Haiti: Aid and Development

Sigrid Bergenstein
UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA):
Situation Report 11 Mar

- 4.3 mill have received food assistance
- 1.2 mill receiving water
- 300,000 children & adults vaccinated
- 56% of 1.3 mill in need have received emergency shelter material
- Prep work started on 2 sites for relocation of displaced persons
- Santo 17 open Mar 13 for 1400 people
- > 50% of earthquake affected people need food help; 70% of those in settlements
Priorities Identified

- Emergency shelter and sanitation
- 33% of target 12,000+ latrines for March have been installed. 21,000 more needed.
- Agriculture support: seeds, fertilizer, tools needed for planting season but support for this sector remains low. Due to influx of displaced persons, farmers at risk of using seed stock for food
- Education: Most schools damages/destroyed. For most part, most children still out of school.

Health Needs

- Only 8 hospitals and clinics standing in Port-au-Prince
- Acute phase of aid is ending - long term challenges remain
- WHO charged with coordinating 160 organizations on the ground
- Even most basic tasks present challenges
- Red Cross building to damaged to enter - no refrigerator to store measles vaccine

Adams, 2010
Relief Effort: How Much, How Spent?

- As of 14 March: $2.3 billion USD contributed and intended.
- Only small amount spent in Haiti. In most relief efforts, 5% of aid spent on local products. Imported goods (like US rice) can actually damage local economy (Luhnow, 2010; Seabrook, 2007, p.72).
- Most money has gone to NGO and agencies who compete for $ and influence. US Gov’t does not give to Haitian government.

http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/03/09/v-fullstory/1521511/groups-jockey-for-role-in-haiti.html
Problems with UN Effort

- John Holmes, top relief coordinator in confidential email, Feb 10, critical of effort for inadequate planning, strategy (Lynch, 2010)
- Refugees International report (3/2):
  - UN/US need to connect with strong network of Haitian community-based groups and established NGOs
  - Local groups have so far has little access to planning talks
  - Getting help to displaces people in the country is priority to prevent return to Port-au-Prince where 75% of buildings destroyed
  - Quake is opportunity to correct imbalance in development; reconstruction/investment needed in whole country
A few effective agencies to consider

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Employment Opportunities

Reflections from Haiti
Watch PIH co-founder Paul Farmer’s keynote address from the GlobeMed Global Health Summit. Watch
Partners in Health - Zanmi Lasante

- Working in Haiti 20+ years
- Community based model
- Provides comprehensive primary care to 250,000 people
- Partners with NGOs and Haiti health ministry
- Initiatives: Women’s health, social/ec rights, HIV, TB and much more
VIDEO

Haiti: MSF Projects Two Months After the Earthquake

MARCH 12, 2010

View larger map. Information provided by the MSF Activity Report 2008.
Doctors Without Borders

- In 2008 a field staff of 800 +
- Ongoing concerns: Violence, Healthcare exclusion
- Since quake treated 7000+ patients, 1000 surgeries in 17 sites
- Post - Quake, new phase:
  - Post -surgical care, infections
  - Rehab and PT
  - Mental health
IRC - International Rescue Committee

- A “first responder” agency
- Refugee relocation
- In Port-au-Prince:
  - Emergency health
  - Shelter
  - Children’s welfare and education
  - Aid and security for women and girls
  - Cash-for-work - assure women’s access
  - A+ charitywatch.org rating
Haiti's Recovery:
Next Steps

Mercy Corps is helping Haitian families begin to recover from the earthquake through cash-for-work and psychosocial programs.

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Earthquake in Haiti
Mercy Corps

- 30 year history of international aid
- Permanent staff of 3700 professionals from engineers to community organizers
- Partnering with Haitian community groups for
  - Recovery and rebuilding
  - Cash for work programs
  - “Comfort for kids”
  - Invest in small and medium size businesses
  - Job skills training
  - Women’s empowerment
  - Country director is married to Haitian and has deep understanding of the culture, politics, and economic problems
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- Up and running in days after quake - making credit available and giving grants
- Quickly brought $2 million cash from US
- Targets needs of poor women
- Literacy and health education

http://www.newsweek.com/id/233334
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- Water and sanitation
- Earthquake relief
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