

SitRep

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General situation (from OCHA Haiti information bulletin 1)

Schools continue to re-open gradually. As of 14 April, 66 out of 184 primary schools have re-opened in Leogane and 91 out of 281 primary schools have reopened in Petit and Grand Goave. UNICEF is supporting the return to school of 200,000 children in approximately 600 priority schools in the most affected areas. WFP is scaling up school meal programmes for children.

Over 128,000 transitional shelters have been planned by 40 Shelter cluster agencies. In Leogane, Petit Goave and Grand Goave, the capacity for debris removal is extremely limited and might slow down the building of shelters.

As forced evictions cases are increasing, advocacy efforts are being made to respect the rights to protection IDPs have under international law while discussions are ongoing to find solutions for temporary relocation sites despite the lack of available land.

Solutions for relocation are particularly urgent for families located on school grounds.

WFP is now transitioning its programme to support recovery effort through long term food security and investments in human capital. This includes the implementation of Food and Cash for Work projects for urban debris removal and rural agricultural rehabilitation.

FAO is currently carrying out an assessment in the Corail Cesselesse and Tabarre camps with a view to using adapted urban agriculture technology to support displaced people living in camps for the first time.

In line with the Safer Shelter Strategy, the Ministry of Health (MSPP) has requested partners to link mobile clinics to an existing health facility to help strengthen the health system and its referral network. The Humanitarian Country Team discussed a policy paper on free health services and would like to discuss it further with the MSPP.

Information on ACT members by sectors:

Communications and Advocacy

During the past two weeks, all ACT member organizations have been contacted about their communication and advocacy work including the headquarters of those members, which do not have any communications/advocacy advisor in Haiti. Individual meetings/discussions with each organization will help to provide a mapping on present and future issues planned by ACT members and their partners. Those members that have not yet done so are asked to inform about their communications/advocacy work.

The NGOs advocacy working group has discussed the issue of forced evictions. Organizations will collate all the existing material in order to shape advocacy work. Some organizations have engaged lawyers to work on this issue. The ACT Communications/Advocacy Advisor will monitor the issue and keep members abreast of the development.

LWF work is concerned with the problem of forced eviction in Nerette and Saint Thérèse camps, where discussions of how to facilitate the resettlement of people living in the camps have taken place. Communities living in the camps have been informed by the Mayor of Pétiyon Ville of the plan to evacuate the area needs shortly. While communities agree to leave the area, they want to be involved in the resettlement planning. An action plan has been created with support of LWF, and some advocacy measures are also being planned. Types of measures will be discussed within the advocacy working group, in which participate other organisations working in the camp, such as World Vision and Save the Children also participate. This group is presently assessing the situation before an action plan is developed.

Psychosocial: 30 community members in Nerette participated in an awareness raising workshop on stress reactions and coping mechanisms. In collaboration with NCA, the LWF psychosocial team assisted in the training of 18 psychosocial Animators of NCA. The training covered topics such as psychosocial intervention during emergencies, well being, principle of doing no harm and The *Code of Conduct* for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and *NGOs in Disaster Relief*.

Staff Care: Anna Isacson has completed her one month mission. Harald Persson arrived on 28 April to take over for another month, in which he will work with ACT members and their staff to raise awareness on the importance of staff care and be available for individual consultations.

Specific Reports from ACT Members and Partners

Christian Aid and its partners:

GARR – as of March 31, GARR had provided 400 children with daily hot meals and psychosocial activities in camps at Delmas 33, Petite Place Cazeau (Tabarre) and at Lilavois (Croix-Des-Bouquets). GARR also hosted a visit by the OAS to children at the Christ-Roi camp. Cash distributions had reached 800 people in border areas of Lascahobas, Belladere, Thomassique and Cerca-la-Source. Distribution of shelter materials had begun at Croix-des-Bouquets, Christ-Roi and Delmas 33, including the provision of tarps to 942 people and construction materials to 48 families. During the month of March, GARR distributed in kind donations including baby kits to 68 pregnant women and hygiene kits to 630 women and children.

APROSIFA contracted local food sellers to provide daily hot meals to 600 families in their working area throughout Carrefour Feuilles and Martissant. APROSIFA also continued its psychosocial art therapy work with 57 young people in Carrefour Feuilles. Between 30 April and 2 May 2010, a fair was organised at the Oloffson Hotel on the work of the youth in Carrefour Feuilles.

In March, Haiti Survie distributed for a fourth time a 15-day supply of food to 300 families in La Biche and to 264 families in Delmas 42, 43 and 65. It purchased materials for the construction of tents to be distributed among the families. Haiti Survie also distributed 1500 hygiene kits.

RNDDH continued its cash distribution of \$130 per month in Petit Goave where is reached up till now 1004 families and identified a further 1196 families in 31 sites.

POZ has distributed 3 months food rations worth 390 US\$ to 400 HIV positive people in Port au Prince, Montruis and Jacmel, and continued receiving visits at their clinic from patients living with HIV.

KORAL began a three-month cash distribution project in March reaching 1000 families in the South of the country where it also continued livelihoods activities. KORAL is also working in the North West region.

GRAMIR began a livelihood rehabilitation project targeting IDP-hosting families in Nippes. Initial activities included the purchase and distribution of seeds.

In April, Christian Aid carried out a one-week training for most of its partners on vulnerability and capacity assessment in the South. The partners have agreed to come together to follow up on this training in the next four weeks.

On 29 April, the ACT security advisor provided training to Christian Aid guards and administrative staff. Christian Aid has begun to take further precautionary measures in light of the deteriorating security situation.

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

CRWRC has continued its focus on towns and communities in the Leogane area.

Surveying and Community Relations: The town of Croix des Bouquets has been selected as the next addition to the ACT Alliance/CRWRC project. This week, the survey will begin with the assistance of volunteers from Croix des Bouquets. Information from the survey will be used to set up distribution lists and to assist families with housing, work, schooling, and food.

There is one Community Based Organization in this town that is very active and has already prepared lists of all the families in this area. An Advisory Community Committee will be formed to work closely with the CRWRC team in delivering the program. "Grievance committees" have been formed to address the concerns in relation with CRWRC programs.

Non Food Items and Emergency Shelter: Cash grants of US\$ 100 per family for a household of five and hygiene items have been distributed in the towns of Luitor, ICTA community, Macombe and Masson. Rubble removal tools have been distributed to the Macombe community. They are stored in various locations throughout the town and beneficiaries are able to loan the tools in order to clear their properties of earthquake rubble.

Shelter – Transitional Housing and Housing Assessments: House Inspection Teams continue their assessment of houses. Rubble clearing has been expanded to all towns as the transitional homes will be placed on existing cement pads where possible. In some cases, new cement pads will be constructed for the transitional shelters. Transitional shelters are currently being constructed by the company Maxima as well as the students at the ICTA campus according to CRWRC specifications. The first five houses have been delivered. CRWRC is planning to fulfill all the transitional housing needs of these communities.

Water and Sanitation: The construction of a fifth well and permanent latrines is being delayed until CRWRC has obtained legal permission for the construction on private property. The legal titles to the community organisations are important to ensure continued access of the public.

Food Distribution: Luitor/ICTA has now received two food distributions. Macombe is planning to receive its first of two food distributions next week with funding provided by the Canadian Food Grains Bank.

Psychosocial Support: Plans are underway for continued psychosocial training for up to four members in each community. The community based psychosocial workshops continue as planned in each town. Croix des Pere will be added to this list as soon as the surveys are completed and community members trained.

Church World Service

Program for People with Disabilities: 600 beneficiaries have now been enrolled in the program. Beneficiaries are receiving US\$ 65 in monthly cash grants, as well as case management and psycho-social support. Staff working on the program participated in a workshop on psycho-social support provided by Church of Sweden.

Camp Management: CWS, in partnership with Christian Aid and SSID, is supporting the need of more than two thousand people that are living in two spontaneous camps near the border to the Dominican Republic. The camps have functioning camp committees that are engaged in camp improvements. CWS

is working with partners to create a new strategy to support these camps and develop opportunities in the future for those in the camps.

Children's Services: Through its local partner Ecumenical Foundation for Peace and Justice (FOPJ), CWS is supporting services to some of the most vulnerable Haitian children, including "restavek" children (domestic servants), former gang members, and teenage mothers in the Lasaline and Carrefour Feuilles areas of Port au Prince. The FOPJ center was destroyed in the earthquake, but the agency continues to provide educational and emotional recovery activities to children. CWS is supporting FOPJ in establishing a new center and strengthening services at this critical time.

Logistics: In response to the fuel shortage that affected Haiti in the previous weeks, SSID provided logistical support through delivery of fuel to ACT Alliance members. In addition, SSID continues to work with other ACT members to ensure delivery of material resources arriving through the Dominican Republic, despite increasingly strict and complicated customs clearance rules.

International Orthodox Christian Charities

IOCC partner in Haiti, the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR) continues its emergency food distributions, funded by IOCC, to members of its congregations in seven parishes: Fontamara, Port-au-Prince, Leogane, Jacmel (all directly affected by earthquake damage) and Les Cayes, Maissade, and Cap Haitien (all with significant numbers of IDPs). One thousand bags of food and hygiene supplies will be distributed in the coming days.

Two ROCOR schools which suffered damage to their structure have reopened to provide temporary shelter: Foyer d'Amour d'Haiti School for Mentally Handicapped Children in Fontamara, serving 150 children, and Notre Dame des Petits in the Dumorney area of Port-au-Prince, serving 300 children. Additional work is being pursued to secure more substantial temporary structures and sanitary facilities that will serve at least through this extended school term, which will end in August.

Additional shipments of hygiene supplies and children's blankets are expected soon and are to be distributed equally among the ROCOR and Greek Orthodox Church communities in Haiti. IOCC is continuing and expanding its in-kind donations to the Hospital of St. Francois de Salles in Port-au-Prince with deliveries of antibiotics and an anaesthesia machine.

Lutheran World Federation

NFIs: LWF continues its distribution of NFIs to selected beneficiaries in various camps and localities. In the past two weeks, 3,310 kits were distributed, each of which consists of a mattress, a mosquito net, 2 blankets and 5 kg rice.

Education: LWF signed a six months MoU with the Education Bureau of the Episcopal Church to provide assistance to 14,000 students and 450 teachers of 30 schools that have suffered badly from the earthquake in Leogane, Petit Goave and Grand Goave. A total of 14 schools have already re-opened with LWF assistance. The latest includes the school of St. Mathias in Grand Colline (Grand Goave) where 4 large tents have been installed, as well as the national girls college in Petit Goave (three large tents installed). A well was drilled and hand pump installed at the school of Sainte Croix, Leogane, serving the students, hospital, church and community. Also, LWF distributed more UNICEF school kits, recreation kits, teacher kits and Early Childhood Development kits. A contract was signed with a company from the Dominican Republic to build 40 temporary classroom hangars made of a timber frame and metal roofing sheets. The hangar buildings have a surface of 90m² housing 2 classrooms each.

Psycho Social Care: LWF has been conducting series of training workshops for 50 young people (men and women) in LWF program areas in Leogan (Petite Riviere and Grandes Collines). A two-day training workshop was conducted for teachers (6 women and 27 men) in Grandes Collines to create awareness on what are normal stress reactions and coping mechanisms that are a result of the mental impact of the earthquake.

Livelihood: LWF continues implementing cash for work activities in Orangers (Leogane), Vaudreuil (Cite Soleil) and Macaya for 200 persons for 15 days. The work started on April 19th. In order to support host families for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), seeds have been distributed to 900 farmers in Thiotte, Anse-a-Pitre and Grand Gosier through the LWF partner CODAB; 1550 farmers have benefitted from distribution of maize and beans seeds through ITECA in Ti Boucan at Gressier; seed distribution is ongoing in Petit Goave (9th and 10th Palmes and Bino) for 1500 farmers.

Shelter: LWF is following the developments in the shelter clusters in Port-au-Prince and Leogane. The consultant in charge of shelter is comparing various shelter options, using a timber/plywood model or a light steel frame with cladding for transitional or permanent shelter. Shelter activities will focus on assisting the most vulnerable who presently live under emergency shelter, with transitional shelter kits if these people are moved to safer locations. LWF also considers permanent shelter kits for those who can return to their plot but have no means for reconstructing their house.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

PDA is currently implementing an emergency project together with its partners FONDAMA through funds from the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The project is supporting 20 community based organisations in the rural areas in the center and North Eastern regions. PDA is supporting the rehabilitation of the Sainte Croix Hospital which is managed by the Episcopal Church of Haiti, through emergency funds from the Presbyterian Medical Benevolence Foundation. PDA is also supporting the Episcopal Church Nursing school of Leogane. PDA is currently studying the possibility to support the Saint Vincent School for children with disabilities in Port-au-Prince, as well as to collaborate with Service Chretien d'Haiti (SCH) in transitional or permanent shelter.

Please refer to previous sit reps for more information on the entire ACT Response, as well as the ACT Appeal HTI101.

The next sitrep will be issued on 17 May. Please send updates by 13 May to ACT Appeal Coordinator Geneviève Cyvoct at act.haiti@yahoo.com

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