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Haiti

GrassRoots United (GRU) – (DIST: MEDICAL/WATER/TOOL LENDING / REBUILDING/VOLUNTEER OPS)

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FROM TWITTER 10/24/10:

Grassroots United is urgently seeking Nurses/Doctors to respond/volunteer in Haiti for the Cholera Epidemic

10/22/10 FROM FACEBOOK – CHOLERA OUTBREAK:

GRU is MOBILIZING!!! We've sent supplies out with Partners in Health and we're packing up the GRU Bus for two clinics we're setting up with Medical Teams International and our other incredible partners. One is going up in Saint–Marc to support Partners in Health. The second will be on the outskirts of Port–au–Prince.... New reports suggest that there are confirmed cases of cholera 25 K from City Soliel, the largest slum in the western hemisphere. GRU is heading there tomorrow with teams of Haitian volunteers to get the public up to speed on how to stay healthy. We plan to get between 6 and 12 clinics set up as soon as we can, and as need demands. We've set up a blog (www.grassrootsunited.blogspot.com) so you can read the details and follow the progress as we work with the Haitians to fight on yet another front. All donations we take in are going toward bringing IV fluids into Haiti ASAP, if you can give anything please go to http://www.grassrootsunited.org/contribute.html. If you want to get in touch email us at info @ grassrootsunited.org. If you want to join us here, go to www.grassrootsunited.org!

FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/pages/GrassRoots–United/111440292223121

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GRASSROOTS UNITED BLOG: www.grassrootsunited.blogspot.com

THIS GROUP IS ACTING AS A MEDICAL SUPPLY DEPOT

Uniting grassroots efforts worldwide to help those affected by natural disasters. Your donations help communities get what they need to rebuild.

Current Focus in Haiti:

•Distributing medical supplies to free clinics and communities.
•Providing safe drinking water for camps with LifeStraws.
•Building hurricane rated domes in Haiti, as the season approaches.
•Developing safe new dwellings with local renewable resources and partner organizations.
•Aiding groups in their reconstruction efforts with our
tool lending program
Everyone is a volunteer at GRU, from the director to the new arrivals.

Volunteer your skills . Let us find projects that need you. Provide a hand up to communities affected by natural disasters. With your help, everyone living and working in disaster areas can benefit.

Donated funds are only used to help those in need. Everyone is a volunteer at GRU, from the director to the new arrivals.

Services offered: CHOLERA Epidemic Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution, Medical Supplies; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Medical, Equipment, Exam Tables; Medical, Services, Mobile Medical Unit/Clinic; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Tool Lending; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Water, Drinking Water, Safe, Clean, Purified Water
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Bahamas Habitat; Cap Haitien Health Network (CHHN); Lifestraw; Medical Teams International (MTI); MMRC (Materials Management Relief Corp); Partners in Health (PIH); Project Medishare

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Project HOPE – 2010 Haiti Earthquake (MEDICAL UNITS/SUPPLIES)

Medical Facility · Open

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FROM RELIEF WEB:

A Simple Solution To Help Combat Cholera In Haiti

Source: Project HOPE
Date: 02 Nov 2010
BY Lisa Collier Cool • POSTED November 2 2010 AT 12:05 pm

Haiti's first cholera outbreak in a century has heightened longstanding fears of an epidemic spreading to the crowded camps sheltering more than 1.5 million people left homeless by the January 12 earthquake. So far, more than 4,700 cases have been reported, claiming upward of 300 lives. Aid groups are rushing medical teams, water purification kits and medical supplies to the outbreak's epicenter, a rural area north of the nation's capital, and working to protect vulnerable earthquake survivors in other regions from this dangerous new health threat.

Among them is Project HOPE, a Millwood, Virginia humanitarian group that provided more than 100 volunteer doctors and nurses, along with $60 million in medical supplies immediately after the quake, then launched a multi-year program to care for the more 10,000 patients requiring long-term care from earthquake injuries, including 4,000 amputees. The group has now sent a team of 6 additional medical volunteers, headed by Dr. Larry Ronan of Massachusetts General Hospital, to treat cholera cases at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer.

Once again, Haiti is battling a natural disaster, since the cholera outbreak appears to be triggered by drinking water polluted with sewage after flooding in the affected region. Cholera is an intestinal disease that causes such severe vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration that it can kill in hours. However, a simple treatment—hailed as one of greatest health advances of the past 150 years by British Medical Journal—can save lives, at an average cost of just $5 per patient.

Known as oral rehydration therapy (ORT), it consists of three ingredients: sugar, salt and water. In the 1960s, researchers Richard Cash, MD, MPH and David Nalin, MD discovered through clinical trials in Bangladesh that this oral solution worked just as well as IV fluids that are scarce and expensive in developing countries. Since then, ORT has rescued more than 40 million people around the world from diarrheal diseases, including saving the lives of about 3 million babies and toddlers each year.

To combat the Haitian cholera outbreak, USAID is providing 300,000 ORT kits to affected areas and other groups are trucking in clean water, chlorine, hygiene kits and tents to help overwhelmed local hospitals shelter patients. The Red Cross has launched a public health campaign via radio and text messages to educate people about the disease's symptoms and sanitation practices to prevent it.

To help kids with cholera, Project HOPE has sent 50 cases of Pedialyte, a type of ORT formulated for children, plus cases of LifeStraws, portable filters that remove 99.99% of bacteria, including the germs that cause cholera, from drinking water. Since they don't require batteries or electricity, and can purify up to 18,000 liters of water (enough to supply a family of five for three years), these innovative devices are widely used in developing countries where people lack access to safe water.

Through similar missions in Turkey and China after earthquakes in those countries, Project HOPE president and CEO John Howe III, MD, has learned that there are three phases to disaster relief. "Over the weeks and months after the acute crisis of utter destruction, chaos and traumatic injury, there's the quiet crisis of treating chronic illness and rehabilitation, followed by the unseen crisis: the need for vaccines and good sanitation to prevent infectious diseases like cholera."

In just ten months, the impoverished island nation has been hit with all three crises and more than 9,000 NGOs from around the world have stepped in to help, reports Dr. Howe, who recently met with officials and public health workers in Haiti. "The lesson learned is that where there's a crisis, there's hope. After immense tragedy, the Haitian people survive on sheer determination."

Project HOPE continues to respond to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday, January 12. Latest Information:

•During the first phase of HOPE's response to the Haiti earthquake, we have provided more than 75 medical volunteers to serve on board the USNS Comfort and distributed more than $15 million of medicines and medical supplies to hospitals and medical facilities in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.
•We are now transitioning our relief efforts to address the intermediate and long-term needs of the Haitian people.
•This week, members of a Project HOPE assessment team are in Port-au-Prince and surrounding communities meeting with Haitian government officials and area hospital administrators. HOPE's goal is to quickly establish intermediate primary care and long-term rehabilitation programs in country.
If you are a health care professional interested in volunteering, continue to visit the Project HOPE Web site for updates.

Project HOPE Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ProjectHOPEorg?ref=mf

Project HOPE Twitter: http://twitter.com/projecthopeorg

Project HOPE Volunteer page: http://www.projecthope.org/site/PageServer?pagename=our_work_response_to_Haiti_volunteers

Project HOPE is committed to the long-term health care needs of the Haitian people and their country.

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As relief efforts transition to address the intermediate and long–term needs of the Haitian people, the USNS Comfort is preparing to return to the United States.

However, Project HOPE is staying in Haiti. This week, members of a Project HOPE assessment team are in Port–au–Prince and surrounding communities meeting with Haitian government officials and area hospital administrators. HOPE's goal is to quickly establish intermediate primary care and long–term rehabilitation programs in country.

While the window for volunteer opportunities on board the USNS Comfort has come to an end, there is the potential for ongoing volunteer opportunities with Project HOPE in Port–au–Prince and throughout Haiti.

Please continue to visit the Project HOPE Web site and Facebook page for updates on HOPE volunteer opportunities.

Thank you to those who have served and to those who have expressed a desire to serve as a HOPE volunteer in Haiti. Your selfless service is the spirit that fuels the Project HOPE legacy now and for the future.

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Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Lifestraw
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