

# SitRep

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## Haiti – No. 16/2010

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### **Country situation overview (based on OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin 3 and information reported by ACT member organisations from their respective project sites):**

Current emergency related figures indicate over 2 million people affected, 188,383 destroyed or damaged houses of which 66,667 have been assessed, 1.5 million people displaced, 1241 spontaneous settlement sites, and 4758 schools damaged or destroyed, representing 85 percent of schools in the affected areas.

As a first step and pilot project in a broader strategy for relocation processes in Port-au-Prince, people now living in Champs de Mars will be relocated to their homes in Fort National. The Government of Haiti, OCHA, clusters and NGOs have formed working groups to address the relocation process.

Emergency shelter distribution is still ongoing while transitional shelter and permanent shelter construction is slowly starting, mostly outside Port-au-Prince. As a number of organisations already have material for transitional shelters in-country, the lack of available land is the main issue preventing actual construction taking place.

Haiti has an average of one latrine per 190 users. Important challenges for creation of additional latrines include the fact that private land owners do not want latrines in their field and the lack of available space in urban camps. Moreover, removing sludge is an issue as there are too few trucks and capacities of the local municipalities are not sufficient. There is a huge need for sewage treatment of waste. At the moment, dump sites are being used.

The camps have limited availability of water. Even though there has not yet been outbreak of disease, many cases of skin problems have been reported which are directly linked to insufficient water to meet hygiene needs, the latter of which also undermines hygiene promotion efforts.

### **ACT COORDINATION:**

ACT Alliance members are working closely with the HAP mission in Haiti in order to raise quality and accountability in ACT Alliance members' projects. ACT members and their partners have been following a number of trainings such as general introduction, information sharing with beneficiaries and camp assessment. ACT will participate to the Accountability Learning Working Group, which includes both Haitian and international organisations and intends assisting in monitoring progress on accountability toward beneficiaries over the next six months.

ACT Alliance members have been asked to designate focal points on Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). Training is organized on 4 June by the OCHA PSEA advisor in Haiti. The aim is to build a mechanism where the project beneficiary population can make complaints which should be handled by organisations' focal points, with the assistance of the PSEA advisor.

The ACT monitoring visit preparation is underway. A team of nine people will visit ACT appeal HTI101 project areas including various neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince, Jacmel, Leogane, Thiotte, and Plateau Central. The team will look at issues such as Sphere standards, Code of Conduct and accountability implementation in the projects, as well as the psychosocial approach. Recommendations will be made and discussed with ACT members at the end of the monitoring visit.

#### **ACT MEMBER REPORTS:**

##### **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid is currently undertaking a Real Time Evaluation of all of its projects and overall strategy. This is an external team of three which has so far managed to visit four partners and is half way through its evaluation. If other members are interested, the TORs and methodology can be shared, along with the report after 21 June.

In terms of partner activity, one CA partner, RNDDH, was used as a case study on cash distribution for the Cash Coordination Group. It has so far provided cash to 1527 families in Petit Goave and will reach an additional 673 between now and July. The findings from the group's study visit are expected soon and can be shared if useful.

Within the ACT appeal, CA partner GARR has provided 885 families with dry food for one month, 400 children (aged 3 – 15) have received hot meals five days a week with 200 receiving psychosocial support, 2150 people received hot meals on Women's Day (March), 800 individuals have had cash vouchers for one month and 1150 have emergency shelters.

Another CA partner outside the ACT appeal has been providing training for young people affected by the earthquake with a type of art therapy. The partner has been running sessions on painting, drawing and sculpture. APROSIFA held a workshop where young artists were able to present their work and 22 pieces were sold. APROSIFA trained others in film making and has produced a documentary of their projects (some CA funded) which can be seen on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (search for APROSIFA en action chapters 1 – 4) and which reflect the realities in Carrefour Feuilles and the lives of the beneficiaries.

##### **CRWRC**

###### Community Relations

- The Community Based Organizations continue to work closely with CRWRC staff and an advisory group consisting of representatives from each community gives relevant leadership to the direction of the CRWRC projects.
- A CRWRC staff person attended a HAP training this month and will do so again June 1.

###### 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. The other four communities (Macombe, Masson, Luitor and ICTA) are all benefiting from the use of tools.
- A cash distribution of \$100 US per family of five for kitchen and hygiene items was completed for Croix des Peres.

Food distributions

- Food distributions were held in the communities of Macombe and Croix des Peres. Commodities distributed were rice, beans and oil.

Shelter – Transitional Housing and Housing Assessments

- Assessment of houses by House Inspection Teams has been completed in Masson, Lutor, Macombe, ICTA and Croix des Peres.
- Transitional houses constructed by Maxima continue to be delivered to the ICTA office.
- Homes are now being delivered and erected in Masson by five teams consisting of two ICTA students and two community members under the supervision of CRWRC staff.
- Staff are working with the community advisory group to address issues surrounding renters and owners in the transitional housing program.
- The houses currently being placed are owner-occupied.

Water and Sanitation

- CRWRC is still negotiating and pursuing land ownership agreements for placing permanent public latrines and wells in all the communities in its project. A well at Croix des Pere awaits paperwork.
- The placing of emergency latrines and clean water sources continues.

Psychosocial Support

- Psychosocial training was hosted at the ICTA office May 28 for 19 community members. From these trainees, further psychosocial workshops will be held in the community.
- Community workshops will be targeted weekly as long as they are needed.

**Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe**

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe is continuing efforts to provide permanent shelter to the affected population in Jacmel. To date, a total of 62 houses have been completely rehabilitated and families that had been living in tents in the camp WOLF I returned home. Last week, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe started activities for the rehabilitation of the Levelyna Levy school in Jacmel – the first of a total of three public schools that will be rehabilitated in the context of the ACT Alliance appeal for Haiti.

**Lutheran World Federation**Non Food Items

Distribution of NFIs to selected beneficiaries in various localities continues. During the reporting period LWF distributed a total of 1200 family kits. Planned distribution to des Palmes could not be carried out due to deteriorating road conditions now that rains have started in earnest.

Country-wide, 1325 different camp sites for displaced people have been registered in Haiti with a total population of 2,088,107 people (401,688 households). The displaced live under emergency shelter conditions, making them extremely vulnerable to rain and hurricanes. No more than a few hundred transitional shelters offering better protection have been put up so far. NGOs, UN and Direction Protection Civile are busy putting contingency planning in place.

Education

- Activities for the opening up of more schools has come to a near standstill. The materials for constructing 40 temporary classrooms (timber, corrugated iron sheets and plywood) are stuck

at the border due to cumbersome and long customs procedures. The same applies to the 30 school tents that landed in Santa Domingo some time ago. The files for clearing these goods were submitted to the authorities on 30 April (tents) and 10 May (construction materials). No results so far.

- The slowness of the government in clearing essential goods for the reconstruction of Haiti is a source of frustration for all agencies involved in the emergency and recovery work.
- Meanwhile work continues with the installation of water tanks. Of 10 schools, five water tanks have now been installed and children enjoy access to potable water.
- Materials for starting up the school feeding program are in order.

#### Psychosocial Care

- Trainings were conducted at Leogane (Petite Riviere), and in the camps at Nerette and St Therese for teachers, youth and community leaders to create awareness of normal stress reactions and coping mechanisms resulting from the psychological impact of the earthquake. Total participants 88 (42 women, 46 men).
- In Leogane, the psychosocial team conducted a training for 50 teachers on normal stress reactions in children, their emotional needs, and ways of helping them in the classroom.
- Psychosocial staff from LWF participated as trainees in workshops organized by UNICEF, IOM and HAP.
- Recruited one child space assistant, four community mobilisers and two school psychosocial agents in Leogane.

#### Livelihood

- LWF continues to implement cash for work activities. During the reporting period a total of 6750 days of work were spent on CFW activities at Vaudreuil, Ornagers et des Palmes.
- 2900 farmers in Petit Goave, Grand Goave, Thiotte and Macaya received vegetable seeds.

#### Shelter

- A design for a permanent shelter model, using local building techniques and maximizing people's participation, has been developed in consultation with partner CODEP.
- An order was placed for 270 transitional shelters. These units are made out of a strong light-weight steel structure and are intended for people who have to move to (temporary) relocation sites. This model allows dismantling of the structure, should people have to move again.
- An emergency operation for moving 270 displaced families to higher grounds has just started. Tents are being put up by LWF for emergency shelter. These families were pushed out of a school compound in Gressier a few days ago and moved to a low-lying area that flooded during recent rains. Their living conditions were terrible.

#### **Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)**

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

A TV crew and three people from the Norwegian fundraising effort "Dugnad for Haiti," including the renowned artist Ole Paus, visited Haiti in week 19. The group first visited Kay Nou, where Viva Rio prepared a full tour of the camp, treating the visitors to dance and music, demonstrating the biogas digesters, meeting with the brigades, and having talks with community leaders from Bel Air. A concert was held for the TV crew and Ole Paus at Misseh's camp Maranatha, where the group also got to visit the camp.

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

- MOFECS have finished installing 30 latrine doors in Camp Rue Germain. A broken bladder has been replaced with a new one procured from Viva Rio. MOFECS are making plans for the installing and building of six showers - four for women and children and two for men.
- Viva Rio works in 86 different locations - 32 camps and 54 communities. They have built latrines in 43 locations, and delivered water in 47 locations. In total, they have completed 575 latrines. Viva Rio has distributed a total of 90,000 liters of water per day.
- Picture maps for hygiene mobilizers have been completed, and bags and maps have been distributed to mobilizers in Viva Rio.
- NCA staff have facilitated hygiene promotion in Fort Dimanche School. Jerry cans and aquatablets were distributed in the camp afterwards.
- NCA psychosocial staff held a seminar for the ministers in MISSEH on GBV and religion with approximately 70 participants.

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

For sitrep 17, updates to be sent by 16 June to ACT Appeal Coordinator Geneviève Cyvoct at [act.haiti@yahoo.com](mailto:act.haiti@yahoo.com)

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