of Venezuelan students.
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ECUADOR

- With support from USAID/FFP, WFP continues to provide food assistance to vulnerable Venezuelans, Colombians fleeing violence and insecurity in Colombia, and host communities in Ecuador. In August alone, WFP provided food vouchers—valued at nearly \$535,000—to more than 20,700 vulnerable people in Ecuador, more than 70 percent of whom were Venezuelan. In FY 2018, USAID/FFP has contributed \$7 million in support to WFP to provide emergency food assistance to more than 27,000 food-insecure people in Ecuador.
 - With support from State/PRM, JRS is providing temporary shelter and legal assistance for Venezuelans in Ecuador. JRS is also implementing programs to improve access to livelihood activities for Venezuelans and host communities.
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PERU

- On September 12, the Government of Peru (GoP) announced the indefinite extension of the Cuna Más National Program at the Binational Border Attention Center—one of the main border crossings for Venezuelans entering Peru—in Tumbes Region, along the Ecuador–Peru border. The program provides emergency childcare for Venezuelan children younger than three years of age, including child-friendly play areas, while their parents conduct migrations procedures at the border crossing point. Since the program began at the border crossing on August 29, GoP authorities have provided emergency childcare services to more than 180 Venezuelan children.
- In response to the influx of Venezuelans entering Peru, the GoP is increasing vaccination activities and epidemiological surveillance efforts for measles and malaria in Tumbes, according to the PAHO. To date, GoP authorities have identified four Chikungunya cases, three measles cases, and one dengue case among Venezuelans entering Peru from Ecuador, PAHO reports. The GoP is also transporting Venezuelans in need of emergency medical assistance to local health facilities, when required. With \$500,000 in support from USAID/OFDA, PAHO is coordinating with regional health authorities in Amazonas, Loreto, Piura, and Tumbes regions to strengthen emergency health service capacity and increase disease prevention, detection, and response efforts.
- With nearly \$2.5 million in support from State/PRM, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) and RET are providing education and protection assistance, as well as support for gender-based violence prevention and local integration efforts, to Venezuelans sheltering in Peru. In FY 2018, State/PRM provided more than \$7 million in support for relief efforts in Peru in response to the Venezuela regional crisis.

CONTEXT

- Deteriorating economic and political conditions—characterized by extreme hyperinflation—in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela since 2014 have resulted in the increasing inability of households to access food, medicine, and health care; contributed to increasing humanitarian needs; and triggered an influx of Venezuelans into neighboring countries, including Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru.
- The population influx has increased in the past year and is straining the capacity of services, particularly in border areas of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Recent assessments indicate that food, health care, and WASH support are among the most urgent humanitarian needs of vulnerable populations, including Venezuelans, returnees, and host communities in border regions. The influx of people leaving Venezuela is also contributing to increased public health concerns throughout the region, particularly with regard to the spread of infectious diseases. More than 280,000 Venezuelans have applied for asylum globally since 2014.
- In addition to supporting ongoing regional response activities, USAID and State/PRM staff based throughout the region and in Washington, D.C., are monitoring the humanitarian situation in close coordination with relevant host governments, donor governments, and UN counterparts.

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2018¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA			
BRAZIL			
ADRA	Shelters and Settlements, WASH	Roraima	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING IN BRAZIL FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$500,000
COLOMBIA			
Implementing Partners (IPs)	Agriculture and Food Security; Health; Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management; Livelihoods; Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance; Protection; Shelter and Settlements; WASH	Countrywide	\$22,587,011
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$263,000
PAHO	Health	Arauca, La Guajira, Norte de Santander	\$500,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$199,587
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING IN COLOMBIA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$23,549,598
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN			
iMMAP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Regional	\$155,486
TOTAL USAID/OFDA LAC FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$155,486
PERU			
PAHO	Health	Countrywide	\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA PERU FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$500,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$24,705,084

USAID/FFP			
BRAZIL			
ADRA	Food Vouchers	Roraima	\$2,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING IN BRAZIL FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$2,000,000
COLOMBIA			
IPs	Cash Transfers for Food	Arauca and La Guajira	\$2,846,508
WFP	Food Vouchers, Local and Regional Food Procurement	Countrywide	\$13,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING IN COLOMBIA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$15,846,508
ECUADOR			
WFP	Food Vouchers	Countrywide	\$7,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING IN ECUADOR FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$7,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$24,846,508
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$49,551,592

State/PRM			
BRAZIL			
Caritas	Education, Protection, Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$1,491,083
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$1,200,000
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$3,600,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$750,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN BRAZIL FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$7,041,083
COLOMBIA			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
Save the Children	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$1,441,042
PADF	Multi-Sector Assistance; Protection	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
Pastoral Social	Multi-Sector Assistance; Protection; Psychosocial Support; Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$1,500,000
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance; Protection	Countrywide	\$4,400,000
UNICEF	Education; Protection	Countrywide	\$3,500,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN COLOMBIA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$14,341,042
COSTA RICA			
RET	Gender-Based Violence Prevention; Protection; Psychosocial Support;	Countrywide	\$1,496,640
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$350,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN COSTA RICA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$1,846,640
ECUADOR			

IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$718,000
JRS	Livelihoods; Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$500,187
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance; Protection	Countrywide	\$1,300,000
UNICEF	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN ECUADOR FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$3,518,187
GUYANA			
UNICEF	Education, Protection	Countrywide	\$500,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN GUYANA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$500,000
MEXICO			
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$250,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN MEXICO FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$250,000
PANAMA			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$727,000
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$200,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN PANAMA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$927,000
PERU			
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$1,231,000
PADF	Gender-Based Violence Prevention; Protection	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
RET	Multi-Sector Assistance; Protection	Countrywide	\$1,497,250
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$2,400,000
UNICEF	Education; Protection	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN PERU FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$7,128,250
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO			
UNICEF	Education; Protection	Countrywide	\$250,000
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$2,250,000
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN			
IPs	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$3,700,000
IOM	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$2,224,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM LAC FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$5,924,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$43,726,202
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2018			\$93,277,794

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE IN FY 2017

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
State/PRM			

BRAZIL			
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$936,292
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN BRAZIL FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017			\$936,292
CARIBBEAN			
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$615,868
TOTAL STATE/PRM LAC CARIBBEAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017			\$615,868
COLOMBIA			
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$1,099,228
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN COLOMBIA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017			\$1,099,228
COSTA RICA			
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Countrywide	\$118,624
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING IN COSTA RICA FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017			\$118,624
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN			
UNHCR	Multi-Sector Assistance	Regional	\$546,200
TOTAL STATE/PRM LAC FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017			\$546,200
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017			\$3,316,212
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL RESPONSE IN FY 2017–2018			\$96,594,006

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect publicly announced funding as of September 25, 2018.

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 disaster responses around the world can be found at www.interaction.org.
- 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, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.661.7710.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

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