

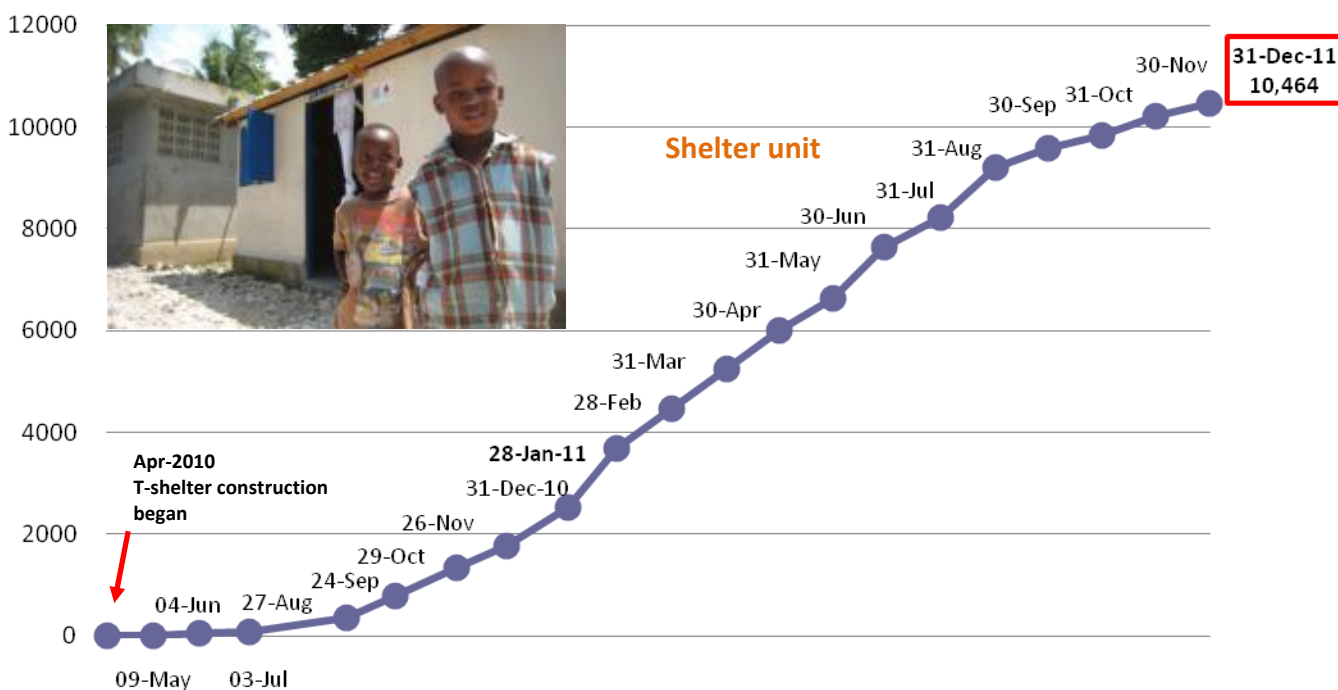
#### Transitional Shelter Program

IOM Transitional Shelter Program aims to provide **10,000** shelters to internally displaced populations (IDPs) affected by the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. To meet the different aspects of the needs of the affected people, the program adopts an integrated approach, where in addition to providing shelters, IOM's assistance is extended to rubble removal, construction of retaining walls, distribution of non food items, improvement in water and sanitation, and shelter information outreach activities. The program is funded by CIDA, Community Chest of Korea, ERRF, Japan, Sida and USAID.

### Monthly Summary – DECEMBER 2011

- **10,464 shelter units** have been completed by the end of December 2011, with **265 units** added in this month. The distribution of the shelters in 11 communes where Shelter Program operates is as follows: Port-au-Prince (983), Pétiön-Ville (516), Delmas (5), Croix-des-Bouquets (5,055), Léogâne (467), Jacmel (809 incl. 335 semi-permanent shelters), Cayes-Jacmel (3), Baint (250), Petit-Goâve (1,502), Grand Goâve (838) and Les Cayes (36 permanent shelters). Additional **692 units** are at different stages of construction.
- The construction of *the Safe House* for gender-based violence victims began in the metropolitan area of Port au Prince.
- The handover ceremony of 36 permanent shelter units was held on 12 December in Les Cayes.
- A total of 6,964 beneficiary households received solar power packs by the end of the month.

Progress of shelter construction (31 December 2011)



### Progress of shelter construction by location (31 December 2011)

Commune	Sec communal	December	Total (Cumulative)	Under Construction
<b>Transitional Shelter</b>				
<b>Croix des Bouquets</b>	Petit Bois 1	0	991	30
	Petit Bois 2	-	924	Achieved
	Petit Bois 3	7	740	25
	Camp Santo 17	-	368	Achieved
	Camp Corail Sector 3	-	920	Achieved
	Lilavois	26	1060	100
	CdB Psychiatric Hospital*	-	50	Achieved
<b>Port au Prince</b>	Good Samaritan*	-	2	Achieved
	Carrefour-Feuilles	33	606	190
	Turgeau (Mangeoire etc)	87	351	49
	HUEH Hospital*	-	16	Achieved
	Mars and Klein Hospital*	-	6	
Sanatorium Hospital*	-	4		
Old Military Hospital*	-	4		
<b>Delmas</b>	Delmas**	-	1	
	Morne Lazare	35	135	37
<b>Pétion-Ville</b>	Aux-cadet	-	370	Achieved
	Clinics in Jacquot*	-	3	
	16/6 <sup>1</sup> : From Place St Pierre	6	6	
	16/6 : From Place Boyer	2	2	19
<b>Petit Goave</b>	Zone 7	-	315	Achieved
	Zone 13	-	670	
	Zone 14	-	517	
<b>Grand Goave</b>	Zone 9	-	202	
	Zone 11	-	329	
	Zone 12	-	69	
	Zone 13	-	238	
<b>Jacmel</b>	Montagne la Voute	-	330	
	Jacmel Town	-	138	
	Lycee Pinchinat***	-	6	
<b>Cayes-Jacmel</b>	Cayes-Jacmel	-	3	
<b>Bainet</b>	Bainet	-	250	
<b>Léogane</b>	Dufort	-	350	
	Léogane Town	69	117	242
<b>Total TS</b>		<b>265</b>	<b>10093</b>	<b>692</b>
<b>Semi-permanent shelter<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>Jacmel</b>	Camp Mayard	-	335	Achieved
<b>Public housing (in partnership with EPPLS)</b>				
<b>Les Cayes</b>	La Savanne	-	36	Achieved
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>265</b>	<b>10464</b>	<b>692</b>

\* Shelters for medical use \*\*Special case involving one beneficiary in Delmas \*\*\* Shelters for classrooms

### Summary status of community rehabilitation activities by Shelter Program (31 December 2011): See page 6

Target area	Retaining walls		Rubble removed (cumulative, m <sup>3</sup> )	Drainage/footpath rehabilitation	Sanitation
	Completed units	Completed length (m)			
<b>Carrefour-Feuilles</b>	45	262	21,453	(a) Jeudi: A canal and footpath were completed. Works to mitigate erosion is ongoing. (b) Baillergeau: steps and footpath improvement - ongoing	-
<b>Mangeoire</b>	45	355	11,862	Drainage improvement and footpath rehabilitation works ongoing	32 latrines
<b>Morne Lazare</b>	30	284	27,368	Drainage improvement and footpath rehabilitation work started	See note <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>60,684</b>	-	-

### Summary status of IDP site improvement activities by Shelter Program (31 December 2011): See page 5

<b>Santo 17</b>	Biodigester/toilets construction completed
<b>Corail (Sector 3)</b>	Common area development in progress

<sup>1</sup> The program to rebuild 16 neighbourhoods and close six camps

<sup>2</sup> These houses were initially designed as t-shelters, however, upgraded with reinforced foundations and structures to last for a longer term than standard transitional shelters. The houses have internal walls, ceiling and partition to make 2 bedrooms and a living area.

<sup>3</sup> Four communal latrines constructed under a project of IOM WASH unit.

❖ **The Safe House for GBV victims in IDP camps**

Gender Based Violence (GBV) in IDP camps is an issue that IOM and its partners attend to. *The Safe House* is an initiative to shelter victims of GBV from IDP camps whose safety is at risk, until other feasible relocation options will be identified. The activity is implemented jointly by IOM Protection Unit and OFAVA, a grass roots women organization which manages GBV programs for IDP camps.

IOM Shelter Program is providing technical support to this initiative through constructing the facilities. In this December, construction works of the Safe House facility in the metropolitan area of Port au Prince began. This facility will have 24 rooms, a community center, a kitchen, an office, six communal toilet units and a well. In addition, a water distribution system and electric wiring will be installed in the compound.

Some GBV victims receive threats, including death threats, from the perpetrators and their associates. The Safe House initiative can provide physical safety for such victims. The Safe House activity is supported by Sida.



*The Plan of Safe House Facility*

❖ **Permanent shelters handover ceremony in Les Cayes**

On 12 December 2011, a handover ceremony of 36 family units which IOM built Les Cayes for *Enterprise Publique de Promotion de Logements Sociaux* (EPPLS), a public enterprise which runs public housing projects, was held.

Each 38m<sup>2</sup> family unit comes with two bedrooms, a living area, a kitchen area, a patio or a balcony and a latrine. Residents have access to water from two deep wells, provided by the IOM WASH Unit, and received solar lamps and candles, also provided by IOM.

The ceremony was attended by a number of government representatives, from EPPLS, Sud Department, the municipality of Les Cayes, the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation, the Haitian National Police, the Office of Immigration and Emigration, and the State Secretary for the Integration of the Disabled Persons. In addition, partner agencies, beneficiaries and IOM staff members gathered.

The government representatives expressed their gratitude to the donor - UNOCHA-ERRF - and IOM for the assistance while noting that there remain huge needs of housing assistance in the country.



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## ❖ Leogane: IDP return support

Located next to the epicentre of the January 2010 earthquake, Leogane was devastated by the seismic event. As a result, the area received a relatively high level of shelter assistance through various humanitarian agencies. Yet, there are still many people living in IDP camps in town. The latest statistics show that over 7,600 people remained in camps in Leogane as of November 2011.

IOM T-shelter activities in Leogane to facilitate IDP returns from camps to neighbourhoods began in early 2011. The first phase focused on Dufort, southwest of Leogane town. Between March and September 2011, 350 IDP families from nine camps received T-shelters and other assistance at their places of return, including solar lamps, water filters and mosquito nets.

The second phase is currently ongoing and targets IDP camps in Leogane town centre. A total of 389 IDP families from 13 camps located throughout the area have been selected for assistance. Since many of them do not own land, IOM sometimes negotiated with landowners on behalf of beneficiaries to ensure their access to the land. As an example, IOM facilitated an agreement of land use from the landowner of Camp Rico, an IDP camp, where IOM eventually built T-shelters for 27 IDP families who were staying at the camp.

By the end of December 2011, 117 T-shelter units have been completed under this second phase. As a result of this operation, four IDP camps are expected to close. At the same time IOM Camp Management Operation Unit and Camp Coordination Camp Management Cluster partners are working to find a way to assist the voluntary exit of remaining IDP households in targeted camps who did not qualify for T-shelter assistance under Phase II. These include those with no access to land and those staying in camps alone (the T-shelter operation prioritizes families over individuals).

In addition to T-shelter assistance, the Shelter Program is constructing two community centres. Construction works for the first community centre is underway, in partnership with an NGO partner which runs various training and educational programs for the local communities.

IOM T-shelter and community centre operations in Leogane are supported by Community Chest of Korea.



*Construction of a community center is underway (left); the handover of the completed T-shelters in presence of the Mayor of Leogane at Camp Rico, an IDP camp where IOM built a total of 27 T-shelter units after an agreement was reached with the landowner (right)*

## ❖ Support of 16/6 Program

The 16/6 Program, targeting the rebuilding of 16 earthquake-affected neighbourhoods in order to close six camps is an initiative led by the Government of Haiti, which assists IDPs in six camps in Port-au-Prince to find a durable housing solution. Program activities include rehabilitation and reconstruction of the 16 neighbourhoods which are associated with the six camps, housing support, and support for income generating opportunities. IOM is one of four principal implementing partners of the program and provides, among other interventions, T-shelter assistance for those IDPs who have access to land and are willing to return to their neighbourhoods of origin.

Place St. Pierre and Place Boyer, public squares in Pétiion-Ville that became IDP camps following the earthquake, were targeted by USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives as a pilot project for this innovative approach to offering return solutions. This financing was complemented with funding for activities in the neighbourhoods of return through the 16/6 program. Beneficiary identification began in September 2011 in a joint operation between IOM and the Mayor of Pétiion-Ville. Families with access to land and who expressed their intention to return were short-listed. Then land tenure and feasibility for each site was assessed by the IOM legal team and shelter engineers. Through this exercise, it was confirmed that six IDP families from Place St. Pierre and 25 families from Place Boyer would receive IOM T-shelters.

By the end of December, 2011, the construction works for the families from Place St. Pierre have been completed, whereas the works for the families from Place Boyer are underway. T-shelter delivery for these beneficiaries identified in camps poses huge logistical challenges because families return to sites scattered across the city, increasing delivery costs.

## ❖ Corail Sector 3 Recreational Facilities

With the financial support from USAID, the 920 households who live in Camp Corail Sector 3, a planned IDP site, will have access to recreational facilities. The facilities, which are at final stage of construction, include a basketball court, four volleyball courts, five children play grounds, and five pavilions (communal buildings). Some facilities have already been completed by this December, while remaining works will be completed by January 2012. The 920 households who live in the site are vulnerable IDPs from various IDP camps in Port-au-Prince and surrounding communes, for whom IOM assisted their relocation to this site, and provided T-shelters.



*T-shelters are being built for former camp residents in Pétiion-Ville. Photos show a beneficiary's plot before and after the T-shelter construction.*



❖ **Risk mitigation and rehabilitation works creating safer neighbourhoods**

IOM Shelter Program is supporting risk mitigation and communal infrastructure rehabilitation activities through construction of retaining walls, drainage canals and footpaths. The projects target areas known as Mangeoire, Croix-des-Prez, Carrefour Feuilles and Morn Lazare, all poor and highly-populated urban communities on steep slopes, severely-affected by the January 2010 earthquake (See page 2 for the summary achievements). The photographs below illustrate some of the ongoing works. These risk mitigation and infrastructure rehabilitation activities are supported by CIDA and USAID.



*Footpath rehabilitation, Carrefour Feuilles, Port-au-Prince*



*Retaining wall construction, Carrefour Feuilles, Port-au-Prince*



*Drainage and footpath rehabilitation, Mangeoire, Port-au-Prince*



## T-shelters providing protection and decent living

Nearly two years have passed since the January 2010 earthquake, and 18 months since the first IOM T-shelter was delivered to earthquake-affected families in May 2010. Since then over 10,000 households received IOM T-shelters among which 98.3 percent were confirmed living in the shelter at the time of the follow-up monitoring visit, carried out within 6 months of the shelter delivery. In this December, Shelter Team visited once again some of the beneficiaries who received T-shelters in earlier months, to check the state of the T-shelters and to hear beneficiaries' views on the assistance. The following are the stories of some of the many beneficiaries the Team has interviewed. To protect the privacy of the beneficiaries, the names given in this report are not their real names.

**Mirlene Doresmond**, 84 years old, Petit Bois 1, Croix-des-Bouquets  
T-shelter delivered in May 2010



After the earthquake I was with my grandchildren in a makeshift which we built next to our collapsed house. We had tough times. When it rained, the water flooded the whole floor and we couldn't sleep in peace. We received the IOM T-shelter a year and a half ago; we are comfortably settled and happy. I am pleased with the Non-food item assistance, such as kitchen/hygiene kits and solar light. We are grateful for all the assistance we received.

**Paul Yvena**, 38 years old, Petit Bois 1, Croix-des-Bouquets  
T-shelter delivered in May 2010



Our house collapsed in the earthquake and I moved to a camp nearby with my five children. However, the environment was too bad and we returned to our place and built a makeshift. I am a single mother without a job, and I had no hope to rebuild a house myself. Then I received this T-shelter. It made our life much better and we are very grateful for this timely assistance.

**Marie Lourdes Benoit**, 81 years old, Carrefour Feuilles, Port-au-Prince  
T-shelter delivered in November 2010



We were in a tent, my sister, grandchildren and myself. It had pains and could not sleep in the tent. The shelter has improved our living condition much better. We also appreciated the NFI assistance. In particular, with solar lamps provided, I save money for candles, and also feel safe from fire-accidents. On behalf of my family I thank IOM and the donor for the assistance and wish a Happy New Year to all.

**Paul Guerda**, 54 years old, Carrefour Feuilles, Port-au-Prince  
T-shelter delivered in November 2010



I was made homeless with six children after my house collapsed. Our life in a tent was so bad and we suffered. IOM built this T-shelter on my land where I my house was. We are comfortable in this new house; we feel settled. I have no job. It would have been very difficult without this shelter assistance, as I cannot afford to rent a place to live.

**Joseph Raynald, 82 years old, Carrefour Feuilles, Port-au-Prince**  
*T-shelter delivered in November 2010*



Our house was damaged but we stayed there, since we had nowhere else to go. For over a year my wife and I live in this T-shelter, our new home. When my children and grandchildren are visiting us I let them stay in the shelter and we go back to the damaged house. I used to work as a carpenter but now I am too old. Yet I built a little terrace in front of my shelter. We are thankful for the shelter which has become our comfortable home.

**Pierre Linda, 20 years old, Corail, planned IDP site**  
*Relocated to the T-shelter from a camp in September 2010*



I was with two brothers and a nephew in a camp in Tabare. The life in the camp was very difficult, and I was pregnant. The relocation to this place has made a huge change in our lives. I am pleased we are here and left the camp, especially for my baby. I used to work in a restaurant but it was destroyed in the earthquake. Now I have a small business but it is not enough to feed my family. I cannot afford to rent a house. I am much grateful for this assistance. (Linda did not wish a photograph taken)

**Charles Evens: 28 years old, Corail, planned IDP site**  
*Relocated to the T-shelter from a camp in September 2010*



With my sister, two brothers and a cousin I was in a camp in Fleuriot. The life was difficult, especially during storms and rain. We were afraid that our tent would be blown away. In this T-shelter we can sleep properly even when it rains. We have a minor rainwater leakage through a crack of the board, which was made sometime after we received the shelter. This can be mended. I am the eldest of all the siblings, but I am jobless and I cannot take care of them. I fear hunger and thirst. I cannot imagine renting a place to live. The shelter assistance is much appreciated.

**Merline Joseph, 30 years old, Morne Lazare, Petion-Ville**  
*Returned to neighbourhoods from a camp; T-shelter delivered in February 2011*



I was in a camp *Frères de Juvenat* with my 60 years old mother. I was a school teacher with a little income, and was struggling to look after my mother who suffers mental disorder. Our T-shelter was built after we received authorization from the landowner to stay on this land, with the support from IOM. I am now seventh months pregnant. The father of the baby denied his responsibility. I am going to raise the child alone and looking forward to be a mother. I am grateful for the assistance from IOM, including kitchen and hygiene kits, and solar lamps. I hope others in need are also assisted just like us.