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**AFFECTED POPULATIONS/NEEDS: New developments**

From UN/OCHA and USAID/OFDA situation reports for Feb. 3-4:

General

- The Haitian Government released updated numbers: the death toll at over 200,000 people, 300,000 treated for injuries, 250,000 houses destroyed, and 30,000 businesses disrupted.
- Up to 20 million cubic yards of rubble need to be removed from Port-au-Prince, a priority in order to facilitate reconstruction efforts and to expand available land to accommodate displaced persons. Some 32,000 people have been hired through the UNDP cash-for-work program to help clear rubble and remove waste in tented settlements and communal washing areas. The Early Recovery Cluster is prioritizing female headed households, single-parent households, and other earthquake-affected individuals as beneficiaries for cash-for-work programs.

Health

- Health Cluster partners have recorded over 1,000 amputations and over 50 paralyzed from spinal cord injuries in Port-au-Prince. Amputees and patients with severe injuries need follow-up care after surgery but currently discharged patients are sent back to their community or temporary settlements without the necessary essential basic care to avoid complications. Therapists are needed to provide post-surgery care.
- There is a decline in trauma injuries requiring treatment but cases of children with diarrheal disease, particularly in resettlement areas are increasing. The Health Cluster will begin to focus its activities on the assessment of primary care facilities, mobile health facilities and the conditions of migrating populations and those living in poor sanitary environments.

Protection

- The Protection Cluster is calling for more aid for the host communities of the displaced. Certain households are sheltering up to 38 people. The price of goods is increasing and services are at saturation points, particularly in the health sector with the arrival of seriously injured people.

Logistics

- Normal customs procedures are starting again for cargo arriving at Port-au-Prince airport. There is a steady reduction in the number of aircraft arriving per day (currently 80 to 90 flights, down from the peak of 120-150 flights per day). At present there is no major congestion at the airport and commercial traffic is expected to resume shortly.
- There is some congestion in the Port-au-Prince port, with around 900 containers (both 20 ft. and 40 ft. long) in three of the terminals. Most of these containers arrived prior to the earthquake. The port has a storage capacity of 2,000 containers. A Notice of Arrival will be required for goods incoming by sea.
- The Haitian/Dominican republic border at Jimani is highly congested by the large volume of trucks bringing cargo. This problem is exacerbated on Mondays and Thursdays (market

days) when it take up to two hours each way to make the crossing. Efforts are underway to potentially open up another gate. A request has been extended to increase the opening hours at the border of Malpasse to allow commercial traffic to cross by day, and humanitarian cargo by night. This should help ease congestion.

### Camp Management and Shelter

- The cluster has agreed that phase 2 transitional shelters should have 18m<sup>2</sup> of floor area, cost in the range of \$1,000-1,500 and be based on materials that can later be re-used. A major gap is the lack of a common registration system of displaced people.
- To date, over 24,000 families have received emergency shelter materials. Cluster partners re-evaluate NFI priorities every 72 hours and have identified the following urgent gaps: tarpaulins, shelter kits and transitional shelter materials such as wood, fixings and roofing sheets (CGI). There are also a small number of kitchen kits, mosquito nets and rope, and the pipeline is limited.
- Seven organized settlements have been established for 42,000 displaced people (see table below); some 460,000 people remain in 315 spontaneous settlements throughout Port-au-Prince, according to the IOM. Registration is needed in the planned settlements to manage and monitor delivery of assistance and services.

Planned Sites	Number of people	Type of shelter	Managed by	Ongoing work/ Needs
Parc St Claire, Delmas	864	Tents	Islamic Relief	Registration, site cleaning
Parc Colofer, Delmas	615	Tents	Portuguese Civil Defense	Leveling and creating drainage
Parc de la Fe, Delmas	20,000	Makeshift	Salvation Army	Need shelter material
Aviation/Parc de la Paix	15,000	Makeshift	IFRC/Haitian Red Cross	Improving shelters; Rrelocating people from other sites
Carradeux, Tabarre	1240	Tents	Turkish Red Crescent	Need latrines
Parroisse Cite Militaire, Cite Soleil	4500	Plastic sheeting and structures	CESAL/AVSI	Need more shelter material
Airport	350	Tents	DPC	Improving sanitation
<b>Total: 7 sites</b>	<b>42,569 people</b>			

- There are also at least 315 spontaneous sites occupied by 468,075 people (91,112 families) that are being assessed in order to make improvements to the shelter conditions. Fifteen of these sites have a population of more than 5,000 people and are therefore being prioritized for interventions. Available land continues to be sought particularly in the vicinity of heavily crowded sites such as Champs de Mars, Place Boyer and Place St Pierre, in order to decongest the sites and provide adequate services.

### **PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION**

The Caritas International Secretary General Lesley-Anne Knight arrived this weekend and CRS will take part in its regularly scheduled meeting tonight with Caritas Haiti and CI members, and all sector programming heads.

## PROGRAMMING

### Distributions

To date, CRS/Caritas Haiti has provided food to 200,200 people at Pétionville camp, downtown Port au Prince and in Tabarre.

As part of the WFP rice distribution initiative, CRS now has distributed rice to 166,704 people. By the end of this week, CRS will reach a total of 182,400 people with rice.

The first phase of emergency shelter kit distributions started in Pétionville over the weekend, reaching 3,000 families (or 18,000 people). By the end of this week, CRS will have provided shelter kits to 6,500 families (39,000 people).



CRS staff Donal Reilly (at left in tan shirt) collects food tickets as CRS distributes bags of World Food Program rice to over 1,000 people on the Salesian Seminary in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. CRS has begun to deliver food in the early hours of the morning, around 6 a.m. in order to ensure a calm distribution and the people in the camp are the actual ones receiving the food. Photo by Sara A. Fajardo/Catholic Relief Services

The CRS/Caritas Health team is standardizing/harmonizing the process of data collection, particularly with regard to water and sanitation, and protection. The team is meeting with various program sectors to finalize issues around site selection and to synthesize primary care with other sector activities. Eight camps now have fully staffed health teams, working well with in-patient hospital groups. The team is excited about opportunities to expand collaboration to ensure care (primary care through hospital care) for displaced persons, and working to connect the dots around continuum of care, standardizing forms, and collaborating across sectors. As people begin to migrate, the team is also assessing new sites in camps outside Port-au-Prince.

The University of Maryland shock trauma team of doctors has provided an enormous contribution. They have been conducting surgeries throughout the day at St. Francois de la Sales, and supporting our Catholic partners on the quality and efficiency of medical care they can provide.

CRS/Caritas Haiti is also coordinating with the Ministry of Health on the public health awareness campaign.

Through its assessments and activities, the CRS/Caritas Haiti Health and WASH teams have been conducting assessments of the other services provided at the sites.

The CRS/Caritas Haiti health team welcomes the addition of Carl Stecker, who will focus on the health programming, and David Macharia, who will focus on logistics for health.

### WASH

The CRS/Caritas Haiti WASH team has signed a contract to do 400 mobile latrines in Champ de Mars. In the three sites in which the team is working, a wide range of infrastructure is in place and/or underway, from basic latrines to septic tanks, showers, drainage construction, etc.

Water systems are continuing to improve this week. At the moment the CRS/Caritas WASH team planning for the next two-month period in terms of staffing and materials.

The CRS/Caritas Haiti WASH team has hired seven technical staff, and is planning to hire another six to round out the team. The team is also looking at how to resolve transportation needs for people visiting multiple sites. The team is switching its Cash-for-Work activities from a day rate to a final product rate.

### Shelter

From Friday through Sunday, CRS/Caritas Haiti distributed an estimated 3,000 emergency shelter kits (for 18,000 people) in the Pétionville Club. The distributions were calm and people were enthusiastic to receive the kits. The transitional shelter plan is almost finished and materials are being ordered to prepare for their roll out in the coming days.



Workers help to prepare containers of nails for 7,000 shelter kits on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. The kits will be distributed on the former grounds of the Pétionville golf course where people have set up a makeshift camp Photo by Sara A. Fajardo/Catholic Relief Services

CRS resubmitted its proposal to OFDA, with a budget now at \$21 million and a revised focus on transitional shelter.

### Protection

Over the weekend, CRS and its partner animators took part in a training focused on child protection. Five child friendly spaces are to be set up in the next few days at camps. Assessment of orphanages and child care centers supported by CRS/Caritas Haiti is ongoing.

### **LOGISTICS AND PROCUREMENT**

CRS has two new warehouses, owned by the companies of Batimat and Plastech. All food kits and hygiene kits will be received and packaged at the Plastech warehouse, for the distribution needs at Pétionville, downtown, Taberre and other areas. The Batimat warehouse will be used primarily for the preparation of NFI kits. The PPC warehouse will be used mostly for Title II food. The team also hopes to erect two rub halls for storing Title II food, and will continue to store lumber, plastic sheeting, lumber and other shelter materials at PPC. The team has received the last of the prepackaged kits from the Dominican Republic. Once the bulk of commodities starts to arrive, the preparation of kits will begin.

All cargo from the two Dubai to Santo Domingo air charter flights were trucked to Port-au-Prince last week. The cargo from the Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Miami to Santo Domingo air charter cleared customs last week and is now in the CRS/Dominican Republic warehouse. The food items from that charter are being repackaged into food kits; while the VSAT, other IT equipment, and miscellaneous supplies for CRS' distribution sites will be trucked to Haiti in the next few days. Two air charters arrived in Port au Prince on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. These carried medical supplies, University of Maryland medical volunteers and CRS TDYers, and additional Nethope IT equipment. The

ocean freight vessel which arrived in Santo Domingo last week is clearing customs. That shipment included approximately 280 pallets (7 containers) of food kit items. It is taking 5-6 business days to discharge containers and clear customs using ocean freight. CRS sent a second vessel from Miami on Thursday, which was scheduled to arrive in Santo Domingo yesterday. That shipment contained five containers' worth of food and hygiene kit items, tarps, and hospital cots. Recent procurements of blankets, additional hygiene kit items, and donated goods are en route to the CRS warehouse in Miami and will be stored until called forward by CRS/Haiti.

Ten CRS staff gathered in Santo Domingo last week to develop a supply chain management system for the Haiti emergency response. Effective Feb. 8, the new system will allow for a smooth and continuous pipeline of goods between the CRS logistical hubs in Miami, Santo Domingo, and Port au Prince. This will also ensure that supplies are acquired (through procurement or donation) and delivered to CRS/Haiti in a timely and cost-effective manner. The purchasing staff is working with programming people to anticipate what is needed for the next two to three months.

## **SECURITY**

CRS has suggested a curfew: 11 PM for the neighborhood of the CRS office to guest houses; only 6 PM in the area west of Delma 33 (downtown).

All CRS buildings have been inspected and declared safe for use. Most staff continues to sleep outside. The one concern that remains is a crack in the wall on the left side of the main office building. CRS is going to brace the wall and conduct repairs.

The security at distributions is going well and supplies are getting in and out of camps without incident. We are sensitive to the reaction of three accidents that have occurred by Oxfam water trucks last week, including the death of a seven year-old boy. So far, CRS has not experienced any incidents.

CRS remains concerned about the safety of women (both beneficiaries and staff) at voucher distributions. These distributions are now staffed only by men and precautions have been taken to ensure the safety of female beneficiaries.

## **MEDIA/CONSTITUENT OUTREACH/ADVOCACY**

On Feb. 4th, President Obama addressed the National Prayer Breakfast participants. He commended CRS and a couple of other named relief agencies and church denominations, as examples of compassionate efforts of Americans toward the earthquake affected Haiti.

Roughly 400 Catholic social action leaders from across the U.S. are gathering in Washington, DC from February 5-10. The 400 CRS Diocesan Directors are spending focused time getting updated on the CRS response in Haiti. They will also review the response of the U.S. Catholic community and offer suggestions for engaging Catholics in long term reconstruction. There will be a special collection for CRS relief efforts. They are also spending one afternoon on Capitol Hill meeting with members of Congress and delivering a message about Haiti. Advocacy staff

are coordinating with Overseas Operations and the USCCB on messaging on Haiti for the Social Ministry Gathering. This includes the need for FY 10 supplemental appropriations for Haiti in order to reimburse OFDA accounts and to provide for robust emergency operations.

CRS provided briefing materials on the coordination of donor relief for Haiti for the Senate Subcommittee International Development hearing on February 4th. CRS legislative staff will follow up with Subcommittee staff on coordination of reconstruction and long-term development. A hearing summary is forthcoming. After the hearing, CRS staff discussed with Save the Children (US) President Charlie McCormack, a hearing witness, the need to develop a common message of key PVOs on the range of interventions with our Haitian partners. This conversation will continue between the two agencies' leadership.

Legislative staff have also arranged for Sean Callahan to brief the House Western Hemisphere Subcommittee on Feb. 9th, in preparation for a hearing the next day on "Haiti: from Relief to Recovery". Sean will use the same basic briefing points developed for the Senate hearing on overall coordination of donors and five specific issues related to reconstruction and long-term development.

Advocacy and Overseas Operations staff are coordinating efforts to justify and advance a joint PVO appeal for supplemental appropriations for Haiti. We expect a letter request to the Administration and the Hill will go out the week of Feb. 8th.

CRS is coordinating with USCCB on several advocacy issues, including encouraging legislation to provide trade preferences and debt relief for Haiti. CRS is also working with Migration and Refugee Services/USCCB and Catholic Charities on positions and messaging regarding Haiti child protection, unaccompanied minors, and orphan issues - particularly because of the scope of the challenge, level of US public interest and continuum of services of Catholic institutions in these areas.

Caroline Brennan's [thank you letter from Haiti](#) was posted on CRS' website and sent out by the Archdiocesan Missions Office to their network. Inspiring stories of the efforts of American Catholics to support Haiti continue to come in. For instance, diocesan staff, teachers, parishioners, and Catholic school children from across the Archdiocese of Seattle came up with an array of fundraising activities to support CRS relief efforts in Haiti - and they have just passed the \$1 million mark!

Although media presence in Haiti has diminished considerably, we continue to get some decent hits. Over the weekend, Sara Fajardo has been pitching the shelter kit distribution at the Pétionville Club camp with some success. Major hits over the past few days include:

- **CNN**, Interview with Isaac Boyd and coverage of shelter kit distribution at Petionville Club camp, no link available.
- **The New York Times**, *Bleak portrait of Haiti orphanages raises fears*, quotes Suzanna Tkalec, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/07/world/americas/07trafficking.html?pagewanted=2>

- **The Washington Post**,  *Holding on to dreams from refugee camp in Haiti*, CRS mention, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/07/AR2010020702469.html>
- **The Baltimore Sun**, *Haiti's race for shelter*, interview with Isaac Boyd, <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bal-md.shelter07feb07,0,5222362.story>
- **The Associated Press**, *Haitian women become crime targets after quake*, quotes Jacques Montouroy, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/06/AR2010020601693.html>
- **The Associated Press**, (via [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)), *Pace of giving slows a bit for Haiti relief effort*, quotes Mark Melia, includes chart mentioning CRS, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/03/AR2010020303120.html>
- **National Public Radio**, *Morning Edition*, mention of CRS “stealth” deliveries of food at night cited, <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=123363172>
- **Reading Eagle**, *Gym teacher kisses bullfrog for Haiti*, one of the more colorful fundraisers benefiting CRS [View alert: article includes photo!], <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=193042>
- **Catholic News Service**, *Haitians in camps give thanks, place future in God's hands*, nice Dennis Sadowski feature on life in the Pétionville Club camp, prominent CRS mention, [http://www.catholic-sf.org/news\\_select.php?newsid=&id=56852](http://www.catholic-sf.org/news_select.php?newsid=&id=56852)