

SIT REP #12

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

By CDEMA

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MESSAGE: 7.0 HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE #12 (As at 12:00 hrs, February 5, 2010)

1.0 SITUATION OVERVIEW:

Haiti continues to recover from the Earthquake of January 12, 2010.

The Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive indicated that there were more than 200,000 people dead, 300,000 injuries treated, 250,000 destroyed houses, and 30,000 disrupted businesses as of February 3.

The Government of Haiti remains challenged in managing and coordinating relief efforts and strengthening of the local systems is encouraged.

Relief and response activities although ongoing continue to be impacted by bottlenecks particularly in aid distribution. The Government of Haiti continues to collaborate on response efforts with the various humanitarian aid agencies on the ground. Some guidance has been provided by CDEMA through the **Guidelines for Relief Supplies Collection Points, Warehouses & Distribution Centers** which seeks to facilitate the distribution of relief supplies to the needy in a timely fashion.

According to the government more than 482,000 persons have migrated out of the capital increasing the demands on infrastructure and healthcare facilities outside the city. The provision of shelter also remains a high priority area given the upcoming start of the rainy season.

The Haitian government has also established settlement sites to house the displaced. Reports indicate that these new settlements have increased demands for public environmental healthcare, water supply and sanitation.

There has also been an increase in the price of basic commodities as migration continues to the rural areas. Schools have also reopened in unaffected areas.

More than 1000 persons daily are reportedly crossing the Jimani border into the Dominican Republic and unaccompanied children are prevalent particularly at the border increasing the risk of them being taken out of the country.

CARICOM through the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) coordinated by CDEMA is supporting the urgent need for shelter, relief supplies and other humanitarian aid.

Infrastructure and Access

Sixty (60) percent of government and administrative infrastructure has been destroyed adversely affecting recovery efforts. The removal of debris has been identified as priority. The government has also indicated its intent to complete a post disaster needs assessment.

Access and delivery of aid to the residents in outlying areas is a matter of concern. There have been reports of very little aid to date reaching in some areas such as Orangers, Parcques, Beauséjour, Citronnier, Fond d'Oie, Gros Mornes, Cormiers, Petit Harpon, Fond de Boudins and Palmiste à Vin.

Normal customs procedures have started for cargo arriving at Port-au-Prince airport. Due to a buildup of cargo at the airport, goods must now be collected within three days. There are now stricter procedures at the airport and organizations are no longer able to access the ramp or the main cargo yard.

Repairs to the Port-au-Prince port are ongoing. There are large numbers of vessels en route to the port and there are reports of lengthy delays before ships docking. The port at Lafiteau continues to be used by some vessels to deliver goods into Haiti.

Shelter

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Coordinating Unit has sourced tents valued at US\$250,000 scheduled to arrive in Haiti shortly. Other tents are also being provided through the four sub regional focal points to assist in the provision of relief shelter.

There is, however, a need for more permanent housing in the short to medium term. The establishment of planned settlements, distribution of materials for shelter construction and the clearing of rubble to house the displaced are a priority.

The majority of existing state established settlements are congested which prevents the delivery of immediate basic services.

Health Care

The treatment of trauma cases has declined considerably. Post operative care for the high number of amputees is still needed. A reported 50 persons have been paralyzed from spinal cord injuries.

The spread of communicable diseases remains an area of concern based on existing living conditions. Immunization among children in the Port au Prince metropolitan area has commenced to offset this situation. There are reports of diarrheal disease, respiratory infections, and infected wounds, as well as malnutrition.

CARICOM personnel continue to provide medical support to Haiti through the Centre Sante Bernard Mevs (Route de l'aéroport, entre Village Solidarite) and a Community Hospital in Freres and also a Clinic set up at Food for the Poor Headquarters.

Food and Relief Supplies

Supplies continue to be channeled into the country but there remain delays in clearance. Limited access to outlying districts are affecting delivery to these areas.

Security

The overall security situation remains unchanged. The Haiti National Police has launched a campaign to identify and return escaped prisoners. Growing gang rivalries remain a concern in Port-au-Prince. The Government has extended the state of emergency which expired on 1 February for a further two weeks.

2.0 REGIONAL ACTIONS:

CARICOM Support

2.1 CARICOM Chair and High level delegates to meet with President Preval

A high level CARICOM delegation headed by of the CARICOM Chairman Roosevelt Skerrit will meet with Haitian President Rene Preval on Saturday February 6 2010. The contingent includes Mr. Edwin Carrington, CARICOM Secretary General, Mr. P.J. Patterson, CARICOM Special Representative on Haiti, Mr. Jeremy Collymore CDEMA Executive Director, Ambassador Colin Granderson Assistant Secretary General for Foreign and Community Relations and Mr. Ivor Nassief Chairman of Invest Dominica Authority. The team will seek to advance plans for Haiti's recovery and reconstruction in the medium to long term.

2.2 CARICOM Health Ministers convene and advance planning for CARICOM Health Intervention in Haiti

A meeting of the region's Health Ministers was convened in Trinidad and Tobago on Friday February 5, 2010 to consider, discuss and advance CARICOM's medium to longer term health intervention proposed to commence in March, 2010.

2.3 Haiti National Contingency Plan Translated to English

Ms. Dawn French the National Disaster Coordinator for NEMO Saint Lucia has been instrumental in successfully translating the National Contingency Plan for Haiti into English. The translation of this document to English is intended to facilitate enhancements and to guide operations. This will be useful for the many humanitarian actors who have been seeking to access the English version and will be an input into strengthening better coordination with Civil Protection in Haiti.

2.4 Response Coordination Support to Haiti Civil Protection Continues

A new rotation of Emergency Operations Centre personnel has been dispatched. The team includes Mr. Sylvan McIntyre of Grenada, Mr. Nicholas Browne, Jamaica and Mr. Horatio Tuitt of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

These individuals replace Mr. Leonard Mobley of the Virgin Islands, Ms. Dawn French the National Disaster Coordinator for NEMO Saint Lucia and Mr. Luke Bethel of the Bahamas.

The outgoing Technical Team has successfully developed, in collaboration with and in support of the Government of Haiti through Haiti Civil Protection, plans in identified priority

areas. The plans include ***Guidelines for Relief Supplies Collection Points, Warehouses & Distribution Centers, Guidelines for the Establishment and Running A Camp Site and Work Programme for Technical Teams from CARICOM.*** The plans are being reviewed by Haitian Civil Protection for adoption.

The CARICOM Special Coordinator, (BG (R) Earl Arthurs, is scheduled to resume duties on the weekend. He relieves Ms. French who acted as Special Coordinator for an interim period.

Country Support

Several countries have dispatched relief supplies including water, foodstuff and medical supplies for arrival next week for distribution.

- The Government of Guyana has dispatched four (4) forty foot containers
- The Government of Trinidad and Tobago has sent three (3) forty foot containers and,
- The Government of Barbados has shipped (1) one forty foot container.

3.0 ONGOING CARICOM OPERATIONS IN HAITI

The CARICOM contingent also continues to assist in:

- i. The provision of **Medical Services** – Over 1,300 patients have received emergency health care including the delivery of twenty three (23) babies. These include operations – major and minor, back slabs to stabilize fractures, skin tractions for fractures, triaging patients, screening stabilizing , immunization and counseling at the Bernard Mevs Hospital and the Community Hospital at Freres as well as the CARICOM clinic at the Food for the Poor Compound. Medical assistance is being provided through the sub-regional focal point, Jamaica.
- ii. **Relief Distribution** through the CDRU team. The Team is also assessing areas for strengthening of CARICOM medical services in Haiti.
- iii. Providing **Convoy Security** – for distribution of food items by CARICOM, Food for the Poor (FFP) and other NGOs.
- iv. Supporting the **Emergency Centre Operations** whose focus continues to be releasing the sustained backlog of relief supplies accumulating at the airport and shelter management.
- v. **Fostering and facilitating partnerships** with NGOs and International Organizations to advance CARICOM's response support to Haiti. CARICOM personnel on the ground has been participating in several multi-agency meetings held on the ground in Haiti.

- vi. Assessing structures through engineering teams with a focus on structures particularly for the vulnerable (poor, elderly, handicapped) to identify areas for repair and reconstruction.
- vii. They have also conducted **Search & Rescue**, responding to fifteen (15) searches which resulted in the rescue of six persons, including two children. The SAR operations have been stood down.

4.0 REGIONAL FUND RAISING AND PLEDGES (UPDATED)

CARICOM has established an account at the First Caribbean International Bank in Barbados, for the channeling of financial aid to support relief efforts the name of the beneficiary is the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency and the account number is 100 1060 481.

PLEDGES AND SUPPORT	
AS AT FEBRUARY 5, 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 • Anguillian 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 • Health 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) • Health personnel • 1 40 foot container with relief and medical supplies
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 (Station 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

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	<p>Jamaica and or Haiti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 4 forty foot containers with relief supplies
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 • 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 • Health personnel • EC \$500,000
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 • 3 forty foot containers with relief supplies
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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 \$US80,000 • Search and Rescue Experts • National Disaster Personnel to support the staging operations in Jamaica and the Civil Defence mechanism in Haiti • Technical personnel available for deployment in specialty areas • Rotary Clubs (VI) pledges have increased to US \$230, 000 along with orthopedic tools and supplies for surgeries • The local Haitian Association has launched donation efforts • A list of available personnel for deployment has been compiled, is being updated regularly and updates are being made available to the CDEMA CU
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 communication links
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

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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
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