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To: H
Subject: Fw: Update

Just an fyi for skimming so that when you are there, you can ref any of this when you meet w/ Bachalet.

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From: Shah, Rajiv (AID/A) <rshah@usaid.gov>
To: Simons, Paul E (Santiago)
Cc: Kennedy, Patrick F; Urban, Carol (Santiago); Valenzuela, Arturo A; Mills, Cheryl D; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Reichle, Susan (DCHA/AA); Chan, Carol(DCHA/OFDA)
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Amb Simons,

Thank you for this note.

I also want to just make sure that we are doing everything we possibly can to support your efforts at this time.

I understand that the initial guidance from Govt of Chile is to limit our support and focus on certain specific areas of support. We just want to make sure that you know that we stand ready to provide whatever GOC might need.

Susan Reichle is leading our disaster efforts along with Carol Chan who heads the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. Both are cc'd above. In case you need anything and need to accelerate our response -- please feel free to reach out directly to Susan and Carol. Susan also will remain in very regular contact with General Fraser at South Com.

Below is a short summary of assets/activities that are ready to deploy as GOC identifies needs. I understand much of this may not be required, but wanted to make sure you knew what we have lined up just in case. In addition to these capabilities, we are working on the specific requests with respect to communications capabilities (I will send a separate note on that) and on medical/field hospital (we are coordinating that with Dept of Defense).

Thanks,
Raj

From our Los Angeles based team:

1. Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Teams: USAID/OFDA has placed the Los Angeles USAR team on alert and is working on logistics and rosters, pending a request for international assistance. The Los Angeles County USAR team can provide a heavy team of 72 members and six dogs and is able to move to their point of departure within four hours of activation. The Fairfax County, VA, team is also on alert and working with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urban search and rescue branch to obtain necessary equipment from the FEMA warehouse located in Chantilly, VA, to replace equipment recently donated to the Haiti earthquake response effort. This process is expected to take several hours, and the Fairfax team will be mobile after 2000 hours EST tonight.

2. U.N. Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) Team: Los Angeles and Fairfax County Fire Departments each have a member available to participate on the UNDAC team. Upon a country's request, the UNDAC team can be deployed within hours to carry out rapid assessments of priority needs and support national authorities. The Fairfax County Fire Department also has three available members to support an UNDAC team in an On-Site Operations Coordination Center (OSOCC). The purpose of the OSOCC is to assist local authorities with the management of disaster coordination of international USAR teams. Fairfax has IT equipment but no base camp support equipment available.
3. Technical Support Team (TST): Los Angeles County can field a TST in lieu of a USAR team if the situation warrants. The TST would be comprised of 12 to 14 individuals that can assist with structural, medical delivery, and logistics needs assessments, as well as provide assistance to the OSOCC, if established. The team could travel with a tool and equipment cache comparable to a medium capacity, and additional USAR members could be provided following assessments, if needed.
4. Advisory Team (AT): Based on requests from the GoC, Los Angeles County could provide a small team of six members used to transfer equipment and provide tool familiarity training.

USAID Technical Assistance and Assessment Support:

1. Humanitarian Assessment Team: USAID maintains staff in Washington, D.C., and San José, Costa Rica, that are prepared to deploy as a part of a humanitarian assessment team to Chile, if necessary. The team would conduct assessments; coordinate with the GoC, other donors, and relief agencies; and provide information on the humanitarian situation. If appropriate, this team can be augmented into a USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART).
2. Technical Assistance: USAID/OFDA maintains technical specialists in a variety of sectors, including shelter, nutrition, public health, protection, agriculture and food security, geoscience, hydrometeorological hazards, gender, economic recovery, and water, sanitation, and hygiene, that can deploy to Haiti to conduct assessments and provide technical guidance, if needed.

Engineers and Advisors:

1. U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBR): At the request of USAID, USBR—known for the construction of dams, power plants, and canals in 17 U.S. states—maintains structural engineers available to deploy to Chile to inspect the two dams located in the earthquake-affected area, for example.
2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: At the request of USAID, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can also provide public engineering services, assessment assistance, and technical guidance, if necessary.
3. Hydrometeorological Hazard Advisor: USAID/OFDA also maintains a hydrometeorological hazard advisor able to deploy to Chile to provide technical guidance, as appropriate.

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Cc: Gonzalez, Juan S; Jacobson, Roberta S; Shah, Rajiv (AID/A); Smith, Daniel B; Kennedy, Patrick F; Urban, Carol (Santiago)
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Just spoke to FM Fernandez. Two points:

1. They definitely want a quick S visit, as Arturo laid out, centered around the airport, with perhaps a quick site visit, followed by a pinera meeting.
2. On assistance, President is chairing a meeting to determine needs. Initial requests will include satellite radios (to supplement the 25 they receive tomorrow from the UN) and a field hospital with surgical capabilities. We will get the full list in the next couple of hours. We should regroup at that point to see where we can be most helpful

I also got a call from Pinera FM designate Alfredo Moreno. Moreno's wife was in Talca at the time of the earthquake (close to the epicenter) and made it back to Santiago but is pretty shaken up. His son was badly injured in a disco collapse on the coast but will be ok. These stories are typical here. Moreno asked about the S trip and said that Pinera would be available to meet w S on Tuesday at the airport if the trip happens.

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General Fraser has a medical team -- which I assume would include a field hospital -- ready to deploy. Bachelet chairs an interagency meeting in 15 minutes to review the whole issue of intl assistance. Main issue on table from US is satellite radios. We have 8 ready to go in Costa Rica and could procure more today in Miami. Might be interesting to explore if S could bring an initial group of them with her on the plane with more to come. It's clear that Concepcion is a real disaster and comms are urgently needed. I should have an update shortly on this.

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Was just contacted by Amb Goñi. President Bachelet eager to welcome the Secretary in Santiago on Tuesday morning for a working meeting. This can take place at airport--- at facilities that the Chilean air-force has that were not damaged (Grupo 10). President will describe damage and efforts Chileans making to address challenges. She would be accompanied by some of her ministers. Would be followed by press conference (that will have wide international coverage). S could then meet w Piñera for another working meeting---scheduled after a short break--that would also focus on US Chile relations moving forward.

Deliverables: Pres Bachelet wondering if US could offer a field hospital-- would be used in areas where hospitals have been evacuated-- and to attend the many injured. No need for now of search and rescue teams.

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Agree. And noothing new

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Cheryl - just checking in to see if we need to get back on the phone tonite. My understanding from hrc call with bachelet is that we won't know anything new tonite. Does anyone have anything to report?