

Cluster Name: Health Cluster

Situation Report Input • *Haiti / Earthquake*

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Reporting Period

Report Date*: **March 15, 2010**

Period Covered*: **March 10-14**

Next Report Expected: **Wednesday, March 17**

Humanitarian Needs

Description of total beneficiary needs, including needs the cluster is currently addressing: 50-100 words

- PAHO/WHO Leogane sub-cluster identified a need for stronger coordination and additional mobile clinics in the Leogane area. NGOs are reporting a significant increase in the number of consultations for obstructive respiratory infections and mental health.
- More information from existing mobile health clinics is needed to help identify emerging health priorities for Primary Health Care services.
- Crowding in spontaneous settlements such as Champs de Mars, Petionville County Club and other sites needs to be reduced. Two new sites are being prepared to help reduce congestion and they will need assistance from NGOs to provide primary care.

Humanitarian Response

Description of humanitarian activities by cluster partners serving the needs listed above: 50-100 words

- IOM, Handicap International and PAHO/WHO have a planned pilot program to coordinate management of patients discharged from the University Hospital of the State of Haiti (HUEH)
- PAHO/WHO, IRC and MSH are starting a survey of 200 spontaneous settlements to help identify gaps in primary health care coverage. Training of individuals conducting interviews begins Monday, March 15.
- Seven centers for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, including amputees, have been established by Handicap International and partners.
- Disease surveillance teams in 52 sentinel sites are reporting surveillance data to the Ministry of Health Epidemiology Unit.
- An interagency environmental health group was established to address the environmental health impact of temporary settlements.

Gaps & Constraints

Description of the unmet needs of both beneficiaries and cluster partners: 50-100 words

- Gaps remain in the provision of sanitation services to settlement sites. Health cluster NGOs have reported that fewer than 50% of people in some sites are using latrines.
- Latrine use in settlement sites is limited by design, cleanliness, and timely removal of waste.
- Strategies to prevent and detect violence against vulnerable groups, including women, children, elderly and disabled, need to be reviewed and strengthened by all the Health Cluster partners.