

HAITI: CHANGING AMERICA'S RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL CRISES

THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE THE FIRST SIX MONTHS



Photo: Colin Thomas-Jensen / USAID/DART

DISTRIBUTING VITAL FOOD: USAID/Food for Peace emergency food relief reached 3.5 MILLION people in the first three months after the earthquake, the largest ever urban food distribution. Food distribution is currently targeted to the most vulnerable populations, including pregnant and lactating women, children, and the malnourished.



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DELIVERING CLEAN WATER: Since early May, USAID/Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and partners have been providing safe drinking water to approximately 1.3 MILLION people daily. This gives more of the most economically vulnerable Haitians access to treated drinking water than before the earthquake. In addition, the work that USAID has supported has resulted in the piped water network providing approximately 50% more water (between 120-150 million liters per day) today than prior to the earthquake in Haiti.



Photo: Kimberly Flowers / USAID

INVOLVING HAITIAN CITIZENS IN HAITI'S RECOVERY: The earthquake created more than 25 million cubic meters of rubble. By late June, almost 100,000 Haitian men and women had been employed in rubble removal through USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) cash-for-work programs, generating almost \$9.5 million in wages and clearing over 500,000 cubic meters of debris.

PROTECTING AGAINST FLOODING: As part of a joint effort to prevent loss of life due to flooding in Port-au-Prince by clearing major drainage canals, USAID funded the clearing of 9.3 kilometers and over 263,500 cubic meters of garbage and sludge. Additional flood mitigation efforts in IDP camps include work on drainage ditches, terracing, digging retaining ponds, sandbagging, and building safety fences.



Photo: Robert J. Fluegel / U.S. Navy

ASSISTING THE DISABLED: USAID provided the injured and disabled with immediate and long-term solutions, including: delivery of 250 wheelchairs and 2,000 pairs of crutches; funding and assisting the Haitian government in the development and passage of Haiti's National Disability Law; and funding transport for injured/disabled persons between medical care centers and home.

SHELTERING THE DISPLACED: In response to large scale urban population displacement, USAID and our partners helped the Government of Haiti provide emergency shelter materials for 1.5 MILLION internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the wake of the earthquake.

VACCINATING AGAINST COMMON DISEASES: Together with our partners, USAID contributed to the Haitian Ministry of Health's immunization of more than ONE MILLION people against highly communicable diseases such as polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, and rubella.

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PROVIDING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE: With USAID's help, over 294,500 families (approximately 1.5 MILLION individuals) in camps have access to basic health services within 30 minutes' walking distance.

GETTING CRUCIAL NEWS TO THOSE WHO NEED TO KNOW: To increase the availability and quality of news, USAID/OTI built an emergency press center; provided technical assistance to the Haitian Ministry of Culture and Communications; and supports the production of the "News You Can Use" radio program, which was broadcast by 35 radio stations reaching over 3 MILLION Haitians by late June.



Photo: Kendra Helmer / USAID

PROTECTING VULNERABLE HAITIANS: USAID; the Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons are working with the Government of Haiti to support programs that prevent human rights violations and trafficking in persons, including public education campaigns, alert systems and emergency phone numbers for reporting abuse, victim assistance, and training camp communities on children's rights.



Photo: Anna Gohmann / USAID

RETURNING HAITIAN CHILDREN TO THE CLASSROOM: USAID is helping Haitian children go back to school. By mid-June, USAID partners cleared rubble from 153 school sites in earthquake-affected areas; built more than 235 classrooms, reaching more than 23,700 children; were distributing more than 120 U.S. Army-donated tents, which will provide over 100 classrooms; and supplied teaching and learning kits that will reach approximately 32,100 students and 640 teachers.

KEEPING KIDS IN SCHOOL: USAID's local government program is ensuring that displaced children can remain in school. Key efforts include assisting Haitian authorities in: revising budgets to allow subsidies for displaced students; building and staffing an educational center; establishing school lunch programs; and identifying and organizing psychosocial counseling and activities for students in need.



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REOPENING A PORT FOR AID AND COMMERCE: To ensure the timely delivery of critical relief supplies from USAID and others, the U.S. military cleared earthquake debris and facilitated Haiti's port reopening to humanitarian supplies on January 21. In addition, U.S. Army Divers and Navy Seabees reinforced pylons and pile caps on the south pier to facilitate commercial vessels. The Haitian Port Authority assumed full control of the port on January 28, approximately two weeks after the earthquake.