

SitRep

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General situation (from OCHA Haiti information bulletin 2 from 5 May 2010)

Beneficiaries targeted by the shelter cluster are now 1,514,885 individuals, or 302,977 households.

To date, over 497,502 tarpaulins have been distributed along with over 58,000 family size tents. Over 115,949 households have been supplied with ropes and fixing materials while 35,022 tool kits have been distributed.

Over 130,000 transitional shelters and 4500 material package distributions have been planned by 44 agencies participating in the shelter cluster. Agencies have started working on pilot shelters where land is available. To date, 350 transitional shelters have been reported as completed.

About 30,000 to 40,000 households will need transitional shelters in Leogane and Gressier. A total of 10 sites have been identified by the Mayor's office in Leogane. A decree was signed to allow the land to be used by international organizations for those families who would not be able to return to their homes.

In partnership with the Haitian Government, the UN country team, national and international NGOs and MINUSTAH, WFP is increasingly focused on planning, preparation and prepositioning for the rainy and hurricane seasons, which are expected to bring powerful tropical storms, landslides and flooding. Food and other lifesaving supplies are being pre-positioned throughout the country allowing for WFP and its partner organizations to continue reaching the most vulnerable in remote areas, and also taking into account the large number of displaced Haitians following the January 12 earthquake.

A Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) core group and an In-Country Focal Point Network have been established in Haiti. The network, including at least one focal point from each agency and organization, will function under the auspices of the Resident Coordinator / Humanitarian Coordinator. This network will serve as the primary body for coordination and oversight on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse. Training will be organized for senior managers and focal points.

Information on ACT members by sectors:

A revision of the appeal has been planned for mid-May 2010. After discussions at the ACT Haiti Forum on 17 May, it was agreed by most, but not all, of the requesting members to postpone the revision until the monitoring mission had taken place.

The appeal revision will be done in two phases. Requesting members that have already sent their proposal or wish to send it earlier are welcome to do so until 27 May 2010. The final deadline for sending the revised proposal is **15 June 2010**.

Monitoring visit is planned for 7 June to 12 June. The objective is to take stock of the achievements of operations of the members and to provide inputs for further planning and implementation. The

participants will consist of member staff from DCA, ICCO, NCA, CWS, CREAS, FCA, PWSD / Canada. A revised version of ToR is under way and will be shared shortly.

WCC – delegation visiting Haiti

An ecumenical delegation led by World Council of Churches General Secretary, Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, will visit Haiti from 14-16 June. The purpose of the visit is to express solidarity with the victims of the January 12 earthquake, offer pastoral accompaniment and reflect on the current challenges the churches are facing as they try to serve the Haitian people. The agenda will include a visit to church projects that are providing support and relief to the victims of the earthquake; holding ecumenical prayers; dialogue with historical churches including the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches serving in the country; discussions on the different experiences of the ecumenical movement's involvement in Haiti and a visit to government officials. The Federation of Protestant Churches in Haiti will host the visit and the delegation will include members from the Caribbean Conference of Churches, the Latin American Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. It is hoped that through this visit the ecumenical family can continue advocating and working together towards a new beginning for the reconstruction of the country, based on justice and self-determination of the Haitian people.

Psychosocial: see members report

Quality and Accountability: The HAP team is organising further trainings. Next trainings will take place on 20 May and 1 June 2010 on topics of bench marks, information sharing, participation and on the use of complaints mechanisms.

Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) officer Nadia Guillin visited the forum to present the approach and contact focal points of ACT members with a view to build a larger network and to train people.

Visibility of ACT: the ACT Code of Conduct against sexual exploitation and abuse will be translated into Creole language.

Communications and Advocacy: A story was issued on a school reopening in Leogane where the Lutheran World Federation and Finn Church Aid are working with the Episcopal Church to put tents and equip the classroom while models for school building reconstruction are being studied. A story on distribution in Petit Goave is in preparation.

Specific Reports from ACT Members and Partners

Christian World Reformed Relief Committee of Canada

Surveying and Community Relations: The town of Croix des Bouquets has been surveyed and information entered onto a database. The community-based organization in this town has worked closely with CRWRC staff to ensure the survey includes all houses in the town and to avoid any overlap into the towns on its borders. A meeting with representatives included reviewing the grievance procedure. CRWRC team members will attend a HAP training to ensure beneficiaries are informed and heard in line with questions and concerns.

Non Food Items and Emergency Shelter: Rubble tools will be distributed to Croix des Peres for removal of rubble as well as clearing of ditches and other drainage areas.

Shelter – Transitional Housing and Housing Assessments: Assessment of houses by House Inspection Teams has been completed in Masson, Luitor and ICTA community. The town of Macombe will have its houses inspected over the next few weeks.

Transitional houses constructed by Maxima are continuing to be delivered to the ICTA office site. From there the homes will be delivered to families whose homes were destroyed.

The housing committee, consisting of two representatives from each community, met with CRWRC staff. They discussed: how to receive permission for transitional house placement from the mayor of Leogane, rubble clearing program including cash-for-work and dumping areas, house inspections and permission for CRWRC to enter into agreements with land owners and renters regarding house placement and repairs. The committee and CRWRC representative met with the mayor and received a letter of authority that grants full authority and cooperation to proceed on the above items in each of the communities CRWRC is working with.

Water and Sanitation: CRWRC is still negotiating and pursuing land ownership agreements for placing permanent public latrines and wells in all the communities. The placing of emergency latrines and clean water sources continues. CRWRC is currently developing a long term plan re water and sanitation for concerned communities.

Psychosocial Support: Psychosocial training workshop was delivered by Esther Isaac, Church of Sweden psychosocial officer to a group of 20 community members involved in psychosocial community training and staff involved in the education program.

Staffing Change: The Fernhout family will have concluded their four month service and will be replaced by Ron and Lauris Fuller this coming week as International Relief Managers. They have appreciated the learning and sharing with the ACT Alliance members, to which they express their thanks and continued blessings on their work in Haiti.

Lutheran World Federation:

Non Food Items (NFIs): Distribution of NFIs to selected beneficiaries in various localities continues. During the reporting period LWF distributed a total of 4360 family kits. NFI distributions to selected beneficiaries as part of the emergency response are almost completed.

Education: 17 schools received LWF education staff visits. The table which follows shows the distribution for starting up schools.

Schools	Tents	Student Kits	Teacher Kits	Blackboards	Ecd Kits
St Mathieu	3	7	7	5	3
Ste Croix	8	21	6	8	3
E.N Trouin	4	14	7	5	0
E.N Palmiste	0	8	2	2	0
St Esprit	7	14	12	5	4

Following the opening up of schools in temporary structures, drinking water provision and sanitation facilities are being put in place.

Psychosocial Care: The psychosocial team organized children's staff care at Fort Jacques and Alexandre. A two-day training was conducted for the committee members of the community center at Petite Rivière. An awareness-raising workshop was conducted for 35 displaced persons (men and women) in Camp Nerette –Port au Prince and 25 persons in Mariani camp- Petite Riviere.

A series of information meetings was organized at the Nerette camp for displaced persons, to inform community members on recent government policies and practices around the eviction of displaced persons in some camps. A psychosocial training workshop was conducted for 20 NCA-recruited staff. Field visits were made to 9eme and 10eme des Palmes in Petit Goave, to contact and discuss with community leaders, youths associations and teachers on issues relating to psychosocial support and the possibility of organizing trainings for them.

Livelihood: LWF continues to implement cash for work activities for 200 selected beneficiaries in Orangers (Leogane), Vaudreuil (Cite Soleil). CFW started with 200 beneficiaries in Vaudreuil. The

distribution of maize, bean seeds and vegetable seeds to 1500 farmers in 9th and 10th des Palmes and in Bino has been completed.

Shelter: a draft MoU has been developed with CODEP, a rural based NGO project focused on forestry promotion and environmental protection in Leogane commune. This collaboration will open opportunities for LWF to be involved in a rural permanent shelter program for families whose houses were destroyed during the earthquake.

LWF is finalizing negotiations for the provision of transitional shelters to families that have to move from public places and low lying, flood-prone areas. Transitional shelter sites are being made available by the Leogane and Gressier municipalities.

Norwegian Church Aid

NCA has seven working desks in the new ACT office and permanent staff will gradually be coming in to take over from the emergency staff now working in Haiti. In addition, NCA Haiti will gradually integrate Haitians into the team.

Staff from the Norwegian fundraising effort “Dugnad Haiti” and a TV crew visited Haiti from 8-15 May.

Some elements from the work carried out by NCA and partners in Haiti:

- NCA has been asked to take special responsibility for certain camps in Bel Air and Cité Soleil by the WASH clusters. NCA will consider taking on these responsibilities.
- NCA has been allocated 1000 portable latrine cabinets from UNICEF. Furthermore, NCA will assist UNICEF in assembling another 500 portable cabins.
- Viva Rio works in 86 different locations, 32 camps and 54 communities. It has built latrines in 43 locations, and delivered water in 47 locations. In total, it has completed 570 latrines.
- Viva Rio is distributing a total of 90,000 liters of water per day. Viva Rio is building up a biogas digester in Kay Nou that is the second largest of its type in Haiti. Four additional new biogas digesters will be built in four different camps. UNEP is considering assisting NCA/Viva Rio in developing a biogas digester program at the national level.
- MISSEH and Viva Rio have started a mapping of the hygiene and sanitation situation in their camps. MOFECS has conducted a mapping and assessment in camp Rue Germain together with WASH staff and a report has been sent to UNICEF.
- 12 community mobilizers from MISSEH received training as hygiene promoters by Viva Rio’s hygiene promoter in late April.
- MISSEH has received 2028 hygiene kits, 2000 disposable masks, 90 pairs of rubber boots and 9250 jerry cans.
- NCA distributed 300 disposable masks for the clinic in Place Fierté. Viva Rio’s latrine attendants were also given 300 disposable masks and the clinic in Kay Nou received 500 disposable masks.
- 750 bars of soap, 400 jerry cans, 200 hygiene kits and 200 mosquito nets have been requested from UNICEF for MOFECS for distribution in Camp Rue Germain.
- NCA/MOFECS has been distributing approximately 22,000 liters of water a day. Water trucking has started again after a short break.
- NCA psychosocial staff met in April with MOFECS camp monitors about child protection and how to observe children and help them cope with stress. Psychosocial staff have also met with camp inhabitants about gender based violence, child protection and violence.

Please refer to previous sitreps for more information on the entire ACT response, as well as the ACT Appeal HTI101.

The next sitrep will be issued on 31 May. Updates must be sent by 27 May to ACT Appeal Coordinator Geneviève Cyvoct at act.haiti@yahoo.com

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