

Cluster Name: Health Cluster

Situation Report Input • *Haiti / Earthquake*

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Reporting Period

Report Date*: **March 7, 2010**

Period Covered*: **March 1-7**

Next Report Expected: **Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

Humanitarian Needs (for public sit rep) *

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

- Rehabilitation centers and tertiary orthopedic care continue to be needed in Port-au-Prince and in the departments.
- Increased coverage for mobile clinics in all sites is still a challenge. Mobile clinics are covering 160 of an estimated 600 sites of more than 5,000 people.
- The Ministry of Health has requested that all international partners inform them of activities and their location, and reminded partners to register with them.
- There is a need for post-surgical hospital beds.
- Of the approximately 16,000 surgeries performed, an estimated 30% of the people will need follow-up surgery.

Humanitarian Response (for public sitrep) *

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

- Rehabilitation: the sub-group on disabilities and rehabilitation identified 17 centers providing rehabilitation services. Handicap International and other agencies are now supporting these 17 centers. The Cuban Brigade plans to establish additional centers.
- GHESKIO is providing tuberculosis diagnostic evaluation and treatment in Port-au-Prince.
- Save the Children has 30 mobile clinics in Port-au-Prince, Leogane, and Jacmel and is supporting dispensaries that provide outpatient consultations, reproductive health care, and referral services in more than 50 sites.
- The government estimates that 40% of those who were undergoing HIV treatment before the earthquake are receiving treatment now. Not all treatment centers that were in place before the earthquake are fully functional.

Gaps & Constraints (for public sitrep) *

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

- With the rainy season starting early, sanitation and shelter remain among the most significant challenges.
- Provision of primary health care must be increased to include planned and spontaneous settlements as well as displaced persons in host families.
- Human resources working in hospitals and laboratories lost their houses and do not have shelter. Therefore, there is a reduction in the workforce reporting to work.
- Protection of workers during recovery activities such as clearing of drainage and irrigation canals, solid and liquid waste collection management, rubble removal and clearing of debris needs to be addressed.
- Hospitals performing non-emergency surgery are still lacking.

Cluster Lead Highlight/Issues

Policy/operational issues

- 1- It is estimated that US\$ 120,000 per month is needed to pay the salaries of the human resources currently lacking in four public hospitals (Isaie Jeanty Hospital, Hospital de la Paix Delmas33, HUEH, Choscal)
- 2- The Ministry of Health has very limited space from which to work.
- 3- Public hospitals have started to charge patients.
- 4- NGOs and partners are still not responding to the Ministry of Health's request to register and provide information on the location of activities.

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