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## **EOC SITUATION REPORT**

### **Cholera Outbreak in Haiti**

#### **Current Situation**

- Heavy rains that began on June 2 lasted for 10 days, triggering floods and mudslides and killing 28 people. The steady increase of cholera cases that began in May can be attributed to rain. Since then, the number of new cholera cases is stabilizing, but still requires close monitoring due to recent floods that can jeopardize the response.
- As of 20 June 2011, MSPP reported 363,117 cases of cholera and 5,506 deaths. PAHO/WHO continues to identify localized spikes of outbreaks.
- After 5 weeks of continued increase in the number of suspected cases in camps around the Port-au-Prince metropolitan region, there was a 25% decrease this week. Many of these cases originate from areas surrounding camps where WASH activities have decreased.
- The areas surrounding Port-au-Prince had bed capacity of 1,907 where 1,365 of these were occupied, leaving 542 beds available as of 28 June.

#### **Health Partners Response**

- In the North department, new outbreak of cholera was seen in almost all communes of the department, potentially due to recent increase in rainfall. MSPP has increased sensibilization activities with a focus at the community level and installed ORPs run by community brigadiers to prevent further spread. PAHO/WHO, MSPP, and MSF-CH in the department have reinforced case management at the community level and the departmental level.
- PAHO/WHO continues to improve access to clean water by distributing WASH materials and medicines to partners, including plastic sheets, soap, buckets, tents, and aquatabs provided by UNICEF. They are currently working with DINEPA to repair the water system in Maissade that is responsible for being an important source of potable water.

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- MSPP and PAHO/WHO coordinated activities to ensure the quality of potable water in hospitals around Port-au-Prince. Water samples were taken from hospitals and sent to Tamarinier laboratory to be analyzed, and the result will be sent to project SYSKLOR that is part of DINEPA for further monitoring of water quality in the centers.
- In Leogane, Petit Goave, Nippes and Jacmel, the IFRC sent more than 660,000 SMS regarding cholera prevention strategies. The SMS also encourages the community to dial \*733 for more information regarding cholera, and the number of people dialing this number have increased by 600%.
- The transport of patients service reopened by MSPP is available at \*300. Transport of patients and dead body management has been a challenge, especially with severe cases from rural areas that require rapid referral to a medical facility.
- For more information on the response of the health partners, please check the Health Cluster Bulletin available [here](#).

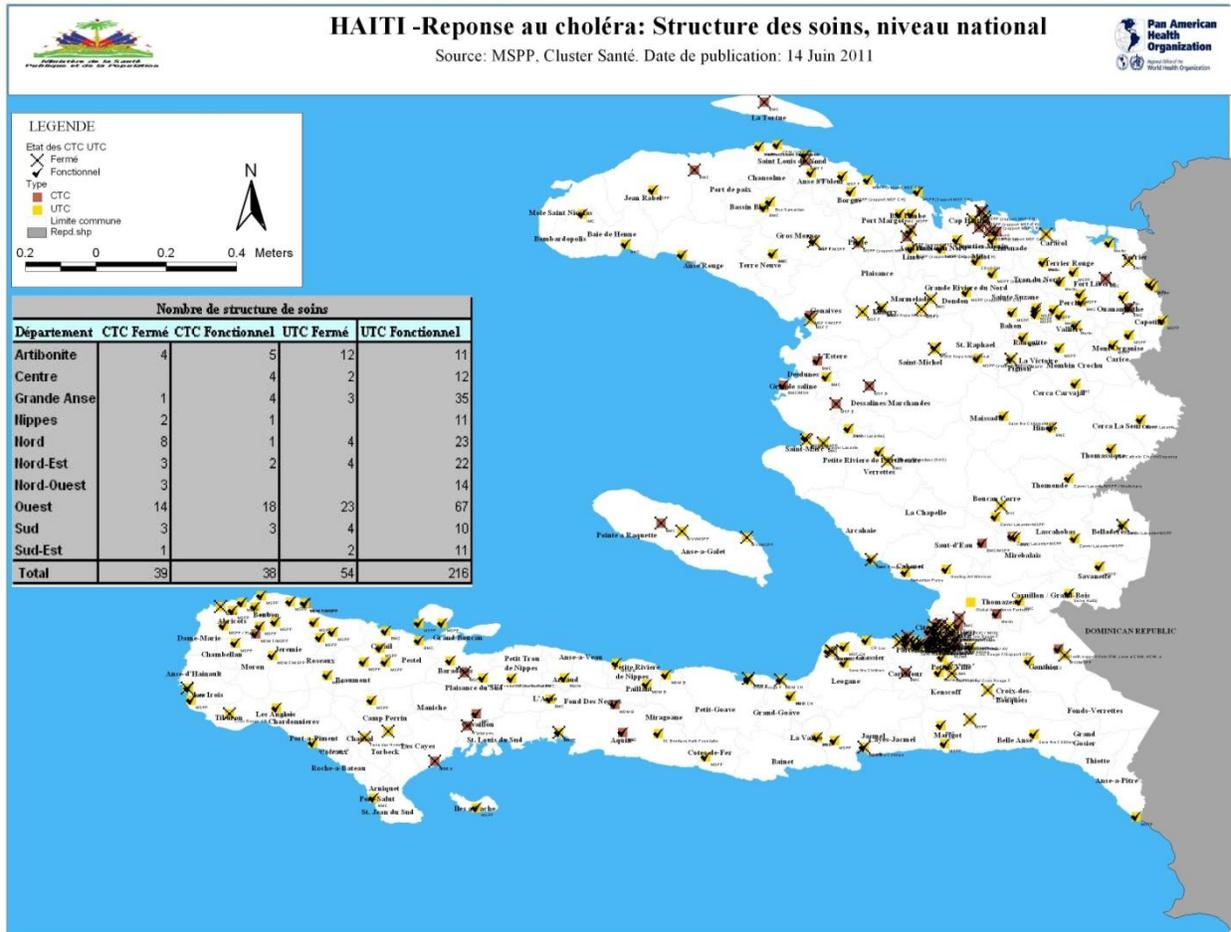
### **Needs and Challenges**

- There continues to be a problem of payment salaries for CTC/CTU workers transferred to MSPP from NGOs, and in some departments, personnel have not been paid for several months.
- There continues to be a gap in access to safe water, and the deteriorated situation with the recent storms is affecting the already vulnerable health of the IDP populations.

### **Cholera Situation Map**

- PAHO/WHO produces an Interactive Atlas with epidemiological information. Please follow [this link](#) to launch the map. The map reflects the situation of the epidemiological weeks. To access the daily total number of cases and deaths, please click on *Situation Updates*.

## Cholera Treatment Centers (CTC) and Units (CTU) in Haiti



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### More Information

- [Ministère de la santé publique et de la population \(MSPP\)](#).
- [PAHO/WHO disasters](#), and [PAHO/WHO's main website](#).
- For constant updates on the cholera outbreak in Haiti and other international public health information please check the [PAHO/WHO EOC](#) channel in Twitter.