

OAS to send emergency aid to Haiti



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The Organisation of American States (OAS) through one of its affiliates, has made 400 tons of fortified rice available for delivery as emergency food aid to Haiti.

Haiti has been rocked by protests in recent days over rising food prices.

The rice, worth US\$1.5 million will be provided by the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) to those in greatest need.

OAS Assistant Secretary General Albert R. Ramdin chaired the meeting of the Organisation's Group of Friends of Haiti at which PADF Executive Director John

Sanbrailo announced the aid package.

Mr. Sanbrailo has appealed to OAS member states and other interested parties to help mobilise US\$200,000 in funds to underwrite the cost of shipping the rice.

The OAS Secretary General cited immediate employment opportunities as a way to help maintain political and social stability in Haiti.

The food will be distributed largely to schools, health centres, hospitals and community groups.

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