

# IOM

## Emergency Operations in Haiti

*Information Briefing for Member States*

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# Objectives

In the spirit of “Member State Ownership”:

- To report to you on how your money is being spent.
- To demonstrate IOM’s activity in the UN Cluster System.
- To share some impressions from my recent visit to Haiti (4-8 Feb)
- To appeal for sustained support of Haiti.



# Outline

1. **Situation in Haiti**
2. **IOM Haiti Staffing and Capacity**
3. **Emergency Operations and Partnerships**
4. **Development Planning**
5. **Resource Mobilization**
6. **Challenges and Opportunities**



# I. Situation Update

## *Greatest Humanitarian Tragedy in the Western Hemisphere*

- 212,000 dead; 300,000 injured;
- 1.9 million displaced (incl. 450,000 children);
- 1.2 million living in spontaneous settlements incl. 700,000 in PauP;
- 467,700 have left Port-au-Prince for outlying areas;
- Rural areas: IDPs exerting pressure; growing demand for food;
- Immediate priorities: shelter, sanitation, food, water.



## 2. IOM Haiti: Staffing & Personnel Issues

- **100+ IOM staff in-country at time of earthquake;**
- **Immediately operational (critical NFI distributions);**
- **Support to 423,500 Haitians;**
- **IOM HQ Port au Prince unusable;**
- **Support drawn from IOM sub-offices;**
- **High morale, esprit de corps.**



## 2. IOM Haiti: Enhanced Capacity

### A. Immediate Reinforcement:

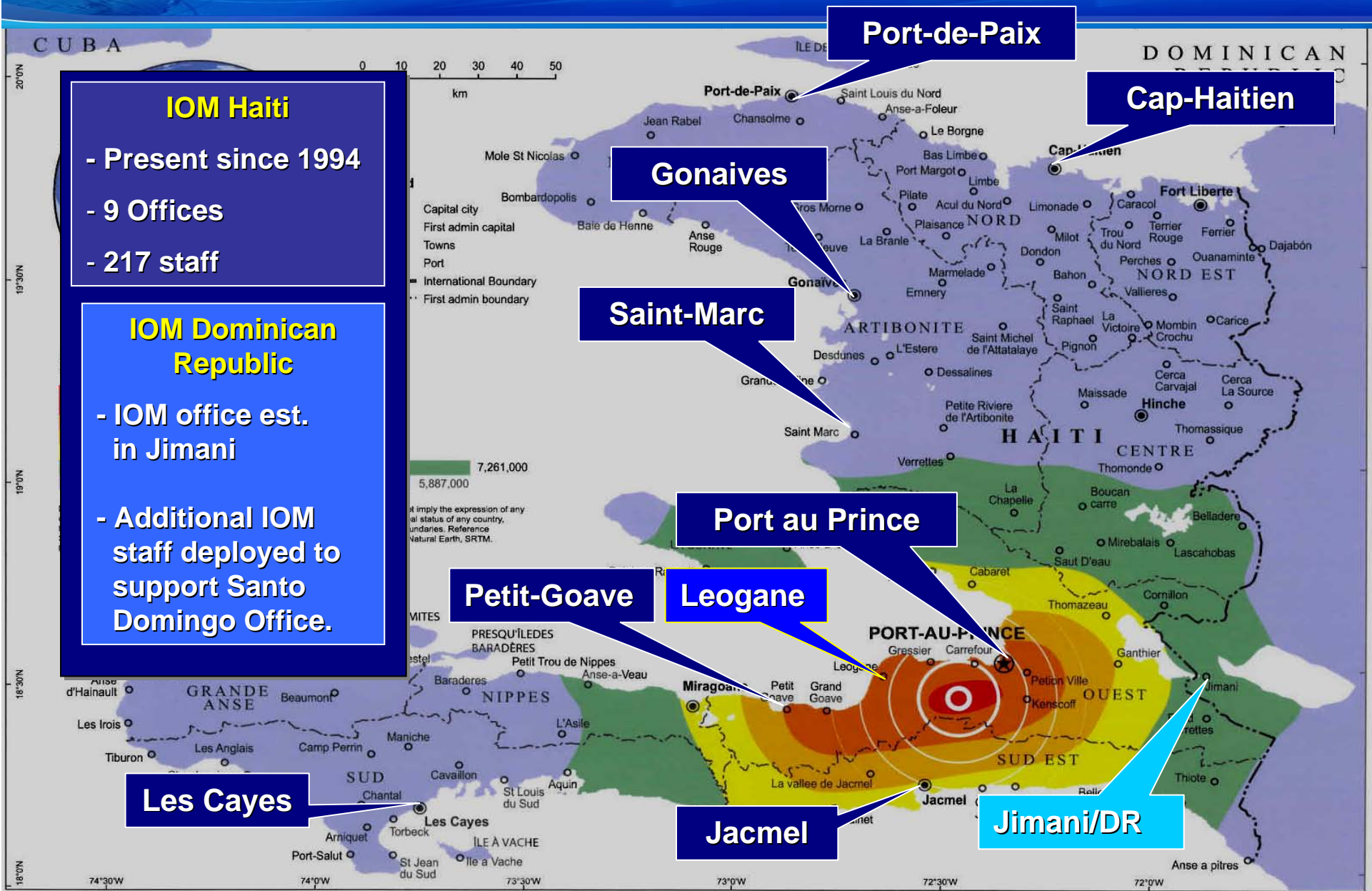
- D1 Head of OSD deployed;
- D1 Special Envoy appointed;
- Specialists deployed: medical, camp management, shelter, security, operations, ITC, media, psycho-social;
- Secondments: UK/DFID, CARE, CANADA/CANADEM, UNHCR, NRC,
- 217 Staff on the ground.

### B. Longer-term Arrangements:

- Upgrading Chief of Mission (D1);
- Deployment of additional specialists on 3-month TDYs;
- Advance regularized recruitment for 15-20 new positions;
- Improving living conditions of staff.
- Strengthening EPC Dept. at IOM HQ (camp management, shelter, etc.)



# IOM Office Presence



# 3. Emergency Operations and Partnerships

## A. Cluster System: *Greatest test of the cluster system*

- On UN's request, IOM assumed leadership of combined Shelter/NFI and CCCM clusters;
- Developed shelter/camp strategy;
- UN/IOM agreed to separate responsibilities, paralleling global model (allowing each cluster to focus on key priorities).
- On 8 February, IFRC assumed shelter/NFI cluster lead; and IOM CCCM cluster lead.



## i. IOM CCCM Cluster Lead

- **Camps a last resort. Should be temporary, set-up as close as possible to places of residence/employment.**
- **CCCM focuses on IDPs coordinating a comprehensive response for those living in spontaneous or planned settlements until durable solutions are found.**
- **IOM undertaking displacement tracking, site planning, mapping and surveying, training, registration, coordination of project proposals for the Flash Appeal and ERF funding for all CCCM Partners.**



## ii. Shelter/Non Food Item Cluster

### **Shelter Approach:**

- Planning for durable transitional shelter to house people for at least two years;
- Assisting people where they are, either: (a) individual families; (b) in spontaneous” temporary settlements; in (c) 4-5 medium-sized camps (ca. 10,000 each) in PauP; or (d) host families.
- The Cluster focuses on the technical aspects of shelter i.e. tent standards and transitional shelter options.





## ii. Shelter/Non Food Item Cluster

- **Beneficiaries: 542,298 people** in receipt of tents, blankets, mosquito nets, water, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, jerry cans, plastic sheeting, mats, buckets, water purity tablets, water bladders, water purifiers.
- **Partners: More than 50** – ACF, ACTED, ADRA, AHPH, Airlines Ambassadors, Amurt, CARE, Christian Veterinary Mission, CITIMED, Civil Protection Portugal, Concern Worldwide, CRS, DASH Clinic, DPC, ELIM Relief Agency, Family Medicine Education International, Feed The Children, Fraternite Notre Dame, French Red, Cross, GOAL, Handicap International, HAVEN, Inter Help, International Relief and Development IRD, International Rescue Committee IRS, INTERSOS, Islamic Relief, Killick Med Centre, Lions Club Haiti, Maison Enfants de Dieu, Matthew 25, Mercy Corps, MSF Holland, Operation Blessing, Parliament of Haiti, Partners in Health, Project Concern Int'l, Save The Children, Secours Islamique France, The Salvation Army, ThirstNoMore, Turkish Red Crescent, UNICEF, World Concern International, World Disaster Relief, World Relief



## **B. Cash for Work Programme (CFW)**

- **Coordinated with neighbourhood committees, municipalities;**
- **UNDP Objective: reach 100,000 quickly; then 200,000 in areas outside PauP including Jeremie, Port de Paix, Cap Haitien.**
- **Daily remuneration: 180 Gourdes or \$4.20 USD for 6 hours (minimum wage: 200 Gourdes for 8 hours)**
- **IOM coordinates the provision of 5000 jobs daily.**



## 4. Pre-earthquake Development Plan

- **2008 development plan** drawn-up by Government and donors: (a) infrastructure; (b) basic services; and (c) combating soil erosion (make farmers more productive; make Haiti less vulnerable to hurricanes).
- **Revised Flash Appeal (17 Feb);**
- **Donor Conference and Assessment (April?);**
- **Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) and Recovery Framework (Initiated 25 Jan).**



## 5. IOM Resource Mobilization

- **Flash Appeal; IOM supported by USD 28.5 million;**
- **Donors: Canada, Finland, France, Japan, Korea, Sweden, USA, UK;**
- **Other funders: UN CERF, the Clinton Foundation, private donors;**
- **In-kind donations and secondments;**
- **IOM participating in the revision of the Flash Appeal (revised funding requirements of some \$162 million)**
- **Cluster project submissions: CCCM; ESC/NFI; Early Recovery; WASH; Health and Protection.**



# 6. Challenges and Opportunities

- **Addressing immediate basic needs (shelter, water, food, sanitation);**
- **Ensuring sustained international attention and resources;**
- **Maintaining Haitian ownership of recovery and reconstruction.**



# Conclusion: Haiti Undaunted

- **Grim magnitude of death and destruction.**
- **Profound international response.**
- **Inspiring Haitian resilience.**

