

Relief Operations



Traveling to a flood relief project in Mozambique.



Providing Hurricane Katrina relief supplies in Mississippi.



Unloading earthquake relief supplies in Indonesia.



Examining patients in an IDP camp in Iraq.

International Relief & Development (IRD) began our 10 years of relief and development experience with a program to support internally displaced populations in Georgia. Since then, IRD has become a specialist in working in conflict and post-conflict environments. We have taken on the challenge of working in some of the most complex and difficult places. Our programs are aimed at improving the quality of life for vulnerable groups, including displaced persons, refugees, and others. In emergencies, we provide targeted critical services such as essential commodities, food

aid, water and sanitation, and medicines, intended to meet immediate needs of affected populations. For 10 years, we have helped people recover from natural and human-induced disasters—foods, droughts, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, and conflicts—in both the short term with relief aid and the longer term with follow-up development programs. All sectors of our work support citizen engagement around issues of access to economic, health, infrastructure, and social resources and services.



Afghanistan

Afghan Vouchers for Increased Productive Agriculture (AVIPA)

- **Targets the most vulnerable farmers, including widows and sharecroppers.**
- **Develops a sustainable network of local agricultural suppliers.**
- **Will enable 147,000 Afghan families to increase their access to food and income.**

Donor USAID
 Date September 2008 – September 2009
 Amount \$60 million

During the one-year program, IRD provides farmers affected by drought with vouchers to access agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilizer. As an alternative to direct food distribution, the voucher system underlines the importance of farmer-to-supplier/supplier-to-farmer relationships. The system not only supports agriculture input access for crop production, but more intimately engages the supply market and farmer demand.

Cameroon

Livelihood Security Restoration for Central African Republic Refugees in Eastern Cameroon

- **Assisting nearly 37,000 refugees in 30 settlements.**
- **Improving food security by providing year-round access to food.**
- **Developed a marketing strategy to establish a noodle processing plant in Douala**

Donor US State Department
 Dates June 2008 – May 2009
 Amount \$896,402

Following political unrest in their home country, approximately 45,000 refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) have settled in Cameroon. IRD is training the refugees in bio-intensive farming, recovering livestock, and improving potable water systems. IRD is conducting two livestock vaccination campaigns, training para-veterinarians, and providing vulnerable households with small animals such as sheep or goats. Over 6,000 Cameroonians will also benefit.

Chad

Emergency Food for Work and Agricultural Assistance Initiative for Affected Villages in Eastern Chad

- **Provided emergency food security and agricultural improvement opportunities.**
- **Worked with underserved members of communities.**
- **Developed an innovative response to a complex emergency.**

Donor USAID/OFDA
 Dates May 2005 – April 2006, extended into August 2006
 Amount \$1.2 million

This project offered agricultural opportunities to rural villages in eastern Chad affected by the influx of Darfur refugees. IRD achieved this goal through community-based food-for-work and agriculturally-based income generation activities in Iriba District, northeastern Chad. Coping with the constantly evolving realities of the region devastated by the complex emergency, IRD reached out to the most vulnerable host communities to help rebuild their livelihoods.

Emergency Program for IDPs in Southeastern Chad

- **Delivered seeds and tools to displaced Chadian families.**
- **Developed an innovative response to a complex emergency.**

Donors WFP/U.S. Embassy
 Date June – December 2006
 Amount \$150,000 cash; 1,000 metric tons food

To address the immediate needs of the large number of IDPs outside of Goz Beida in southeastern Chad, IRD worked with seeds and tools provided by the U.S. Embassy in Chad along with food and cash resources provided by the World Food Program (WFP) to provide for needed crops and agricultural improvement-based food-for-work projects. IRD expanded its programming through funds provided by USAID's OFDA to continue these needed activities into 2007.



Emergency Program for IDPs in Southeastern Chad 2008

- Provides emergency food security.
- Strengthens relationships between internally displaced persons and host communities.

Donor UNHCR/WFP
 Date January – December 2008
 Amount \$386,327; \$241,814

A large number of new IDPs have been driven from their villages to the camps of Gouroukouné, Koubigou, Koloma, Gassire and Kerfi. New arrivals to Kerfi have increased the population there by 25 percent and several thousand villagers have resettled in sites next to the villages of Sanour and Ganashour. IRD has developed an emergency-relief program to provide protection, monitoring, and camp management services as well as strengthen intercommunity relationships between the IDPs, host, and Arab populations. The WFP-funded portion of the project will distribute nearly 6,000 metric tons of food commodities to more than 58,000 people.

Colombia

Two Projects: Mitigating the Suffering of Victim’s Families in Colombia and Closing Humanitarian Assistance Gaps in Tumaco

- Provides immediate humanitarian assistance.
- Builds the organizational capacity of local associations for displaced persons to provide support services.

Donors U.S. State Department
 Dates September 2008 – September 2010
 Amounts \$897,197 and \$662,646

In the first program, IRD will improve the access to government services, particularly health services, for displaced families. In the second program, IRD will mitigate the grief and psychological trauma among surviving family members in Afro-Colombian communities, improve access to legally entitled reparations and government social assistance programs, strengthen community-level democratic structures, and promote reconciliation at the community level.

Georgia

Three Projects: Exploring the Public Housing Model in Georgia, Provision of Transitional Shelter Solutions for IDPs, and Assistance to IDPs within Georgia

- Provides financial and material support for host families.
- Improves temporary public shelter facilities.

Donors U.S. State Department, USAID, and UNHCR
 Dates September 2008 – September 2009
 Amounts \$809,204, \$2.5 million, and \$499,757

These programs, which vary in length from three months to a year, all seek to provide decent shelter for Georgians forced from their homes during the conflict with Russia in August 2008.

Improving the Collective Living Space of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Tbilisi

- Renovated five large collective centers.
- Rehabilitated water and sanitation systems.
- Provided clean up tools and hygiene kits for IDPs.

Donor BPRM/U.S. State Department
 Date July 2004 - June 2005
 Amount \$499,901

The program met basic shelter needs for IDPs from Abkhazia and Ossetia through rehabilitating water and sanitation systems, electrical systems, roofs and walls in collective centers housing approximately 2,430 IDPs.

Indonesia

Community-Based Sustainable Water and Sanitation Project

- Improved the health of residents in 20 villages.
- Trained local organizations in the operation of cost-recovery programs.

Donor LDSC
 Dates May 2006 – April 2007
 Amount \$1 million

In the wake of the 2004 tsunami, IRD constructed and rehabilitated water supply networks and sanita-



tion facilities in 20 villages around Lhoseumawe in the Aceh province of Indonesia. The program also involved basic health and hygiene education and capacity building for local communities to implement cost-recovery programs, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the constructed systems.

Three Projects: Emergency Livelihood Recovery and Income Generation Interventions in Aceh; Two Emergency Water and Sanitation Programs for IDP Settlements

- **Created short-term labor opportunities through cash-for-work activities in affected communities and IDP camps.**
- **Facilitated the reopening of small businesses through capital input for qualified entrepreneurs.**
- **Provided emergency water and sanitation facilities.**

Donors USAID/OFDA; Save the Children; USAID/OFDA
 Dates March – August 2005; February – July 2005; January – October 2005
 Amounts \$1.5 million; \$1 million; \$1.5 million

IRD Relief implemented three emergency projects in response to the tsunami disaster in Indonesia. First, IRD provided emergency livelihood recovery and income generation opportunities for internally displaced and crisis affected populations in Aceh. The second and third relief programs supplied emergency provision of water and sanitation in order to meet the immediate needs of those persons most affected by the tsunami.

Urban and Rural Water Restoration Program

- **Provided clean water to approximately 345,000 people.**
- **Demonstrated ability to work in post-conflict and disaster zone.**

Donor UNICEF
 Date September 2005 – June 2008
 Amount \$7.8 million

IRD worked with UNICEF to provide long-term solutions to the need for potable water throughout the hard-hit Aceh province by restoring urban and rural water systems. Through this project, IRD eval-

uated 20 water treatment and delivery systems in six regions of the province and rehabilitated 15 of these systems and rehabilitated the Lambaro Water Treatment Plant in Banda Aceh, which now provides 45 million liters of water per day to the city. UNICEF awarded IRD a \$7.8 million extension of the grant in July 2006 for water improvement benefiting an additional 220,000 people.

Yogyakarta Earthquake Relief

- **Demonstrated ability to respond immediately to emergency situations.**
- **Distributed food and medical and other supplies.**
- **Helped address long-term as well as immediate needs.**

Donor IRD/USDA/WFP
 Date May 2006
 Amount \$2 million

IRD staff were able to begin distributing food and medical supplies to hospitals and mobilizing resources to provide water, food and shelter for victims within hours after an earthquake struck in late May 2006. Working in conjunction with USDA and the World Food Programme, IRD distributed approximately 450 metric tons of pre-packaged noodles to more than 198,700 beneficiaries in the affected districts. IRD also worked with international partners to arrange the shipment and delivery of more than \$1.8 million worth of medical supplies.

Iraq

Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq (HAI)

- **Improves access to potable water and sanitation services.**
- **Increases access to primary health care.**
- **Provides emergency relief commodities.**

Donor USAID
 Date December 2004 - March 2009
 Amount \$34.6 million

HAI provides humanitarian assistance and relief services to internally displaced persons and returnees affected by the war in 10 governorates around the country. To date, HAI has implemented 370 proj-



ects and activities benefiting more than 2 million people, including the construction of wells, rehabilitation of health care centers, assistance in making arrangements for voluntary returnees, and training of regional administration and other partner NGOs on issues relating to international protection standards, reintegration, and human rights.

Mozambique

Drought Mitigation through Community Management of Water Harvesting Systems and Conservation Farming in Massinga and Funhalouro Districts

- **Community-based approach to mitigate the affects of cyclical droughts.**
- **Increase crop yields through run-off farming water harvesting and conservation tillage techniques.**

Donor USAID/OFDA
Date January – May 2006
Amount \$399,991

The project increased water availability through the construction of 14 cisterns in rural schools and improve captured water levels from eight water catchments. It also provided capacity training and hygiene promotion at each newly constructed water source. The program relied entirely on community participation in partnership with local governments and community-level associations.

Emergency Response to a Drought Program

- **Implemented food-for-work and agriculturally-based income generation activities.**
- **Used community-based approach.**
- **Exemplified rapid response to emergency.**

Donor USAID/OFDA
Date January – May 2006
Amount \$513,000

The goal of the project is to provide emergency food security and agricultural improvement opportunities in the rural district of Massinga. Targeted activities include improving access to water resources and drought resistant agriculture production for more than 75,000 people.

Emergency Response to a Flood Program

- **Meets emergency water and sanitation needs for evacuated families.**
- **Uses networks of previously training hygiene workers.**
- **Exemplifies rapid response to emergency.**

Donor USAID/UNICEF
Date February 2008 – present
Amount \$830,000

IRD had emergency teams in both Chinde and Morrumbala Districts within days of the Government of Mozambique declaring a flood disaster in the Zambezi River Valley. IRD established four operational water treatment stations, and began disseminating hygiene messages and distributing hygiene supplies. IRD is rehabilitating existing boreholes and building temporary latrines until the permanent ones can be installed.

Nepal

Reintegration and Resettlement for Conflict-Affectd Populations in Mid- and Far-West Nepal

- **Facilitates permanent settlement and stabilization.**
- **Partners with Nepali NGOs.**
- **Compliments existing activities by other OFDA partners in the target districts.**

Donor USAID/OFDA
Date May 2008 – March 2009
Amount \$470,000

This program facilitates permanent settlement and stabilization by providing critically needed basic services and livelihood opportunities for IDPs, returnees, and the conflict-affected communities in Kailali, Bardiya, and Surkhet Districts. In the 24 heavily affected villages IRD mobilizes a community users group to ensure full community participation. IRD is expanding livelihood opportunities for 11,400 people through vocational skills trainings, business development education, and small start-up grants. IRD is also rehabilitating or constructing the water systems in 12 villages to provide increased access to potable water for 3,600 people and improve the communities' hygiene practices.



South Sudan

Return and Reintegration of IDP and Refugee Returnees in Rural Communities

- Provides infrastructure for IDPs and refugees returning to South Sudan.
- Builds capacity of communities to absorb, accommodate, and cope with the influx of new residents.
- Enhances community conflict resolution and peace-building skills.

Donor UNHCR
 Date February 2006 – present
 Amount \$197,000

This multi-donor, multi-sector program rebuilds health clinics and schools, trains health personnel, provides livelihood materials such as agricultural and fishing tools and seeds, and enhances community conflict resolution and peace-building capacity, as well as increases the skills of local NGOs.

Swaziland

Drought Mitigation through Community Management of Water Harvesting Systems and Conservation Farming

- Uses community-based approach to break impact of cyclical drought patterns.
- Increases water availability for human needs.
- Increases farm yields through runoff water harvesting and conservation tillage techniques.

Donor USAID
 Date September 2007 – present
 Amount \$400,000

IRD's drought mitigation program in Shiselweni and Lubombo will construct engineered rainwater harvesting systems at 14 schools, and train 200 farmer households in conservation farming/tillage techniques, and runoff water farming techniques. Furthermore, hygiene promotion, HIV/AIDS awareness-raising, and the promotion of water demand management techniques will all be essential additional components of the overall program, which will benefit an estimated 6,880 people.

Ukraine

Provision of Emergency Equipment in Response to the Zasyadko Mining Accident

- Provides emergency medical equipment.
- Addresses the long-term mental health needs of survivors.

Donor USAID
 Date November 2007-present
 Amount \$191,902

In November and December 2007, a series of explosions occurred in the Zasyadko coal mine, located approximately 450 miles southeast of the capital of Kiev in the Donetsk Oblast. In response, USAID provided approximately \$200,000 in emergency funding to IRD for the provision of emergency assistance to the families of the deceased and injured miners. IRD is also helping local health services provide psychosocial rehabilitation and counseling to miners who are suffering from post traumatic syndrome and depression.

United States

Gulf Coast Community Resource Center

- Connects Hurricane Katrina survivors with recovery resources.
- Facilitated the reconstruction of 30 homes and repairs of over 300 homes.

Donors U.S. Department of Labor; Mississippi Department of Human Services; Enterprise Corporation of the Delta; Mennonite Economic Development Associates; Presbytery of Mississippi; NeighborWorks America; Americares; Capital Group; AARP
 Date November 2005 – present
 Amount Total of over \$2 million

IRD US opened a Gulf Coast Community Resource Center in Gulfport, MS, to help Hurricane Katrina survivors create and implement long-term recovery plans for themselves and their families. IRD US also provides high school equivalency education, service learning, and "on-the-job" training to at-risk youth who have dropped out of high school, many of whom have been referred by the juvenile justice system.