



## **HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

# **SITUATION REPORT #6**

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### **I. SUMMARY**

- 190,518 households still living in camps
- Ministry of Public Works has found 52% of assessed buildings in need of full or partial repair
- ELCA has provided \$2 million to first six-month relief efforts
- ELCA has mobilized over \$11.5 million
- Visit [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster) for more information

### **II. SITUATION**

*Country situation overview based on OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin 7 & 8, and information reported by ACT Alliance member organizations*

Six months after the earthquake, the Government of Haiti has officially reported that over 2 million people were affected by this disaster that has left 1.5 million people displaced and 188,383 houses destroyed or partially damaged. The Ministry of Public Works has assessed a total of 194,728 buildings for structural damage and found 52% of all buildings needing full or partial repair. The International Organization for Migration is reporting that 190,518 households are currently living in the 373 officially registered camps in the affected areas. Many of these camps are highly vulnerable to storms and flooding. The UN Shelter Cluster has reported that only 6,868 transitional shelters have been constructed; that is only enough to care for approximately 34,000 individuals.

The Haitian Interim Reconstruction Commission, jointly chaired by former US President Bill Clinton and Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive, met for the first time on June 17 in Port-au-Prince. The aim of the Commission is to ensure coordinated, effective planning and implementation of Haiti's recovery and reconstruction efforts following the 12 January earthquake. The Commission will function for an 18 month period. A steering committee is currently being formed for NGO representation at the Commission.

The Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) report, published on 12 July, outlines critical lessons learned from the first six months of the humanitarian operation in Haiti. Key lessons include:

- The need to better understand and proactively work with actors not within the humanitarian context such as government, civil society, private sector and beneficiaries.
- The need to identify how the humanitarian community should adapt to urban contexts
- Ensuring a better understanding of vulnerability and what this means for humanitarian assistance strategies.

A special session of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Special Session on Haiti met on 13 July to discuss the coordination of humanitarian assistance and the role of the UN in the reconstruction of Haiti. Deputy Special Representative to the Secretary General Nigel Fisher as well as Leslie Voltaire, the Haitian Government's Special Envoy to the United Nations. Voltaire highlighted several challenges: a lack of public participation in drafting reconstruction plans, a lack of communication by the government and the fact that "we have still not moved into the recovery phase." In the next six months, Voltaire said that government recovery assistance would focus on infrastructure such as roads, schools and hospitals.

**Shelter:** In face of the current hurricane season, officials are examining the possibility of building large warehouse-type emergency shelters on camp sites as well as in severely affected communities where most school buildings previously used as emergency shelters were destroyed. Early warning and contingency planning is led by the Department of Civil Protection within the Government of Haiti. Four logistics hubs are being established around the country, with prepositioning of 2 million emergency rations by WFP, and emergency shelter and NFI by the Shelter Cluster. Additionally, supplies for the construction of an additional 16,100 temporary shelters are in country.

**Medical:** The Ministry of Health is urging mobile health clinics to work in collaboration with existing healthcare facilities to ensure appropriate transition of health services from emergency to sustained care. The Ministry has established a system to provide free health services to children under 5, pregnant mothers and referred patients from mobile clinics at 27 health facilities countrywide for the next few months. Training is also underway to promote quality assurance and adherence to a new national malaria rapid diagnostic test policy which standardizes diagnostic procedures in Haiti.

**Water and Sanitation:** Several agencies are going to stop or are stopping water trucking activities, due to costs and shifting priorities. Alternative options are being sought because discontinuing water trucking in most areas would be premature. The UN has formed a working group that is collecting data to begin to develop and assess a more long term plan on water network development.

**Education:** Of the 1,657 educational centers (including schools, technical colleges, universities) assessed by the Ministry of Public Works 24% were assessed as "red" requiring full demolition, and 33% "yellow" requiring repair. According to the latest figures, displaced individuals vacating school premises have enabled 20 schools to re-open. Eight of these schools are in Port-au-Prince, six in Delmas, five in Carrefour and one in Petionville.

At camps, a decision about the registration of informal schools and the payment of teachers' salaries is still pending with the Ministry of Education. Informal education activities with children registered for primary school vary since there are currently no subsidies to pay teacher salaries for informal education points in camps.

Supported by UNESCO and the Ministry of Education, the first of three planned workshops took place in Jacmel the 7-8 July. The objective of these informational workshops which will also take place in the departments of the West and Nippes, is to inform teachers, parents and school administration what to do to ensure students are able to take their exams for the 2010-2011 school year. *Un livre pour un enfant d'Haiti* (A Book for a Haitian Child) program spearheaded by UNESCO began distribution of books to children in camps. The first shipment of 800 books arrived in Port-au-Prince the week of 6 July.

### III. COORDINATED RESPONSE

The ELCA has supported a multi-national, multi-lateral response to the earthquake that includes the coordination of relief and development agencies through Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, to which the ELCA has been a member since 1995. Two million dollars in support has been provided to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for material aid, Church World Service (CWS) for material aid and distribution on the ground, and to The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Lutheran Church in Haiti (ELH) to respond to the needs of affected individuals and families.

The ELCA has contributed \$950,000 to date, to the LWF emergency assistance project. LWF's response began by identifying new partners in the directly-affected areas and equipping their emergency staff capacity. Propositioning had been planned for the latter part of the year (the hurricane season) but LWF warehousing capacity also needed to be enhanced. The fact that most of the existing staff was also heavily affected, meant that measures were needed to attend to its own staff.

The overarching goal of LWF's Haiti earthquake relief efforts is to: "Enhance the living conditions of the most vulnerable groups impacted by the earthquake (through access to basic necessities of life and the fulfillment of basic rights in rural and urban areas.)" Work toward this goal has been implemented in the following sectors of response: shelter, food and non-food item (NFI) distribution, water, education, psycho-social care and the restoration of livelihoods through cash-for-work and agriculture programs.

LWF has been providing relief and coordination to people living in the camps of St. Therese and Narette in Petion Ville. LWF has provided basic services in the two camps as well as the provision of NFI's. Through the support and training of camp committees, LWF has been building up a public platform for displaced persons to work with authorities and agencies to find durable solutions for (re)settlement. The combined population of these camps is approximately 1,600 families.

The communes of Gressier, Leogane, Grand Goave and Petit Goave have all been hard hit by the earthquake. This area stretches some 35 – 65 kms west from Port-au-Prince. Leogane, being at the epicenter of the earthquake, has registered near-total infrastructure destruction. In this area, distribution of shelter materials and NFIs has taken place in collaboration with local partners. At the same time rural communities, faced with an influx of displaced people, have been assisted with seed in time for the main agricultural season.

The areas of Thiotte and Foret des Pins and Macaya have not seen much physical destruction due to the earthquake. However, many families from Port-au-Prince with nowhere else to go have fled to the rural areas, seeking shelter with families and acquaintances. This situation puts pressure on the local economy and food reserves. LWF has ongoing development work in these areas and has been assisting families with loved ones returning from directly-affected areas.

Summary of LWF Activities to Date:

Location	Beneficiary target	Beneficiaries reached	Continuing Activities
Petion Ville	2,100 families i.e. 10,500 people	100 families received tents  10,500 people received various NFIs, water and sanitation programs  112 persons in cash-for-work (CfW), training in camp management, targeted food distributions, emergency shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing activities in camp coordination, WASH and advocacy</li> </ul>
Gressier, Leogane, Grand Goave, Petit Goave	8,200 families i.e. 41,000 people	41,000 people with NFIs 16,150 persons in livelihood programs (3,200 families provided seeds for planting + 150 persons in CfW)  2, 250 children have access to education  1,350 persons (270 families) with emergency shelter  158 teachers in psychosocial training  110 youth in psychosocial training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transitional shelter activities to start from June.</li> <li>CfW activities continue</li> <li>Education activities ongoing. New target is for 30 schools instead of 19.</li> </ul>
Thiotte, Macaya	1,200 families i.e. 6,000 persons	6,000 persons (1,200 families) with NFIs  5,058 persons in livelihood activities (900 families provided seeds + 568 persons CfW)	
Vaudreuil	200	250 persons with CfW	

Additionally, LWF participated in psycho-social care for LWF staff and the staff of other ACT Alliance partners. LWF is currently preparing a long-term response strategy, linking the disaster response efforts to date with the ongoing sustainable development activities of regular programming.

The ELCA has contributed \$541,493, to the ELH's planned response to families who have sought refuge on several of the church's twelve locations. The LCH objective is to ensure access to shelter, food, water, sanitation and basic NFI's needed for daily living, safety and security. This strategy gives priority to community enhancement while addressing human need in the communities in which the church is present. The church's response covers the areas of Carrefour, Petit Goave, Fonds des Negres, Cayes, Jacmel, Pain de Sucre, Jean Rabel, Miragoane and Port-au-Prince.

The primary activities of ELH have been in the area of food distribution. As planned, 6,000 people (i.e. 1,200 families @ 5 per family) were targeted for food distribution. Households received provisions of rice, beans, spaghetti, and cooking oil (except in the case of Jean Rabel where corn and soy were provided in place of spaghetti.)

The following table summaries the distribution to date:

	# Families	Rice (kgs)	Beans (kgs)	Spaghetti (kgs)	Corn/Soy (kgs)	Oil (kgs)
Port-au-Prince	200	5000	1000	1580	0	240
Jean Rabel	200	4250	250	0	2000	174
Petit Goave	204	5100	2550	1715	0	234
Fonds des Negres	300	7500	0	2520	0	300
Miragoane	85	2125	0	546	0	90
Pain de Sucre	60	1500	0	0	0	60
Carrefour	336	8400	0	0	0	336
Jacmel	200	5000	0	1680	0	204
Cayes	100	2500	1150	840	0	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>1685</b>	<b>41,375</b>	<b>4950</b>	<b>8881</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1740</b>

Additional activities of ELH have been completed in the areas of water provision and shelter. Water distribution was focused in the area of Carrefour where 3,200 gallons of water have been provided weekly for twelve weeks to approximately 2,000 families. ELH erected portable water tanks in Carrefour for storage and safe access of the water supply. To respond to related sanitation needs of Carrefour, ELH constructed four community latrines. Two large shelters were erected in Carrefour to provide housing for sixty displaced individuals in the community.

ELH has officially established an operational base for ongoing activities. The ELCA and Florida-Bahamas Synod have been working with ELH to prepare a long-term action plan that will respond to education, health and livelihood needs. The ELCA has seconded a disaster response coordinator to ELH to provide technical support to the future phases of operations. A long-term response strategy is forthcoming.

As previously reported on, the ELCA has also contributed to the distribution of material aid through LWR and CWS.

The ELCA has contributed \$300,000 to CWS, which provided air shipping of four shipments of material aid with a total commodity value of \$727,452. This included:

- 60 IMA medicine boxes (that each are sufficient for 1,000 persons for a month)
- CWS Hygiene and Baby Kits
- CWS Blankets
- Family Tents
- Water
- Flashlights and Batteries
- Fortified Food Packages (one package serves 6 persons. Blend of rice, crushed soy, dehydrated vegetables, vegetarian chicken flavoring, and 21 vitamins/minerals). These food packages meet the WHO food standards for vitamins/nutrients and exceed SPHERE standards for food distribution and nutrition.

Additionally, contributions made to CWS have responded to the transportation of personnel and materials requested of the ACT Alliance and member organizations. Resources to CWS provided logistical base and support in order to respond to humanitarian needs on the ground, transport goods from Santo Domingo to Jimani and Port-au-Prince four times weekly, and the storage of life-saving material aid arriving in Santo Domingo awaiting transportation into Haiti. CWS also has had a focused response to people living with disabilities. Cash and psycho-social care has been provided through emotional recovery events. They will receive further counseling and psycho-social support through ongoing response efforts.

LWR received a contribution of \$150,000 for the immediate mobilization of material resources. Reports indicate that this contribution leveraged \$600,000 of material resources.

- More than 14,000 quilts and 13,000 health kits were sent to LWF and CWS
- 12,000 tarps were purchased for future shipments to LWF and CWS

Domestically, the ELCA contributed to the work of three domestic partners: Lutheran Services Florida, Lutheran Services Georgia, and Lutheran Medical Center York. A total of \$55,000 was provided to these three partners for assistance to refugees and medical evacuees seeking aid in the territory of the US. Crisis counseling, cash assistance and housing placement were primary activities.

The ELCA is currently revising the Haiti Earthquake Strategy to take into account the situation at this six-month mark. A long-term approach is being planned that will respond to the restoration of livelihoods and the instilling of hope to Haitian nationals with whom the ELCA and its companions closely work.

## IV. FUNDRAISING

All over the country, congregations have encouraged giving to this vital work. As of June 30th, the ELCA has received over \$11.5 million in gifts to support efforts of relief and assistance in response to the Haiti Earthquake from individuals, congregations, synods and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Thanks to the ongoing faithful giving of Lutherans for mission and world hunger, the ELCA pledges that 100% of gifts for Haiti Earthquake Disaster Response will be spent for this disaster.

In addition to the immediate relief carried out so far, the ELCA is planning its longer term response to the earthquake based on the level of gifts received so far and in the next few weeks. Donors are asked to make additional gifts now so that the church might continue its extended response

Contributions can be made to ELCA Haiti Relief by:

- Check or money orders sent to:  
ELCA Disaster Response  
39330 Treasury Center  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300  
write "Haiti Earthquake Relief"  
on your check's memo line.
- Credit card by phone to: 800-638-3522 or online at [www.elca.org/haitiearthquake](http://www.elca.org/haitiearthquake)

## V. COMMUNICATION

An official Haiti video update is in production and can be viewed online at [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster) in the coming weeks. Continued communication of thanks regarding Haiti contributions have continued through social networking tools such as Facebook.

The ELCA Disaster Response blog about how the ELCA and our companions are responding to the Haiti 2010 Earthquake is live. The blog, hosted on [elca.org](http://elca.org), will feature contributions from a wide range of contributors bringing light to the situation in Haiti, stateside and here at the ELCA. The blog can be found at: <http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/haiti>

Recognizing many close connections between ELCA congregations and individuals with Haiti, ELCA Global Mission has been in contact with a number of these contributors to provide and receive emerging news from and to Haiti. Other congregations and individuals with connections in Haiti are encouraged to email Mary Campbell in Global Mission with news they are receiving from their companions.

### Websites:

- For more information on ELCA Disaster Response: [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster)
- For more information on ACT Alliance: [www.actalliance.org](http://www.actalliance.org)
- For more information on international aid: [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)

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