

HIGHLIGHTS

- In order to enhance coordination between health actors, information on the location and services offered by organizations will be presented to Haiti's Prime Minister today, Friday.
- LSS/SUMA, the humanitarian supply management system, will be reinforced at the airport with additional human resources and will be installed at the port in Port-au-Prince.
- After the earthquake, around 14,000 people fled to the Dominican Republic, some of which required healthcare services. Individuals are now relocating along the border where medical and humanitarian services in this area are inadequate.



ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

- Several organizations have reported cases of measles and tetanus. The Cuban cooperation identified 8 cases of tetanus; some suspected cases of measles were later confirmed as chicken pox; there is an isolated case of typhoid.
- As far as medical supplies are concerned, crutches are in high demand.
- Sanitation is a key issue in Champ de Mars where a lot of homeless are gathered.
- The Mentor Initiative – focusing on vector control, particularly for malaria and dengue – are starting an assessment and will develop a strategic plan based on results of the assessment. They will partner with PSI and plan to be in Haiti for one year
- The consolidated report prepared by LSS/SUMA of incoming supplies at Port-au-Prince airport indicates that from the 16 to the 21 January, more than 1.4 million kg of food and drink, 4,990 kg of health items (non-pharmaceutical), 483,091 kg of pharmaceutical supplies and 38,728 kg of water and sanitation supplies were received.
- The WASH cluster noted challenges in proper sanitation for displaced persons and camps. Private companies have exceeded their capacity to remove waste and set up chemical mobile latrines, even after tapping into neighboring Dominican Republic resources.

GAP FILLING

DRUG SUPPLIES

- The volume of donations received continues to increase gradually (trauma kits, antibiotics, psychotropic drugs and stomach pain relief drugs) and the number of daily distributions reaches 30 deliveries per day. To date, the Reina Sofia Foundation from Spain, Governments of Taiwan, Austria, Italy, and Switzerland have provided major support to PROMESS, and PAHO/WHO is working with USAID to manage the huge donations of US medical supplies and devices.
- The Health Cluster is coordinating with the Clinton Foundation and USAID to mobilize temporary staff for PROMESS to support stock management.
- Extra safety boxes for proper storage and handling of sharps and needles are being ordered into PROMESS, so if needed, donors are instructed to request these.

- As a part of a WHO/PAHO managed program, “Humanitarian Fuel from the Venezuela Government”, 15,000 liters of fuel have been distributed in four health institutions in Port-au-Prince metropolitan area (General Hospital, Hopital de la Paix, National Laboratory and Isaie Jeanty). 15,000 fuel liters more will be distributed soon.
- Haitian Civil Protection will designate a person to open a LSS/SUMA point in the port in order to register all the supplies arriving. The White Helmets will deploy six logisticians and LSS/SUMA experts to support operations in the port and at the airport.

OUTBREAK CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- The action plan for epidemiological surveillance includes:
 - Strengthen the operational committee for epidemiological surveillance (COSE).
 - Establish a health situation room.
 - Establish a sentinel surveillance system through 51 health facilities.
 - Create a network of early warning integrating the 154 health institutions in the country.
 - Carry out active surveillance with operational visits to investigate cases and for risk assessment.

PROVISION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

- A Chinese Medical and Epidemic Prevention Team is working in Haiti with 8 surgeons, 10 physicians, 8 epidemiologists, 3 doctors for women and children plus technicians and logisticians. On 27 January, they set up a mobile clinic in Bicentenaire Square and treated 427 patients, 70% of which are women and children.
- The Swiss Hospital, located in the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince, has 4 anesthesiologists, 1 pharmacist, 4 surgeons, 2 pediatricians, 1 scrub nurse, 4 nurses and a team leader (internist). The hospital is able to receive 10 paediatric and 5 gynaecologic/obstetric patients; however they can't receive all adults, only women.
- Medecins Sans Frontieres (Holland) has post-operative capacity at their hospital in Carrefour, near the Carrefour maternity hospital. They will be working with Handicap International and have an orthopaedic surgeon. They will be bringing in a plastic surgeon. The capacity is 50 beds.
- Natan – the Israeli Coalition for International Humanitarian Aid – have 7 personnel (doctors, nurses and psychologists) based on the grounds of St. Mary's church, serving approximately 3,500 people.

WATER AND SANITATION

- Water trucks funded by various organizations still provide displaced persons with water. The National Direction for Drinking Water and Sanitation, DINEPA, asked WHO to help organize removal and disposal of excreta as well as to start chlorination of those trucks on three sites.
- The Health Cluster announced that bags for medical waste should be separated between infectious and non-infectious. The group was also reminded that the use of safety boxes for syringes and sharp is very important to prevent the risk of needle stick injuries, mainly for waste handlers and potential scavengers.
- BBC provided messages on water, sanitation and hygiene and it was translated in Creole.

COORDINATION

- WHO/PAHO reminded NGOs that forms with details on location and services provided were due in Thursday; however only 36 of 161 donors completed the form.
- OCHA set up a sub-office in Leogane to address the high demand by partners for coordination.
- Meeting schedule is as follows:
 - General Health Cluster: everyday at 4.00 p.m.

- Epidemiology subgroup: everyday at 9.00 a.m. in the National Laboratory.
- Mental Health subgroup: not defined.
- Reproductive Health subgroup: 1.00 p.m. on Sunday in UNFPA Tent.
- Disabilities subgroup (CDM and Handicap International): Saturday at 2.30 p.m. in WHO/PAHO tent.
- Mobile clinics/primary care: every other day

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