

Operations update



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Haiti: Earthquake

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Appeal target (current): 218.4 million Swiss francs (203,478,000 US dollars/148,989,000 euro) in cash, in kind, or services is solicited to support the Haitian Red Cross Society (HRCS)/International Federation to provide basic non-food items and emergency/transitional shelter to 80,000 beneficiary families and provide emergency health care, fulfilment of basic needs in water and sanitation and livelihood support for vulnerable populations in the earthquake-affected region. Of the 218.4 million Swiss francs sought, the International Federation solicits 2.07 million Swiss francs to support its inter-agency coordination of the Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster.

The donor response report shows current coverage of 93 % of the Appeal target.

The coverage of the budget for inter-agency coordination of the Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster currently stands at 79%

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Summary: The reporting period saw important activities in the shelter programme in Haiti. During this period, the Federation (IFRC) initiated the construction of the first transitional shelters in “Annexe de la Mairie” in the Port-au-Prince area. Furthermore, to respond to the Haitian government’s request to the Haitian Red Cross Society, the IFRC will set up transitional shelters in the “La Piste” site in Port-au-Prince and the Canadian Red Cross will support the project. Security assessments and preparatory work for settlement planning have already started. Also in response to the Haitian government’s request to the Haitian Red Cross Society, the Spanish Red Cross will construct 540 transitional shelters in Fort National, a neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince. The Netherlands Red Cross plans to build 205 transitional shelters in Petit Goave. To respond to gaps in Emergency Shelter support (source Shelter Cluster), the Federation’s Plan of Action is looking to extend distribution of emergency materials, targeting 50,000 additional families. The main focus will be in Carrefour, however, security assessments will take place to ensure feasibility. In addition, to respond to the limited lifespan of emergency materials distributed to date, the Federation seeks to replace emergency materials for 80,000 families.

The 9th Operational Coordination Committee meeting was held at the Port-au-Prince base camp with more than 50 delegates and guests attending. The Canadian Red Cross, French Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross Societies presented their shelter programming approach with a special focus on the land issue. In addition, the



A girl receives a welcome hug from a Red Cross volunteer. Volunteers have played a vital role in providing much-needed psychosocial support after the earthquake left thousands of traumatized children. Source: IFRC

Movement Coordination Team invited UN Habitat representatives to present their strategy and work related to this topic.

The situation

Momentum is gathering as the Movement completes more transitional shelters in earthquake affected areas. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has started to build the first of the planned transitional shelters in Annexe de la Mairie, one of the poorest districts in Port-au Prince and construction is due to start of 800 transitional shelters in La Piste where 50,000 people are currently living. The Spanish and Canadian Red Cross Societies are continuing to scale up construction in Leogane and Jacmel. Six months after the earthquake, with the majority of sanitation services provided by international aid agencies, the IFRC is calling on the international community to recognize sanitation as a priority.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Movement Recovery Strategy is currently being finalized; the document is intended to steer Red Cross/Red Crescent actors to incorporate ten different elements into their programming. With the arrival of the Programme Coordinator and three new delegates, the Disaster Preparedness/Disaster Risk Reduction team has expanded, further enabling the team to scale up activities and work with the HRCS headquarters and branches on preparing for future seasonal disasters, including those which could potentially occur during the hurricane season.

Progress towards objectives

Relief distributions (basic non-food relief items)
Outcome 1 (Relief phase): The most vulnerable people affected by the earthquake have access to basic non-food items and cash transfers that enable them to resume essential household activities.
Outputs (Relief phase) <i>(Note: Details of activities planned are available in Operations Update 6). Future Operations Updates will present revised activities, based on a detailed Plan of Action which is currently being finalized).</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80,000 families resume essential household activities using non-food relief items: 1 kitchen set, 2 blankets, 1 bucket, 2 jerry cans, 2 mosquito nets and 1 hygiene kit. • 20,000 families are supported in fulfilling the basic care and non-food needs of their children under two years of age with baby kits. • Up to 60,000 families have access to cash that allows them to purchase items to supplement their basic household needs during the emergency phase. <i>The pilot project aims to provide cash grants to up to 2,000 to 15,000 IDP households (10,000 to 75,000 people) **AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, THIS RESULT HAS CHANGED.</i>

Distributions of Emergency Relief Items as of 30 June 2010

	Tarps	Blankets	Hygiene Kit	Jerry Cans	Tents	Mosquito Net	Kitchen Set	Buckets	Sleeping Mats	BABY KIT	Toolkit
Colombian RC	200	1,564	9,746	677	0	0	110	10	1,026		1,552
Danish ERU	35,823	3,478	0	0	2,223	0	0	0	0	0	17,927
Finnish RC	1,226	9,087	2,636	0	1,054	0	2,636	4,507	0	30	0
French RC	11,286	8,896	6,585	11,899	2,023	3,684	1,050	553	4,489	503	70
German RC	0	3,532	2,276	1,556	0	2,996	1,133	2,996	0	0	0
Haiti RC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0		0
IFRC- AmCross/BeNeLux	66,198	94,944	33,718	48,540	61	54,245	27,227	32,979	41,446	12	29
IFRC-BeNeLux	3,504	3,846	1,987	2,920	0	2,033	2,461	2,920	2,920	150	0
IFRC-Canadian RC	11,560	26,814	7,351	14,282	1,990	16,360	5,812	6,698	11,308		0
IFRC-Colombian RC	3,280	3,396	1,698	3,196	0	3,096	50	1,748	0		0
IFRC-DR RC	4,685	5,082	2,496	3,772	0	3,632	1,741	2,992	0		0
IFRC-French/Finn ERU	30,322	44,929	22,946	31,223	0	25,811	18,118	21,079	30,029	0	1,893
IFRC-German RC	2,640	5,209	771	756	0	30	15	2,584	0		0
IFRC-Haitian RC	40,383	16,766	70,241	7,361	1,193	6,568	3,980	7,243	7,517	542	3
IFRC-MEX/COL RC	0	0	5,539	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IFRC-RIT/RDRT- Relief	2,898	19,108	4,865	10,488	295	9,028	3,355	3,770	4,500		0
IFRC-Turkish RC	2,832	500	200	700	0	700	350	1,918	700		0
Spain RC	400	1,600	225	800	0	800	0	800	0		0
Turkish RC	0	650	0	0	177	0	100	600	0		0
Watsan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		103
Danish RC	7,973	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	2,581
IFRC-AmCross	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	233,210	249,401	173,280	138,170	9,041	128,983	68,138	93,697	103,935	1,237	24,158

At present, the IFRC relief team, composed of 5 delegates and 5 regional intervention team members (RITs), continue to train and work with five HRCS relief teams.

Distributions of non-food items (NFIs) and emergency shelter materials in Port-au-Prince and Leogane for the month of June have been completed. Security issues continue to pose a constraint to distributions and increasing incidents of political protests on the way to planned distribution sites, as well as the potential for violence at some of the final distribution sites have prevented some of the scheduled distributions from taking place over the past month. Despite the challenges, the team was able to deliver hygiene kits in La Piste in Port-au-Prince, which from the perspective of security is regarded as one of the more challenging distribution points. While the HRCS and the IFRC make best efforts to stay on schedule, the safety of HRCS and IFRC staff and the beneficiaries are the top priority. Further distributions are planned in July.

From 1 July, a 20 person National Intervention Team (NIT) from the Colombian Red Cross has been deployed to Haiti for four months to support the distribution of relief and shelter items.

CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME

The Cash Transfer pilot project (CTP) is in its 9th week of implementation. To date, 1,941 beneficiaries have received notification of their cash grant and, of these, 1,803 have now received their cash. The focus of the team continues to be on working on a proposal for the future scaled-up CTP project, resolving remaining issues and finalizing the final report on the pilot. The Visionlink database is now ready, and will be implemented during the scale up project.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion
Outcome 1: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of minimum safe water, minimum sanitation and hygiene promotion.
Outputs (Relief phase) <i>(Note: Details of activities planned are available in Operations Update 6. Future Operations Updates will present revised activities, based on a detailed Plan of Action which is currently being finalized).</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150,000 people in Port-au-Prince, Carrefour, Leogane, and Jacmel and Petit Goave have access to safe water.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three health facilities in Port-au-Prince and Leogane have access to safe water.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>80,000 families will receive a 6 months' supply of aqua tablets for water purification.</i>*** THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CANCELLED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 150,000 people in Port-au-Prince and Leogane have improved environmental sanitation through community clean-up committees and healthier hygiene practices.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150,000 to 300,000 people in Port-au-Prince, Leogane and Jacmel have better access to sanitation facilities.

The IFRC water and sanitation team continues to deliver drinking water to 64 spontaneous settlements and camps. Sixteen trucks deliver approximately 1,000m³ per day providing beneficiaries with 7 litres of water per person per day.

Settlements which were formerly serviced with water by the French Red Cross Emergency Response Unit (ERU), and are now managed by the IFRC have been assessed. The infrastructure in these settlements needs to be upgraded and improved. The settlements will require increased storage capacity, more water distribution points and minor repairs. This work is now in process.

Of the 64 settlements, the IFRC will provide 44 with sanitation. These settlements will receive tank latrines and desludging services. The water and sanitation team will require increased logistics support to scale up the current activities and allow it to provide these services. A plan for desludging the existing pit latrines is currently being developed. Factors that have a significant impact on the ability to service the communities include the availability



People collect water from the water tank set up by the Red Cross in a makeshift camp of people left homeless by the devastating 12 January earthquake that struck Haiti. More than 100 Haitian Red Cross Society volunteers are working in health promotion activities in coordination with the Austrian, British and Spanish Red Cross sanitation Emergency Response Units. Source: IFRC

of vehicles and fuel, sufficient numbers of trained delegates, volunteers and national staff, weather conditions and access to the sites. Ongoing rain and increasing saturation of the ground continue to pose additional challenges to the water and sanitation team as the increased levels of rain can flood existing latrines and make it difficult to access sites and/or install new latrines.

Water and sanitation activities are also being linked with transitional shelter activities. A survey of 1,500 households which will receive support through the IFRC's shelter programme has been completed and the data is now being collated and analyzed.

The team is also in the early phases of developing a strategy for supplying

water to the affected population throughout the remainder of the emergency phase and towards the recovery phase. It is envisaged that this strategy will be implemented over a three-year period in cooperation with Haiti's national water and sanitation authority "DINEPA."

There are outstanding needs in relation to human resources; some twenty delegates are needed to carry out planned water and sanitation activities. Today there are only five delegates in country and three who will join the team in the coming weeks, leaving a gap of some 12 delegates.

Emergency Health
Outcome 1: The immediate health risks of the emergency are reduced through the provision of curative and preventive basic health, emergency evacuation services, targeted community-based health education and psychosocial support for the affected population.
Outputs <i>(Note: Details of activities planned are available in Operations Update 6. Future Operations Updates will present revised activities, based on a detailed Plan of Action which is currently being finalized).</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical health, surgical care and physiotherapeutic treatment are ensured in the rapid deployment hospital ERU in Port-au-Prince, referral hospital ERU in Carrefour, and other Movement-supported medical facilities with the capacity to provide essential surgical services for a population of 500,000 people. • Primary health care needs are met by the Basic Health Care ERUs and their respective Mobile Health Clinics with a capacity to provide basic health care to a population of 150,000 people. • Affected communities increase their capacity and skills in epidemic control, community-based first aid and psychological first aid. • The HRCS has improved capacity to provide a more effective and relevant evacuation service of wounded and ill to reduce acute injuries and infections during the emergency phase. • Selected affected groups and communities and Movement personnel and volunteers receiving psychosocial support have improved their resilience and coping mechanisms.

A psychologist from the Icelandic Red Cross was in Port-au-Prince during the reporting period to work with the IFRC and the HRCS on identifying future psychosocial support (PSP) needs which the Finnish, Swedish and Icelandic Red Cross Societies could provide support for in Haiti.

On 11 and 13 June, the French Red Cross, together with the Haitian Red Cross Society, conducted a two-day First-Aid training for street children in Petionville in Port-au-Prince. Twenty teenagers from the streets of Petionville worked with a highly experienced HRCS First Aid instructor in conducting these training sessions. Participants were excited about the training and expressed their interest in learning more. According to one participant: "Knowing lifesaving techniques allows us to help others and help ourselves as well in this jungle called life in the streets."



The French Red Cross, together with the Haitian Red Cross Society, conducted a First-Aid training for street children in Petionville in Port-au-Prince. Source: IFRC

Training participants received a formal certificate, which was the first time they received any form of diploma.

The Finnish Red Cross BHC clinic visited Parc Jean Marie Vincent in La Piste and two teams provided 12 days of primary health care services during the reporting period in which a total of 2,240 patients were seen; there were two referrals as a result of pregnancies with complications. Hygiene promotion sessions were also carried out by the clinic staff in the waiting area; it has been agreed that monitoring sheets relating to the sessions will be used in future. The cumulative total of patients attended to by the Finnish Red Cross BHC clinic as of 18 January is of 23,605 people.

Shelter and community infrastructure
Outcome 1 (Relief phase): Ensure that 80,000 affected families have healthy and safe emergency shelter to help preserve their physical and mental well-being, human dignity and prevent the further deterioration of their humanitarian situation.
Outputs <i>(Note: Details of activities planned are available in Operations Update 6. Future Operations Updates will present revised activities, based on a detailed Plan of Action which is currently being finalized).</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most vulnerable affected families are supported in the recovery of their comprehensive well-being through the distribution of emergency shelter materials to 80,000 families in Port-au-Prince, Carrefour, Leogane and Jacmel. • Collective rubble removal is achieved by local committees using 1,200 clearing kits linked with a cash for work programme in Carrefour, Leogane and Jacmel. • 3,000 host families receive cash vouchers for the purchase of shelter materials to improve the living conditions and promote housing solutions in host families.

In February 2010 during the Montreal Summit, the IFRC and Red Cross/Red Crescent partners committed to constructing 30,000 transitional shelters in Haiti. The Federation is currently committed to constructing up to 12,000 of the total number of shelters with multilateral funding and depending on donor contributions. However, these numbers will continually be revised as Partner National Societies review and finalize their commitments in relation to transitional shelter construction. It is to be noted that water and sanitation facilities will be included with all shelters provided by the Federation.

To help provide some additional protection from the rains and hurricane season, the IFRC will begin a second distribution of tarpaulins, rope and timber to beneficiaries who have already received shelter items, as well as to households that are yet to receive any emergency shelter items from the IFRC or other agency.

The IFRC is currently supporting 802 families with options for transitional shelter. These families were living in an overcrowded spontaneous settlement formed in Annexe de la Mairie, close to Cité de Soleil. The first step in helping these families was to decongest the site, which at one point held over one thousand families, as the site is only able to accommodate 500 transitional shelters. Following an assessment carried out by the HRCS, 302 families were selected to receive shelter materials and tools, which would facilitate their return to their site of origin. These families received 2 tarpaulins, 4 corrugated iron (CGI) sheets, 4 timber poles, and a shelter toolkit. Many families moved of their own accord, while the remaining 500 vulnerable families who have nowhere to go, and no other means of obtaining a shelter, will receive this from the IFRC.

Use of Annexe de la Mairie has been granted by the local authorities under a transitional arrangement, and the beneficiaries will be able to remain there for at least 18 months. Transitional shelters are planned for an additional 378 families in a second nearby site, once the land is made available. The plan is to begin building during the first week of July. Prior to construction, the site has to be prepared and cleared. The beneficiaries are being given clearing kits and will be instructed as to what to do by volunteers. Beneficiaries will be responsible for small scale site clearing activities around their own shelters, while waste bins will be placed on the site to collect household waste.

Clear communications with beneficiaries are very important. To this end, as part of the preparation for the building of shelters, the IFRC has made it clear to the community that it will build shelters in two areas. A community message board has been erected to share information about planned shelter activities, and encourage the community to take ownership of the site, and understand their role in maintaining the area.

Procurement of 3,750 timber framed transitional shelters of 18m² has been completed; however, sites for all of these shelters have not been identified. Additionally 220 transitional shelter kits (12 m²) have already been delivered to the Canadian Red Cross in Jacmel and Leogane. At the request of the HRCS, the IFRC will also build transitional shelters in La Piste, and security assessments and preparatory work for settlement planning have already started.

The Spanish Red Cross will construct 540 transitional shelters in Fort National, a neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince, whilst the Netherlands Red Cross, with ECHO-funding, will construct 205 transitional shelters and 100 permanent latrines in Petit Goave. At the moment around 80 shelters are under construction and almost all latrines are ready. The first 50 latrines will be handed over to the beneficiaries during a small ceremony organized by HRCS.

A local organization (ACAP) based in St Marc contacted the IFRC about homeless families from Port-au-Prince who were being housed in the organization's offices. The families were poor, female headed households with many children. The families do not have the means to purchase food, or cover the costs for education, or basic daily provisions. As the municipality was unable to assist the organization with finding housing solutions for the displaced families, ACAP and the IFRC sought out a private landowner willing to accommodate these families and the construction of transitional shelters. Land has been identified outside of Saint Marc, in the village of Périssé (5 km from St Marc), and 14 families (87 persons) will receive 14 shelters. On Monday 14 June 2010, members of the IFRC shelter, logistics and water and sanitation team visited St. Marc for a technical inspection. Site preparation and construction was scheduled to begin during the first week of July.

In urban areas, HRCS/IFRC shelter needs assessments are a two-step process. Families are first registered and met with in the settlements to determine if some families are able to return to their previous properties. The second step is to visit these families at the site of their former homes, and assess the situation in their neighbourhood to ascertain what sort of assistance is needed by the affected families who are still living there. By way of example, one of the residents of the temporary settlements is a teacher who owns a small piece of land on which he had a commercial building that collapsed during the earthquake, together with his own house which, while still standing, has not yet been assessed by the authorities as to whether it is fit to live in. Over the past few months since the earthquake, nine families have set up makeshift shelters on this land, including the landowner who is not secure about living in his house. The IFRC is now in negotiations with this landowner to build transitional shelters for the families who have settled there over the past six months and allow the families to stay for up to two years.

The Movement Coordination Team received 100 copies of the Reference CD "*Hébergement d'urgence en Haiti*", funded by the IFRC-convened Shelter Cluster, and prepared in collaboration with the French Red Cross and Haitian Red Cross Society. This first version, in French and Haitian Creole, contains: pedagogical tools for various types of trainings; technical sheets and posters for dissemination during shelter awareness campaigns; floor plans of a transitional shelter; and project information for host families. The CD also contains an extensive bibliography as well as a listing of relevant websites.

Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction
Outcome 1: The capacity of the HRCS to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters has progressively improved.
Outcome 2: The preparedness of communities has been progressively strengthened through risk reduction.
Outputs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparedness of the National Society is enhanced through the use of contingency planning, reinforcement of logistics, IT/Telecom and the establishment of a disaster management operations centre. • Risk is reduced by improving the level of preparedness for disasters amongst vulnerable people living in high-risk communities and makeshift camps.

The Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (DP/DRR) is intended to benefit some 425,000 people over a period of two years. Activities conducted during the first six months have been part of the "surge project," and are intended to address needs arising from the 2010 hurricane season, the rainy season and in relation to potential civil disorder, as well as to address preparedness for disasters in the earthquake-affected areas in the medium-term.

Although the initial phase of the project emphasizes preparedness for the forthcoming rainy and hurricane seasons, the project vision over the medium term is to consolidate the HRCS disaster risk management technical base and interventions at national, regional and local levels.

Prior to the operation, the HRCS was involved in a number of disaster risk reduction programmes with the support of the IFRC including the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) and PNSs including the American, Canadian, French, German and Spanish Red Cross Societies.

Given the existing knowledge base, coordination now focuses on creating a platform for information sharing, and harmonization of tools and methodologies used within the communities.

The Movement coordination meeting, which followed a workshop in June, presented an opportunity for all of the actors in the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement to function within a formalized Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction platform with the aim of ensuring that areas of the country outside of the earthquake-affected regions are also well prepared to address emergencies.



Contingency Planning workshop with regional branches and PNS in Port-au-Prince.

Regular contact with Haiti's "Secretariat Permanent Gestion des Risques et Désastres" (SPGRD) and the Civil Protection (Direction de Protection Civil) at national, departmental, municipal and local levels, has improved relations and coordination with the government and external actors. The National Society has been coordinating with the government and attending inter-agency meetings to agree on its role. As a result, the HRCS disaster preparedness contingency plan is integrated into the country's global plan in order to avoid any overlap or unnecessary competition with other actors.

The IFRC is supporting the HRCS in reinforcing the capacities of ten regional branches, of a total of 13. These ten regions were identified following a needs assessment and were selected as they are exposed to tropical cyclones.

A workshop and a training was organized in Port Salut for 33 members of the Haitian Red Cross Society, three PNS representatives from the American Red Cross Cross, Canadian Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross Societies involved in DP/RR activities and one ICRC representative; this training focused on contingency planning tools developed by the IFRC.

Furthermore, a plan of action to establish a Disaster Management Operations Centre has been drafted and a site for a logistics base has been identified in Hinche where renovation and construction are in progress. Support to the National Society to reinforce its Disaster Preparedness network in rural areas is being provided and logistics assessments are taking place in ten regional branches in order to provide support for renovation of infrastructure and renewal of equipment. Communications equipment including computers, radio base kits and radio handsets is being procured in order to equip ten regional branches, and reinforce their coordination with the headquarters. IT training was organized in June for all 13 regional branches in the country (2 persons from each) in order to manage equipment and reinforce the communications base network in terms of an early warning and response system.

Assessment and identification of the most vulnerable settlements with regard to multi hazard risk in Port-au-Prince is taking place in collaboration with external actors, including OCHA. Identification of collective safer shelter structures is taking place at community level through a list received from the Civil Protection and the IOM. There is a focus on improvement of drainage, as well as cleaning, rubbish collection and bettering sanitary conditions in the IDP settlements in coordination with the water and sanitation and shelter teams. This is taking place in conjunction with a preliminary mapping of settlements where the Red Cross/Red Crescent is currently

operating and coordination is ensured with the PNSs to define plans of action and areas of intervention and to standardize tools and methodologies for community-based interventions. Several trainers identified at community level are participating in basic skills enhancement with an emphasis on search and rescue, first aid and Vulnerability & Capacity Assessment.

Furthermore, an overall analysis is taking place and a portfolio of materials is being collected relating to previous projects developed by the National Society, the PNSs and others. Adaptation of existing volunteer and community training materials, modules and methodologies from the IFRC's Centre of Reference in Community Based Disaster Preparedness is taking place.

Production of appropriate context-specific materials for use in Haiti are in process, and a full time monitoring of the Caribbean islands weather and meteorological forecasting system is in place.

Strengthening of HRCS capacities

Outcome 1 (Relief phase): HRCS volunteer management in emergencies is improved.	
Output	Activities planned
The HRCS has reinforced its body of active, trained volunteers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure management of new volunteers and incorporate them in the relief operation. • Develop or revise job descriptions for current volunteers. • Ensure coverage of a core group of volunteers by the accident insurance scheme. • Increase the capacity of the National Society to respond to emergencies, through strengthening of volunteer networks

The HRCS plays a central role in the planning and implementation of all activities. All HRCS staff and volunteers are developing their abilities and expertise through the daily tasks required to carry out the operation.

IT/Telecom

Outcome 1: A well functioning and reliable communications system has been established to ensure effective communication and security for all Movement partners for the immediate response to the disaster.
Outputs <i>(Note: Details of activities planned are available in Operations Update 6).</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shared ICRC / HRCS VHF network is covering the operational areas. • Radio contact is possible from branches to communicate operational updates. • Data communication and office facilities are available for the operation.

The IT/Telecom actions are fundamental contributions to the well-functioning and safe relief distributions currently underway. The IT/Telecom team supports clear communication and contributes to safety in all aspects of this operation via computer support services and radio. On a daily basis, radios contribute to the safety of volunteers and staff who are able to remain in constant communication when travelling to project sites and while working in remote areas. They also allow for safer transportation throughout the country where communications remain open in the event that there is an emergency on the road. Hundreds of national and international staff have benefited from access to the internet provided by the IT/telecoms team under very challenging circumstances.

A training programme was organized for the Haitian Red Cross staff as a result of which 30 staff members were trained by the IT Telecom department in coordination with the Danish Red Cross. Weekly training sessions for radio room staff are also organized by the IT/ Telecom team.

Logistics

Outcome 1 (Relief phase): To effectively manage the supply chain from arrival of relief items and ERUs, including clearance, storage and forwarding to distribution.
Outputs <i>(Note: Details of activities planned are available in Operations Update 6).</i>
All programmes receive professional logistics support and goods are received for distribution as planned.

Key Statistics:

Arrivals in the Country since 12 January 2010:	To Date Total
Total air consignments received	198
Sea consignments received	427
Total tonnage of consignments received (air and sea)	12,631

Arrivals during the Reporting Period:	Period
Air consignments received in Haiti	2
Sea consignments received in Haiti (containers and break bulk)	2
Road consignments received in Haiti from Dominican Republic	1
Estimated tonnage received from air, sea and road consignments in Haiti	1,400
Trucks dispatched	27
Estimated tonnage dispatched	130

The following items are in the pipeline and will soon arrive in Haiti for use in the programmes.

Buckets	3,024
Generators	1
Hygiene Kits	32,536
Tarpaulins	61,005
Shelter Tool Kits	45,000
Kitchen Sets	15,700
Mosquito Nets	30,000

With regard to arrivals and customs clearing of air shipments, during the reporting period, 2 consignments were received by aircraft, 5 were customs cleared and 10 remain outstanding. With respect to shipments by sea, 2 consignments of 8 containers were received by sea, none were cleared during the reporting period and there are 15 consignments outstanding. Two Norwegian Red Cross landcruisers and 2 buses are at the port terminal awaiting customs clearance.

As for road shipments, 25 light vehicles remain in Santo Domingo awaiting customs clearance to enter Haiti and 1 road shipment comprising 2 trucks was received from the border crossing at Jimani.

With the reintroduction of customs clearance procedures in Haiti, the logistics department has faced significant delays, and this situation could have an impact on the progress of the operation.

The following measures are being taken to improve the time it takes to clear consignments through customs:

- Studying the customs process to identify the problems in the customs clearance in order to identify the blockages and try to introduce necessary measures to avoid problems occurring.
- Requesting the documents needed for customs clearance: bill of lading, gift certificates, packing list, airway bill or waybill from the donors and suppliers two weeks prior to the goods' expected arrival in Port au Prince
- Increasing human resources in order to better face this situation
- Tracking consignments to include PNS shipments in order to avoid duplication and delay.

Fleet and Transport

IFRC trucks that received their license plates are ready to begin transporting cargo effective 1 July. It is therefore planned to cut back on the commercially rented trucks. Training of drivers continues on a weekly basis. The IFRC fleet management trained drivers from the American Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross Societies in addition to drivers recruited by the Federation.

Warehousing:

The LOGIC system was amended to report the in-country stock by programme: relief, shelter, water and sanitation, health, disaster preparedness/disaster risk reduction. 8 containers were received in Barbencourt warehouse containing 13,608 tarpaulins, 30,382 buckets, 15,000 mosquito nets, 20,000 rice bags and 53 rope rolls. The balance of food items stored in the Batimat warehouse was dispatched to Jacmel Orphanage.

Security

The Haiti security unit is in the process of recruiting security staff as it prepares to transition from employing a local company; the Security Unit will conduct a two day training for all newly-hired staff.

The security unit conducted an assessment in la Piste in order to provide a report to the operations team before the designing of the transitional shelter programme in La Piste.

The security unit has held lengthy discussions with the Haitian Red Cross Society in order to develop an evacuation plan in case of an earthquake or other serious incidents.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The focus remains on highlighting operational work, the contributions made by HRCS volunteers and the impact of Red Cross Red Crescent activities on the lives of Haitians affected by the earthquake. Case studies are currently being compiled focusing in on the Japanese Red Cross Society's health clinic and on water and sanitation activities. The Haiti team continues to provide daily updates to field personnel of relevant news items in the national press.

A number of materials have been produced and shared through the Media Service Updates presenting information on the situation and the progress of the operation, six months after the occurrence of the earthquake. The special advocacy report "Haiti: From Sustaining Lives to Sustainable Solutions: the challenge of sanitation", emphasizes the need for concerted efforts on behalf of the aid community to seek long-term sanitation solutions. Other materials include: a press release, an opinion piece and questions and answers, facts and figures for 6 months, video footage, web stories, five volunteer profiles, new photos from the operation, and a shelter graphic prepared by the Shelter Cluster which provides an overview of the shelter operation in Haiti.

The HRCS and the IFRC agreed to air the first Red Cross Radio Haiti show during the week beginning 12 July. This show will commemorate the 6-month anniversary of the earthquake and will include interviews with senior HRCS and IFRC staff, beneficiaries and HRCS volunteers.

Coordination and Partnerships

ICRC Response

The ICRC continues to search for the families of children separated during the earthquake, while continuing its traditional activities, such as visiting detainees, renovating drinking water infrastructure in Cité Soleil and supporting victims of violence. The ICRC Movement Coordinator participates in all Movement coordination meetings and most of the technical meetings in order to share information on the activities with the IFRC and PNSs and to provide assistance as the need arises.

Movement Coordination

To date, Movement Coordination has received 51 concept papers from 16 National Societies present in the country. These concept papers cover the areas of shelter, health, DP, DRR, water and sanitation, relief and livelihoods. Meetings have taken place with the sectors for shelter, water and sanitation, health and organizational development with the participation of interested PNSs, the ICRC and the HRCS. Geographical meetings in Jacmel and Leogane were attended by the IFRC, the ICRC, the HRCS and the Austrian, Canadian, German, Netherlands, Norwegian and Spanish Red Cross Societies where issues such as land ownership and water and sanitation, as well as internal subjects such as salary scales, HR recruitment and legal issues were discussed.

The Movement Coordination Team produced and circulated a memo concerning land tenure, which combines the information provided by UN Habitat and the verbatim report of the Technical Working Group meeting about land tenure held on 28 June.

Emergency Shelter and NFI Cluster

The International Federation is convening the Shelter/NFI Cluster as of 10 February. The Shelter/NFI Cluster is made up of 110 members, of which around 50 participate actively. These members include NGOs, the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, UN agencies, donors and the IOM. Shelter Cluster agencies have completed 3,264 transitional shelters as of 25 June. Even though 12,175 transitional shelters are now in the country, shelter cluster agencies continue to have difficulties in finding land on which they can build, either because land ownership is unclear or because land is blocked by debris. This continues to be the biggest obstacle to building more transitional shelters. In Sud Est, Shelter Cluster agencies are facing additional difficulties now that rains occur more frequently. Many rivers become impassable every time it rains and remote mountainous locations can often only be reached on foot or by helicopter. This makes the transportation of building materials extremely challenging.

In total, Shelter Cluster agencies are planning to build 125,000 transitional shelters by the summer of 2011. While the focus of the Shelter Cluster is on ensuring that as many people as possible are able to leave emergency shelters (i.e. tents and tarpaulins) and move into more secure transitional shelters, there is an urgent need to replace emergency shelter materials that have reached the end of their life span. The Shelter Cluster estimates that roughly 40 per cent of the 70,279 tents that have been distributed since 12 January need to be replaced or need to be reinforced with additional tarpaulins. The same is true for many tarpaulins of inferior quality. The Cluster is concerned that not enough emergency shelter materials are in country to address these needs. In addition, the Cluster anticipates that the heavy rains and strong winds will destroy or damage additional emergency shelters over the course of the hurricane season.

It is vital that emergency shelter materials continue to be funded, distributed and prepositioned. The IFRC is appealing for 2.07 million Swiss francs to convene the Shelter/NFIs Cluster in Haiti and the Dominican Republic through the IFRC Emergency Appeal in a separate project; funds for this purpose need to be earmarked for coordination. This cost represents less than 1.5% of the funds that are being requested for shelter in Haiti by all the Shelter Cluster members including the UN agencies, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, IOM and NGOs. The budget is detailed in Operations Update no. 5.

So far, the Shelter Cluster Coordination project of the appeal is funded at 79%. To resource the IFRC-led Shelter/NFI Cluster Coordination Team, acknowledgement is made of the human resources provided by the Spanish Red Cross, American Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, German Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Andorran Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, French Red Cross, CARE, CartONG, MapAction, UNHCR and WWF US. The Federation also acknowledges the financial support provided to date from the Netherlands Red Cross, the Japanese Government, the Swedish Red Cross, and DFID (via IOM in support of CARE).

Given the scale of the disaster and the fact that shelter is a high priority, the IFRC has deployed a large dedicated Shelter Coordination Team to be able to provide good coordination services. The team is made of 23 persons at present (expatriate and local staff). They are listed in this table:

Current make-up of the Shelter Cluster Coordination Team

In Port-au-Prince:	
covering Port-au-Prince, Carrefour, and the areas near the border with Dominican Republic. This team also gives support to the teams in the other hubs.	
Shelter Cluster Coordinator	IFRC
Deputy Shelter Cluster Coordinator	IFRC
Administrative Support	HRCS staff
Shelter Cluster Hub Coordinator, Port-au-Prince	IFRC
Shelter Cluster Hub Coordinator, Port-au-Prince	Australian Red Cross (arriving on 15 July)
Information Manager Hub, Port-au-Prince	American Red Cross
Information Manager Hub, Port-au-Prince	IFRC
Technical Advisor	IFRC
Technical Advisor/Debris Manager	Australian Red Cross
Technical Advisor/ Environmental Advisor	WWF
GIS/Mapping/Information Management Coordinator	MapAction
Information Manager	Spanish Red Cross
Information Manager	IFRC
Information Manager Assistant	HRCS staff

Media & Communications Advisor	IFRC
Logistics Advisor	IFRC
Assistant Logistics/Information Manager	French Red Cross
Government Liaison	IFRC
In Leogane: covering Leogane, Gressier, Petit-Goave, and Grand-Goave	
Shelter Cluster Hub Coordinator	IFRC
Shelter Cluster Hub Coordinator	IFRC
Information Manager	IFRC
Liaison Officer	HRCS staff
In Jacmel:	
Shelter Cluster Hub Coordinator	IFRC

Appeal history

- 500,000 Swiss francs (491,265 US dollars/338,880 euro) were allocated from the International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to jump-start response activities and mobilization of Federation personnel. Non-earmarked funds to replenish DREF are encouraged.
- A Preliminary Emergency Appeal for 10.1 million Swiss francs was launched on 12 January 2010 to support the Haitian Red Cross Society (HRCS) to deliver immediately life-saving assistance to some 20,000 families (some 100,000 beneficiaries) for 9 months.
- A Revised Preliminary Emergency Appeal with a Revised Budget of 105.7 million Swiss francs to assist up to 60,000 families (300,000 people) for 3 years was issued on 26 January 2010.
- On 9 February, Operations Update no. 5 was published, reflecting revised objectives for the six-month relief phase of the operation under the plan of action, and including a revision of the preliminary budget to 218.4 million Swiss francs of which 2.07 million Swiss francs is designated to support the Federation's inter-agency coordination of the Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) Cluster.
- **Key documents are being drafted** following the agreements reached at the Montreal and New York Summits. These include a revised plan of action for the multilateral programming reflecting a prolonged relief phase of the operation and elements of recovery planning, together with an associated budget, based on commitments made by Partner National Societies with regard to multilateral funding of the different components of the Haiti Earthquake operation.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The International Federation's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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