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IOM IN RESPONSE TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE

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CONTEXT HIGHLIGHTS

- The first phase of **humanitarian relocations** for vulnerable families living in displacement sites at high risk of hazards, in particular flooding, has just been successfully completed. More than **1750** families (ca. 9,000 individuals) have voluntarily moved to the two temporary relocation sites situated at the periphery of Port-au-Prince. Similar operations are under discussion in the other affected areas of Jacmel, Leogane and Petit Goave, while preparation of the second plot in Corail Cesselesse (Port-au-Prince) just started.
- On 22 April, the **Interim Commission for the Reconstruction of Haiti (ICRH)** has been officially created for 18 months through a Presidential decree following the adoption by the Senate of the Law on the State of Emergency. The ICRH includes representatives of the Government, the Civil Society but also representatives of the international and donor community as well as a representative of the diaspora. The ICRH will guide the reconstruction process to which IOM contributes as part of the humanitarian and recovery efforts.
- On 13 April, the **“mirror” cluster** put in place by the UN Country Team in the Dominican Republic to support the relief efforts in Haiti has been dissolved in recognition of the fact that agencies have now the capacities to run their operations in Haiti directly. IOM Haiti has also been relying on the IOM office in the Dominican Republic for logistic and operational support and both missions will continue to work closely together in particular in relation to cross-border migration related issues.



President Preval visiting the community in the Temporary relocation site in Corail Cesselesse on 18 April @ Marc Turner 2010

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL PROTECTION



In line with IOM's global strategy to build the capacity of local emergency agencies, IOM has established a strong relationship with the Department of Civil Protection (DPC). The relationship was already well established before the 12 January earthquake. In 2008 with the emergency in Gonaive after a series of violent hurricanes hit the country, the partnership between IOM and DPC focused on increasing the capacities of DPC to deal with internal displacement, including CCCM trainings, identification and assessment of temporary shelters and other joint activities.

Since the earthquake this strategic partnership has taken further importance and DPC plays a crucial role in support of affected populations:

- Registration
- Transitional shelters
- Update pre-earthquake temporary shelter list



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IOM funding requirements included in the revised appeal amount to some USD 123 million. Contributions totaling over USD 73 million have been provided by: Canada, Clinton Foundation, European Commission, Finland, France, Japan, Korea, Sweden, Turkey, UK, UN CERF, USA and Private Donors, including Argos Cement

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IOM TRANSITIONAL SHELTER PROGRAMME

Sub-Commune Mangeoire (Port-au-Prince):

- Activities to build transitional shelters in Mangeoire started two weeks ago. Since then 13 sites identified by the community have been cleared from debris while information on additional spot for transitional shelters was gathered.
- IOM made some suggestions in terms of layout to enhance the durability and safety of the construction. Six sites were confirmed as safe and on 15 April the Deputy Mayor of Port-au-Prince signed the nomination letters to the beneficiaries for the first shelters to be erected. The letter agreement, which was coordinated with IOM Reparation Program Department in Geneva, gives the overall responsibility to the beneficiary to sort out land ownership issues.
- By now, work begun with 10 shelters already totally completed. There is a need for many more shelters throughout the community and the contractor building the shelters will soon be requested to construct an additional 50 shelters in Mangeoire.

Nouailles Locality in Croix-des-Bouquets (Port-au-Prince):

- After the community confirmed it has identified more than 140 beneficiaries for transitional shelters, it was agreed that IOM would begin provision of shelters to 40 beneficiaries who have proven ownership of the land (with official documentation). Delivery of material and construction started on 18 April with the selected contractor.

Rural and Mountainous Areas in Pétion-Ville

- The Southern part of Port-au-Prince is delineated by a mountainous area where marginalized communities have been affected by the earthquake. IOM is currently conducting an assessment to build transitional shelters in this area difficult to access and stretching over many square kilometers.
- By supporting the stabilization of earthquake affected populations in the rural areas surrounding Port-au-Prince, IOM is aiming at mitigating movements to displacement sites in the cities during the rainy season. A logistic hub will be set up to support the construction operations of some hundred shelters over a two-month period.

Flickr set of the transitional shelters in Mangeoire:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/7726495@N08/sets/72157623813961107/>



Mangeoire Pilot Project

Transitional shelters are being built on the same location where beneficiaries used to live prior to the earthquake; communities representatives (Comites de Quartiers) are actively engaged to confirm land tenure matters during the beneficiary selection process.



Mangeoire Pilot Project – Representative of the Department of Civil Protection (DPC) visited the first shelters that are being erected by IOM and provided advises on overall urban site planning improvements. Dr. Yolene Surena, expressed her satisfaction and is planning to send engineers from DPC during the coming week for technical monitoring assessments of the shelters. DPC's final recommendations will be used for the next shelters that will be built by IOM.

CAMP COORDINATION CAMP MANAGEMENT CLUSTER (CCCM)

IOM CLUSTER LEAD

Humanitarian Relocation:

- 1277 families (ca. 4,800 individuals) have now been relocated to Corail Cesselesse from Terrain de Golf in the city center. The operation, which terminated today, started on 10 April and succeeded in vacating enough space in at risk areas to allow for mitigation works.
- The development of a second sector in Corail Cesselesse just started for ca. 1,100 plots of land for emergency relocation and transitional shelters.
- 509 families have been relocated to Tabarre Issa managed by Concern from the bottom of Vallée de Bourdon, an area at high risk of flooding. The operation started on 17 April and finished today.
- Planning for relocation is ongoing in Jacmel for the families living in the congested side of Pinchinat in the city center. Eight temporary relocation sites have been made available in Leogane.



The first relocated families and neighborhoods from Vallée Bourdon waiting for the new arrival at the temporary relocation site of Tabarre Issa, Port au Prince @ Patrice Quesada 2010

New flickr set of the relocation from
Vallée de Bourdon:

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/7726495@N08/
sets/72157623889509794/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/7726495@N08/sets/72157623889509794/)

Capacity Building

- Over 250 people have now received the introduction to camp management in all affected areas. The objectives of the CCCM capacity building section are:
 - to respond to assistance and protection needs of the displaced;
 - to sensitize the authorities on their roles and responsibilities in relation to IDPs; and
 - to train a pool of national trainers who can further train NGO staff working in camps, DPC and other to respond to future emergencies (evacuations, hurricane shelters, etc).



CROSS-BORDER CONSULTATION ON MIGRATION MATTERS (CBMM2)

- To help reducing illegal activities at the Haitian border, on the rise since the 12 January Earthquake, a mobile team made of Immigration, Customs, and Police officers, under the lead of the CBMM2 immigration specialist, has deployed at border points in the North, North East and North West. The objective is to start implementing the new immigration regulations that were introduced during an innovative joint training at the end of last year.
- The mobile team will also provide training to officers in order to improve immigration and customs' operations to fight illegal activities (trafficking and smuggling).

IOM OPERATIONS

EMERGENCY SHELTER AND NFI

- Temporary classroom construction has begun on most of the 50 public and state schools that were cleared by PREPEP through USAID funding. Many of these schools have now opened their doors and classes have restarted for thousands of students. This is a promising step forward in returning to a state of normality for those communities of Port-au-Prince.
- Classes will engage children and allow parents to focus on the rebuilding process. There is still a lot of work to do: despite the impressive scale of rubble removal at schools across the capital, the Minister of Education continues to plead for further assistance in clearing schools of rubble so that more students can return to school.



Construction of temporary classrooms has begun on school sites recently cleared by IOM/PREPEP.

Supporting communities outside affected areas

- Government officials and community leaders have come to IOM Les Cayes for help to create more jobs and engage the community in new infrastructure improvement projects. This week IOM toured six project sites with 54 firms to familiarize contractors with upcoming projects and initiate the tendering process. These projects will improve irrigation and drainage systems in rural communities. A total of 1,200 meters of simple dirt canals will be rehabilitated in masonry. The work will employ hundreds of villagers and provide valuable income to help meet the soaring cost of living.
- The PREPEP program is helping Saint Marc prepare for the rains through a series of soil conservation projects. Current soil conservation projects in Morne Calvaire and Blockhaus are part of the USAID and the Office of the Prime Minister's Haiti en Chantier program. These labor intensive cash for work projects are employing a significant number of IDPs that have fled Port-au-Prince in the wake of the January 12th earthquake. This important cash for work project will create infrastructure that will reduce flooding for many future decades.



A line of workers gather piles of rocks to build retaining walls on a hillside above Blockhaus, Saint Marc.

IOM CAPACITY

IOM Haiti currently employs 401 staff members, comprised of 99 International and 302 local employees, making IOM one of the largest international organizations on the ground.

Videos:

- Registration in Champ de Mars <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twfCmxuCdMs>
- IOM in Bolosse: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwQQx07L00U>
- Serving Haiti's remote communities: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHXI2OmxMOU>
- Distributing lifesaving goods in Haiti: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmI-IRZoDeU>

Photos:

- <http://www.iom.int/Template/haiti/earthquake/haiti-response-photo-gallery.htm>

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- <http://haititales.wordpress.com>

