Cluster Name: Health Cluster

Situation Report Input • *Haiti / Earthquake*

Cluster Details

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Reporting Period

Report Date*:	**March 10, 2010**
Period Covered*:	**March 7-10**
Next Report Expected:	**Monday, March 15**

Humanitarian Needs (for public sit rep)*

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

- WASH Cluster is conducting a survey of 308 spontaneous settlements in 11 communities, in and around Port-au-Prince with an estimated population of 803,300. Two questions related to health were included. One focused on access to primary health care (PHC) sites that are less than a 30 minute walk from identified settlements. The second question is related to payment for medical care. Preliminary results reveal that 34 sites (12%) are located 30 minutes walking distance from health facilities, thus making access difficult or non-existent. Payment for health services was required more often when individuals sought care outside settlement sites.
- Disposal of medical waste such as needles and syringes from hospitals and PHC facilities continues to be a challenge.

Humanitarian Response (for public sitrep)*

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

- A referral system is being established through an agreement between the Ministry of Health, PAHO/WHO, IOM and other partners. A referral Hotline will be in place in the coming weeks.
- PAHO/WHO and the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) conducted water sampling and analysis of water truck filling stations for the fourth time. In addition, DINEPA (Direction National de L'eau Potable et assainissement) continues to chlorinate water delivered by their contracted trucks with assistance from PAHO/WHO.
- MEDIVAC system is working on inclusion of international NGOs staff in case of emergency
- A referral list where abused women and children can be directed has been prepared and shared with the agencies. The list will be posted on the Health Cluster OneResponse website: http://oneresponse.info/Disasters/Haiti/Health/Pages/default.aspx
- Save the Children successfully chaired the Health Cluster coordination meetings in Leogane, and PAHO/WHO is a permanent presence: leogane.clustersante@gmail.com

Gaps & Constraints (for public sitrep)*

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

- Preliminary results show that many trucks are delivering water that has not been chlorinated. Reports from primary health providers show insufficient quantities of water for hygiene purposes.
- Many smaller settlements are underserved by humanitarian assistance.