



Emergency Humanitarian Aid Decision

23 02 01

Title: Emergency Assistance to the Victims of Hurricane Jeanne

Location of operation: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Amount of Decision: Euro 600,000

Decision reference number: ECHO/DOM/BUD/2004/01000

Explanatory Memorandum

1 - Rationale, needs and target population.

1.1. - Rationale:

Hurricane Jeanne, a category one cyclone, crossing the Dominican Republic on 16 and 17 September, affected 6 provinces: Samana in the north and Duarte, El Seibo, San Pedro Macoris, La Romana and La Altagracia in the east. It is the third major disaster to affect the country in less than 12 months. Due to these disasters, as well as the economic crisis that the Dominican Republic is confronted with, the vulnerability of the general population and in particular that of the most disfavoured segments of the population such as the children, pregnant women and elderly people has increased.

In the east and north east provinces, the damage caused by windstorm and flooding was significant. It is estimated that countrywide at least 9,000 have been severely affected to the extent that this part of the population is unable to cope with the increased burden on their economy. Beyond that, a total of 40,000 persons are estimated to be in need of some form of assistance. As the health sector, which even before this disaster had been in a deep crisis for some time, is not able to cope with the increased pressure health coverage needs to be increased, in particular when considering that malaria and hemorrhagic fever are endemic in the affected areas.

The agriculture sector has once more been severely damaged by a hurricane and a great number of small farmers have lost all their crops and farm animals.

Overflowing rivers have damaged pumping stations cutting entire towns from their water supply.

1.2. - Identified needs:

Field assessment missions were organized by the United Nations Resident Coordinator, together with the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team. Representatives of the Civil Defence/Emergency Operations Center (COE), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme (WFP) took part in these missions.

Furthermore, an ECHO assessment mission was deployed. Identified humanitarian needs are as follows.

- Water and sanitation due to the destruction and contamination of water distribution systems
- Semi-permanent shelters (roof rehabilitation)
- Relief items (kitchen, hygiene, cleaning sets)
- Medical aid (drug supplies, psychological support, emergency rehabilitation of health centres, vector control, epidemiological surveillance)
- Food distributions

1.3. - Target population and regions concerned:

- 1,000 families for semi permanent shelters in the North East provinces
- 3,000 families for water distribution in the North and eastern provinces
- Region wide epidemiological surveillance and vector control

1.4. - Risk assessment and possible constraints:

The lack of information and in-depth assessments of the entire affected area have been an important constraint on the identification of needs at the community level. Furthermore, the multiple occurrence of humanitarian disasters in the region triggered by a series of tropical storms within a short period of time has led ECHO partners in the region to concentrate their efforts on emergency response in Grenada, Jamaica and Haiti thereby reducing their intervention capacity in the Dominican Republic.

2 - Objectives and components of the humanitarian intervention proposed.

2.1. - Objectives:

Principal objective:

To save and preserve lives during the emergency caused by Hurricane Jeanne in the Dominican Republic

5 - Other donors and donor co-ordination mechanisms.

Donors in DOMINICAN REPUBLIC the last 12 months					
1. EU Members States (*)		2. European Commission		3. Others	
	EUR		EUR		EUR
Austria	0	ECHO	1,900,000		
Belgium	0	Other services			
Denmark	0				
Finland	0				
France	170,000				
Germany	137,490				
Greece	0				
Ireland	100,000				
Italy	0				
Luxembourg	0				
Netherlands	0				
Portugal	0				
Spain	192,553				
Sweden	0				
United Kingdom	0				
Subtotal	616,043	Subtotal	1,900,000	Subtotal	0
		Grand total	2,516,043		

Dated : 11/10/2004

(*) Source : ECHO 14 Points reporting for Members States. <https://nac.cec.eu.int>
 Empty cells means either no information is available or no contribution.

6 - Amount of Decision and distribution of funding by specific objectives:

6.1. - Total amount of the Decision: Euro 600,000

6.2. - Budget breakdown by specific objectives

Principal objective: <i>To save and preserve lives during the emergency caused by Hurricane Jeanne in the Dominican Republic</i>			
Specific objectives	Allocated amount by specific objective (Euro)	Geographical area of operation	Potential partners¹
Specific objective 1: To provide emergency assistance to hurricane victims in the sectors of water, shelter and health	600,000	Country wide	- CROIX-ROUGE - ESP - MOVIMONDO - UN - PAHO
TOTAL:600,000			

¹ CRUZ ROJA ESPAÑOLA, (E), MOVIMONDO (ITA), UNITED NATIONS - PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

7 –Budget Impact article 23 02 01

	CE (in Euro)
Initial Available Appropriations for 2004	472 000 000
Supplementary Budgets	-
Transfers	-
Total Available Credits	472 000 000
Total executed to date (by 07/10/2004)	431 010 368
Available remaining	40 989 632
Total amount of the Decision	600,000

COMMISSION DECISION

of

on the financing of emergency humanitarian operations from the general budget of the European Union in the Dominican Republic

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,
Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No.1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid², and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas

1. On 16 September 2004 the Dominican Republic was struck by Hurricane Jeanne causing significant destruction;
2. The damage caused severely affected an important part of the country's population;
3. Some 40,000 persons are estimated to be in need of assistance;
4. Humanitarian aid operations financed by this Decision should be of a maximum duration of 6 months.
5. It is estimated that an amount of 600,000 Euro from budget line 23 02 01 of the general budget of the European Union is necessary to provide humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations affected by Hurricane Jeanne taking into account the available budget, other donors' contributions and other factors.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. In accordance with the objectives and general principles of humanitarian aid, the Commission hereby approves a total amount of 600,000 Euro for emergency humanitarian aid operations to provide the necessary assistance and relief to people affected by Hurricane Jeanne in the Dominican Republic by using line 23 02 01 of the 2004 budget of the European Union.
2. In accordance with Article 2 (a) of Council Regulation No.1257/96, the humanitarian operations shall be implemented in the pursuance of the following specific objective:
 - To save and preserve lives during the emergency caused by Hurricane Jeanne in the Dominican Republic.

² OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1-6
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Article 2

1. The implementation of humanitarian aid operations funded by this Decision shall have a maximum duration of 6 months from their starting date. Expenditure under this Decision shall be eligible from 16 September, 2004.
2. If the operations envisaged in this Decision are suspended owing to *force majeure* or comparable circumstances, the period of suspension shall not be taken into account for the calculation of the duration of the humanitarian aid operations.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission