

SIT REP #10

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

By CDEMA

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MESSAGE: 7.0 HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE #10 (As at 12:00 hrs, January 27, 2010)**SITUATION OVERVIEW:**

Emergency relief and response operations continue in Haiti following the earthquake on January 12 2010.

As at January 27 the Government reported an estimated 112,392 fatalities while the injured number 196,501. Nearly 1 million persons have been displaced. There has been a mass exodus out of the capital Port au Prince with migration of people to the north and southwest of the Island totaling around 235,000.

Search and rescue operations officially ended on January 22 and the emphasis is now on providing for the basic needs of survivors through all available channels in the areas of food, shelter and health.

The Government of Haiti remains challenged in managing and coordinating the relief efforts. Requests have been made to CARICOM to support the urgent needs for supplies related to the provision of shelter and other humanitarian aid.

The CARICOM Special Coordinator has reported that commercial activities have resumed in the capital and long lines have been observed around Banks. Hundreds of vendors can be seen along the roadside selling various items including gasoline and cooked food. Garbage collection crews have also been seen clearing garbage off the streets in an attempt to clean the main thoroughfares. There are no reports of dead bodies along the road side. Internet connectivity and communication support remain challenging.

PRIORITY NEEDS:**Shelter**

Shelter remains the most immediate need as there are nearly one million people without adequate shelter. It is estimated that 200,000 tents are needed and that family tents are urgently required. Tents are also needed for storage and medical use. Due to the urgency of the need for shelter, the Government is appealing for the tents to be shipped by the quickest means, preferably aircraft.

The Director of Civil Protection has requested CDEMA's support in sourcing supplies that may be readily available in the region.

In response to request made by the Haitian government several Participating States have sourced tents for dispatch. These are being channeled through the four sub regional focal points.

Food and Relief Supplies

There are still many challenges in getting food and relief supplies to the people. Ready to eat meals and other staples are urgently needed. It is reported that the high number of orphans and inability of mothers to breastfeed their young has also created a demand for infant formula.

UNICEF estimates that approximately 300,000 children from age two and younger may require support for infant and young child feeding.

Adequate supplies of potable water is also a priority.

Health

Health is another key area of concern as very few Health Centers are operational. The number of trauma cases is decreasing whilst the number of amputees in need of rehabilitation has significantly increased. Cases with infected wounds and open fractures have also increased. Additionally, with the heightened risk of the outbreak of communicable diseases there is a need for greater focus on prevention and hygiene protection.

The priorities identified by the Government are the provision of:

- a. Primary Health Care
- b. Mobile Clinics
- c. Hospital (surgeries)

REGIONAL ACTIONS:

CARICOM Contingent

The CARICOM Contingent has been operating from two bases in Port-Au-Prince; Camp "Restore Comfort" at the Toussaint L'Ouverture International Airport and the Food for the Poor (Haiti) facility in Rue Barbancourt. As of the 24 January, there was total of 224 military and civilian personnel on the ground. The composition changes due to rotational deployment. They continue to work with Haitian authorities and other partners in the search and rescue, distribution of relief supplies, provision of medical services, and performing security operations. Relief items including blankets, medicines and medical supplies, water and food were provided in Sonapi Parc Industriel complex, and Killick areas of Port au Prince.

Medical

Since arrival in Haiti on January 16, 2010 the CARICOM medical teams have treated hundreds of patients. The Jamaican Defence Force (JDF) medical clinic established at the Food for the Poor headquarters have facilitated treatment of 332 persons. The Ministry of Health team has treated 616 persons at the Bernard Mevs Hospital and

the Community Hospital of Freres. A total of 108 major surgeries were completed. These included treatment of open fractures, amputations and lacerations. The medical teams have also treated 23 maternity cases, both premature and full term deliveries, immunized 160 persons and managed 49 ICU recovery cases. Counseling services are also available and 40 cases have been processed.

Security

The Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) security contingent has provided security escorts, for medical personnel, Food For the Poor convoy operations, and secured the bases of the CARICOM contingent.

Search and Rescue

The SAR teams have rescued 6 persons including 2 children.

Support to Emergency Centre Operations

The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) support team deployed by CARICOM and led by Ms. Dawn French – the National Disaster Coordinator for NEMO Saint Lucia along with Mr. Luke Bethel from the Bahamas and Mr. Ron Mobeley of the Virgin Islands has been working to strengthen the efforts of the Haitian Civil Protection Agency. Their efforts are concentrated on one of identified priority areas. Efforts have been focused on releasing the immense backlog of relief supplies and food at the airport which are accumulating and trickling out. A plan is being generated to ensure the delivery of these items into the hands of those in need.

CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU)

The CDRU team is supporting the distribution of relief supplies as well as assessing suitable areas for strengthening of CARICOM medical services.

Other Activities

Engineering teams have begun assessing structures in several locations with a view to conducting much needed repairs and reconstruction. Some structures examined include a senior citizens home, a home for physically and mentally challenged children as well as the Food for the Poor Warehouse.

Technical Meetings and Consultations

Actions related to CARICOM's intervention in Haiti will be up for discussion at the Meeting of the Bureau of Heads in Paramaribo, Suriname later this week.

The former Jamaican Prime Minister Mr. PJ Patterson led the CARICOM contingent to the Ministerial Preparatory Conference in Canada where discussions focused on humanitarian relief, transition and reconstruction of Haiti. This conference paved the way for a larger donor conference to take place later this year. CDEMA's Executive Director Mr. Jeremy Collymore also attended.

Regional Fund Raising and Pledges (New)

CARICOM has established an account at the First Caribbean International Bank in Barbados, for the channeling of financial aid to support relief efforts.

Several Participating States have pledged tents in response to urgent call made by the Haitian government. These supplies are being channeled through the four sub regional focal points.

The three campuses of the University of the West Indies, Mona, St. Augustine and Cave Hill have pledged personnel in several specialized areas including medical practitioners, public health specialists, engineers, communications, security, linguistic and administrative experts.

French Creole speaking, administrative and logistical support from members of the public via the CARICOM secretariat have also been pledged.

PLEDGES AND SUPPORT AS OF JANUARY 22, 2010	
CARICOM STATES	
Anguilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire and Rescue Service working through a Miami Fire Agency to provide support to response teams • Anguillan Red Cross has set up two accounts to receive donations for Haiti
Antigua and Barbuda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search and Rescue Team available for deployment
Bahamas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coast Guard Boats (thirty (30) person capacity) • Police and Military personnel
Bermuda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-7 seater aircraft
Barbados	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artisans and Military assistance • Mechanism and Military personnel for the coordination of relief efforts • Medical supplies (details to be forwarded)
Belize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belize aircraft available to transport eight (8) persons and supplies however aircraft fuel and maintenance for pilots will be required (sStation established in Jamaica for easy deployment) • Services • Food, clothing, military manpower
Dominica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial pledges in excess of EC\$100,000 have been collected • Have loaded two containers weighing approximately 15-20 tons each with bottled water, clothing, and toiletries – these are located at the Dominica Woodbridge Bay Port in Roseau awaiting the first available vessel to the collection point in Jamaica and or Haiti • Another 5 tons of items have been collected to fill an additional container for future shipment • A number of trained persons have been identified for possible deployment to assist at various levels and capacities
Guyana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial pledge of US\$ 1 Million; US\$13,000 raised • 2 containers lumber • Bottled water, bottled refined oil and pharmaceuticals
Grenada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial pledge of US\$100,000 • Soliciting donations of water and transportation from the Grenada diaspora • Grenada Broadcasting Television scheduled a telethon on January 18th to raise funds for Haiti

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CARICOM STATES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released former National Disaster Coordinator for deployment as Special Coordinator of the CDRU
Jamaica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis response Jamaica Defence Force vessel being deployed to Haiti with 254 soldiers and 29, medical personnel Relief supplies Agreed to be the staging ground for the CARICOM response
St. Kitts and Nevis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government of St. Kitts & Nevis will establish a Haiti Solidarity Fund at the St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla National Bank to help Haiti earthquake victims
Saint Lucia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) deployed to Haiti for EOC support Government of St. Lucia reported that Haiti Earthquake Appeal Fund launched
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EC\$57, 000 25ft container with water; 40ft container with food supplies
Suriname	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial financial pledge of \$US 1 million Made available military and police troops to assist in the security and relief efforts Loaded a 40ft container with blankets, water and stretchers ready to be shipped to Haiti Suriname Fire Department has a rescue unit and Hi-Jet helicopters ready to be deployed
Trinidad and Tobago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team of disaster medical personnel and Search and Rescue personnel available for deployment US\$ 1 Million Services
Turks and Caicos Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer for use of TCI as a staging point for regional and international relief personnel and/or goods District Commissioner of North Caicos and the TCI National Disaster Coordinator have offered themselves to provide EOC support in Haiti Medical supplies and medical personnel An 8-man team ready for deployment to Haiti for support in Search and Rescue - team is self-sufficient and fully funded; comprises heavy equipment operators, engineers, bilingual speakers and construction personnel
Virgin Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial pledge of \$US800,000 Search and Rescue Experts National Disaster Personnel to support the staging operations in Jamaica and the Civil Defense mechanism in Haiti Technical personnel available for deployment in specialty areas
REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS	
University of the West Indies (UWI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical engineering services
Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US \$200,000
Regional Security System (RSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 person CDRU team prepared for deployment to Haiti January 20, 2010
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocated over US\$1million Equipment and personnel being deployed to re-establish communication links Setting up a complete cellular system to enable wireless

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REGIONAL CORPORATE ENTITIES	
Digicel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US\$ 1M pledged to the relief effort
DHL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed that shipping of relief supplies will be done in conjunction with the Red Cross DHL Barbados has pledged a financial contribution
UPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced shipping rates for supplies to Haiti
LIAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pledged one aircraft and pilots to support to assist with Haiti's electric utilities
LIME Jamaica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launching a 'TEXT' appeal and all funds received will be made available to CDEMA for the regional response to Haiti
One Caribbean Media (OCM) network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has raised more than US\$ 500,000 in pledges for Haiti during a five-hour radiothon heard in Grenada, St. Lucia, Barbados, Antigua, St. Kitts, Montserrat, Trinidad and Tobago
CARILEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stands ready to offer an appropriate coordinated response (monetary or material) on the needs of the Haiti electric utility – assessment of the damage to electric utility required
INTERNATIONAL/PARTNERS	
Puerto Rico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer of emergency vector control services
Government of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earmarked up to 50 million dollars to the relief effort
British Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donated more than 2 million dollars to the relief effort
Australia Agency for International Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AU\$10 million pledged to Haiti Earthquake effort with AU\$1million to be channeled through CDEMA

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