



# **HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE (HEAR)**

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**Program Goal:** Promote recovery by enabling families to live safely on their original home sites and resume livelihood strategies.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

This year-long program was designed to facilitate early recovery efforts for families within areas of Port-au-Prince who have suffered catastrophic personal and material losses following the earthquake of January 2010. It focused on injecting cash into the local economy through Cash-for-Work (CFW) activities, and stimulating local business recovery, that benefitted both the immediate recipients, and stimulated economic activity as a whole. The program also aimed to enable individuals and families to stay on their own land and property (and avoid relocation to camps for the displaced) by providing shelter materials and building repair assistance, thereby enabling a swifter recovery period than would otherwise be possible if displacement had occurred.

WCDO developed coordination relationships throughout the reporting period, primarily with the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communication (MTPTC) on shelter issues, and with the Haiti Reconstruction Committee on CFW initiatives. Further coordination took place through the appropriate clusters and USAID partners' meetings, as standards were developed for shelter size, CFW wages and rubble removal quotas.

The project was marred by several security incidents, primarily caused by known criminal elements in some of the poorer target communities. Protests, coercion, threats of violence and a few attacks not only delayed project activities, but occasionally required relocation and new beneficiary selection, in order to provide security for field staff. Despite these incidents, targets were achieved, and in most cases, work recommenced in insecure areas at a later date.

Importation of goods, specifically transitional shelters (T-shelters), proved difficult and time-consuming. This led to the prioritization of house repairs over T-shelter installation. As a result, more than 600 houses were repaired, while only 103 T-shelters were installed.

**Sector name: Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS)**

Objective: Restore sources of income affected by the Haiti earthquake.

Dollar amount for this objective: \$2,175,679

Number of Beneficiaries Targeted: 10,000 people (2,000 families)

Number of IDP Beneficiaries Targeted: 2,000 people (500 families)

**Sub-Sector – Economic Asset Restoration**

Indicator 1: *Number of people assisted through economic asset restoration activities (Target: 1,000 families, 5,000 individuals)*

903 members of households have been assisted through economic asset restoration activities.

Indicator 2: *Total USD amount channeled into the local economy (through cash grants, vouchers, livelihoods fairs, etc). (Target: \$450,000 USD)*

\$366,452 has been channeled into the economy through cash grants.

Indicator 3: *Number of people in addition to owners employed by enterprises restored through program activities (Target: 1,500 employees)*

972 people in addition to owners of enterprises were employed by enterprises restored through program activities.

**Sub-Sector – Temporary Employment**

Indicator 1: *Number of people employed through Cash-for-Work (CFW) activities (Target: 2,000)*

4,769 people were employed through Cash for Work (CFW) activities. The number of people employed is significantly higher because Indicator 2 below was changed as per recommendation of the Recovery Cluster and approval of the OFDA Rep in Haiti.

Indicator 2: *Average USD amount per person earned through the Cash-for-Work (CFW) activities (Target: \$400 USD – changed to \$150 USD to reflect Cluster standards)*

\$812,955.21 was used to pay CFW beneficiaries. On average \$170.47 per person was earned through Cash-for-Work activities. Each beneficiary gets \$150 for 30 days worked. However, Community Monitors who inspect the work carried out by Cash-for-Work beneficiaries receive \$187 for their role. Due to the insecure nature of other areas, some beneficiaries were allowed to work longer than 30 days, hence the higher average of \$170.47.

Indicator 3: *Number and percent of women employed through Cash-for-Work (CFW) activities (Target: 700, 35%)*

1,963 women (41.2%) have been employed through Cash for Work activities. The number of women is higher than originally anticipated because of spreading out benefits of Cash-for-Work to many people as per the recommendation of the Recovery Cluster and approval of the OFDA Rep in Haiti.

**SECTOR: Shelter and Settlements**

Objective: Prevent the negative coping strategy of migrating to camps through the provision of adequate living space and transitional shelter at the original home site.

Dollar amount for this objective \$1,570,846

Number of Beneficiaries Targeted: 10,000 people (2,000 families)

Number of IDP Beneficiaries Targeted: 1,000 people (200 families)

**Sub-sector: Emergency/Transitional Shelter**

Indicator 1: *Number of households receiving Emergency/Transitional shelter, pursuant to Sphere standards and FOG guidelines (Target: 1,000)*

603 households had their houses repaired while 103 other households received emergency/transitional shelters.

Indicator 2: *Percent of total affected population receiving Emergency/Transitional shelter assistance (Target: 41% of affected in the target area)*

3,530 beneficiaries had their houses repaired or received t-shelters.

Indicator 3: *Total USD amount and percent of approved project budget for Emergency/Transitional shelter spent in the affected local economy (Target: \$703,000/75%)*

USD 455,394 (49%) of the approved Emergency/Transitional shelter budget has been spent in the local economy to date.

Indicator 4: *Percent of targeted families still living on their home site 30 days after the end of the program period (Target: 80%)*

To be measured 30 days after the end of program period

**SUMMARY:**

During the time period of February 5, 2010 [Grant Start Date] to September 30, 2010, WCDO provided critical humanitarian assistance to the earthquake disaster-affected populations in Delmas Commune (particularly in Nazon zone) in the Port-au-Prince district. Land ownership, shortage of construction materials, customs clearing and municipal “red tape” presented significant obstacles to transitional shelter and house repairs. Despite the hindrances, WCDO’s ERMS and S&S sectors implemented most of the planned activities and made progress towards achieving project aims and objectives.

Success Story:

Bernato Germeil

January 12, 2010 was just like any other day for Bernato Germeil. He woke up around 6:00 a.m., had breakfast with his wife and two children, and then went out to look for work. At around 4:30 that afternoon, he was on his way back to his house when he ran into an old friend and stopped to talk to him. It was during this conversation that Bernato's life would change forever.

The earthquake lasted only 45 seconds, but in that time Bernato lost his house, all his possessions and his wife of 11 years, Gladys. His 6-year-old son, Berwens, was playing at a friend's house during the earthquake and survived unharmed, while his 18-month-old daughter, Doudline, was miraculously found alive in the arms of her mother, buried in the rubble of their collapsed house. Bernato is now a single parent of two young children. However, he is grateful for what he still has.



*Bernato and Doudline, outside their home provided by WCDO/OFDA*



*Berwens (in yellow t-shirt) with his friends*

Bernato was one of the first to receive a transitional shelter from WCDO. For seven months Bernato and his two children had lived under tattered tarps held up by wood poles on the side of the road near their former home. Receiving a transitional shelter has given him the strength to keep going. "I live my life for my kids now. I must move on for them," he said. When asked what he thought of the shelter, he said, "Thank you for giving me a home to raise my family in. This house is the first thing I've been given since the earthquake, and after so much has been taken, it's nice to receive." For hundreds of victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, moving from a tent into a home brings the first sense of stability they've experienced since January.