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Haiti

AIDG (Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group) – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

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AIDG Impact in Haiti: Q1 & Q2 2010
Is this Building Safe? Mobilizing Earthquake Engineers to Help Assess the Damage

A warehouse full of food aid is rocked by another series of aftershocks in Port–au–Prince, Haiti. The World Food Program needs to know fast if the building is safe enough to enter to remove the aid or whether it's all just a loss. That was a key question that a team of earthquake and structural engineering experts sponsored by AIDG with support from Partners in Health was able to help answer.

In the early days after the devastating Haiti quake, we needed to determine how an NGO of our size could contribute to the humanitarian response and provide help that people would not otherwise get.

In partnership with MCEER and the engineering firm KPFF, we have fielded 11 structural and earthquake engineering teams to perform rapid assessments of damaged buildings in Port–au–Prince, Leogane and Jacmel for the UN, the Haitian government, local and international NGOs and private citizens. The teams have together assessed over 1400 buildings including hospitals, clinics, schools, government buildings, warehouses and homes.

Training masons to Build Back Better

"How can I repair this?" was a question our engineering volunteers heard over and over again in the weeks and months after the earthquake. Homeowners and business owners were grateful for the building safety assessments, but they also desperately wanted information on how to repair and rebuild.

So in partnership with Architecture for Humanity and KPFF Consulting Engineers, AIDG has begun retraining masons in metro Port–au–Prince and Jacmel in confined masonry techniques that would make buildings significantly more earthquake resistant. To date we have trained 560 masons. In the coming months (pending funding) we will train 9,500 more.

Business Incubation: AIDG Funds Solar Startup Enersa

This past February, AIDG gave Haitian solar start–up, ENERSA, a $15,000 emergency loan to help rebuild its factory damaged in the January 12 earthquake.

Pre–quake, Enersa was the fastest growing solar company in Haiti with a product line that included solar street lighting, residential and commercial systems, as well as solar chargers for devices such as cell phones and lamps.

In a chat with AIDG, Enersa co–founded JR Noël stressed the importance of creating jobs in Haiti. He believes that for Haiti to flourish, businesses need to create local employment. The company's 18 fully qualified solar technicians, all capable of installing solar streetlights and photovoltaic home systems, are from Port–au–Prince largest shantytown, Cité Soleil.

Business Incubation: AIDG Backs Shelter2Home As Housing Solution for Displaced Families In Haiti

The Haiti quake damaged or destroyed 20 to 90% of all housing stock the in metro Port–au–Prince area. In response to the great need, many companies came forward offering housing solutions of varying quality and appropriateness, but only one company stood out for us. Shelter2Home offered emergency shelters, built from light–gauge galvanized steel, that could be transitioned into safe and beautiful permanent homes during reconstruction. They were also one of the only businesses that had plans to manufacture in country, thus creating much–needed jobs. Based on these factors, AIDG has awarded S2H with a $15,000 rapid investment.

CEO Donald Stevens was inspired to start S2H by his time spent in Sri Lanka after the tsunami where he saw NGOs struggle to transition displaced families from emergency structures to permanent homes.

Mar 2010: AIDG distributed BoGoLights (solar flashlights) from Earthspark International to Camp Ismary in Port–au–Prince.

Feb 2010: We distributed Handicap International Shelterboxes to the TB ward of the Port–au–Prince General Hospital.

Feb 2010: On the 3 days of mourning after the quake, AIDG and SOIL distributed water to crowds gathered in prayer.
Thank You

Thank you to our friends, supporters and volunteers who have helped us at this critical time. A special thanks goes out to Matthew 25 House for providing a home base for us and many other small NGOs, Sasha Kramer (SOIL) and Melinda Miles (Konpay) for being constant inspirations, and the entire AIDG team for putting in very long, very hard hours in the aftermath of this disaster.

A big big huge thanks to Peter Wheeler and Commonwealth Financial Group, Al and Diane Kaneb, Partners in Health and Architecture for Humanity for their generous donations and grants that made the above work possible.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Engineer, Assessment, Post Disaster Structural Damage Assessments; Engineer, Structural Engineer Volunteer Services; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Sanitation, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Sanitation, Services, Latrine Installation, Volunteer Services; Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training, Construction, Masonry
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Ending Extreme Poverty; Handicap International; OXFAM; Partners in Health (PIH); United Nations – WFP (World Food Program)
Updated Oct 17, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6529

Petionville Club Golf Course – 2010 Haiti Earthquake (Supported by J/P HRO)

Shelter · Open

Disaster Relief
Delmas 40B, Petionville

Serves Petionville, Haiti
Service Temporary

SOURCE: http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/news/article.cfm?id=4474&cat=field-news

Petionville Golf Club camp: An MSF clinic offers basic health care and ante-natal care, rehabilitation (in collaboration with Handicap International), referral services, routine vaccination, and psycho-social counseling in the camp, where an estimated 45,000 people are living. About 150 consultations are provided every day.

SEE ALSO SEAN PENN's – J/P Haitian Relief Organization
a clinic at the encampment of earthquake-displaced people at the Petionville Golf Club, which Penn's newly formed aid agency J/P Haitian Relief Organization has been helping to manage.

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5390

ARTICLE DATED 1/25/10:

http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/world/2010/0125/1224263036790.html

Fear of riots as tonnes of food lie awaiting distribution

http://www.demotix.com/news/225371/82nd-airborne-lz-food-distribution-center-haiti

1/21/10:

82nd Airborne, distributing food that has 5,000 calories - enough for one day's worth of food/water. Additional images show UN soldiers protecting German and Hungarian rescue teams as they enter Leogane on the 18th January. Petionville Golf Club, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The LZ is at the top of a hill. Haitians must wait in long lines and climb up the steep hillside to enter into one entrance, grab one food meal/packet than return down the hill. Most haven't eaten for days, and they have to climb up in brutal heat - it is very punishing on their bodies.

NPR, Jan 19, 2010:

http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=122734169&ft=1&f=1004

A shipment of food from Catholic Relief Services was distributed Tuesday in Haiti at a makeshift camp in the Petionville Club Golf Course, near Port-au-Prince. Lane Hartill, the group's regional information officer, says the U.S. military's presence is making the distribution effort easlier, but people are still desperate.

NY Times

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/19/world/americas/19aid.html?partner=rss&emc=rss

Aid Arrives but Few Are Lucky to Get It

By RAY RIVERA
Published: January 18, 2010
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — When the aid helicopters descend on the Pétionville Club golf course, once a playground for the wealthy and now a sprawling city of makeshift tents, the residents hurry toward them. But to get there, they must climb a steep embankment to a landing zone on top of a hill where the 82nd Airborne Division distributes the food and water.

He arrived in the morning but made it only halfway up the hill, where into the late afternoon he was lying on the ground next to his cane. A woman had given him one of the two bottles of water she had gotten from the Americans, but he said he had gotten no food.

“I cannot make it up,” he says.

Even as more aid flows into Haiti nearly a week after a devastating earthquake, the challenges faced by the 82nd Airborne in handing out food and water here illustrate the hurdles in distributing it across the city. Roads are clogged with traffic and rubble. Confusion is rampant. Everywhere, people ask, “Where do I go?”

People lucky enough to have learned about the food drop zone at the top of this golf course in the city’s Bourdon neighborhood, where tens of thousands of people now live, still face difficulties getting to it.

The elderly get priority, but some of them cannot make it up. Families with young children also have priority, so some people are said to have borrowed babies and hauled them up the hill.

Others wait near the landing zone for hours in the blazing sun, using cardboard boxes to shield their faces from the stinging dust and dry grass whipped up every time a helicopter lands.

“I guess the people down there have dubbed this ‘the hill,’ ” said Lt. Jeff Wozencraft, 24, of Mannford, Okla. “It’s desperate. We’re doing everything we can.”

Since members of the 82nd Airborne, from Fort Bragg, N.C., began distributing food on Saturday, their delivery method has evolved.

On the first day they wore rifles slung around their backs. By Monday, they had ditched the rifles and were trying to present themselves more as aid workers than as soldiers.

They set up a first aid station because many people coming up had untreated cuts and injuries. They have also ventured into the camp below to find people who can act as community leaders to help organize distribution in the far reaches of the hilly, nine–hole golf course.

And they had to stop serving only at the front of the line, because the whole concept of a line was not working here.

“We found people at the back of the line weren’t getting anywhere and never getting any food,” said Capt. John Hartstock of Vinton, Va. “Now we’re taking 10 at a time from different sections. It’s the best way, we’ve found.”

“It’s been a learning process,” he added.

Another failure: stamping the fingers of people who receive aid to prevent repeat customers who might sell the extra goods and deprive others who need them. People just washed the ink off.

The food supplies are packaged Meals Ready to Eat, similar to the rations the military uses in the field.

The Navy flies them to the landing zone from the aircraft every half–hour or so, dropping off dozens of 21–pound boxes.

They start at 7:30 in the morning and stop at 6:30 as night falls, so people will not be on the dark hillside at night and because the small grass plateau that serves as a landing zone is unsafe for helicopters at night.

Captain Hartstock said they handed out 3,000 meals on Monday and 10,000 bottles of water.

But they estimate there are more than 25,000 people living on the golf course. A look at the rolling hills of tents and blankets and tarps held up by sticks suggests that estimate may be conservative.

Down below, people are grateful for the food, and finding other ways to survive. Impromptu markets have sprung up, but many with limited food at inflated prices.

Once the food is gone, the boxes have second lives as bed mats and roofs. Children use the cardboard to slide down the hills.

Quikni Alakasis, 21, was lucky. She has a 4–month–old baby. She marched up the hill and was called to the front right away. “Because of the baby,” she said. “That’s why they gave me the food.”

Ms. Alakasis lost her home in the earthquake and does not know how long she will live on this golf course. For now, she just waits for the helicopters.

http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/Plush+Haitian+golf+club+houses+refugees/2459040/story.html

Plush Haitian golf club houses 50,000 refugees
By Andrew Cawthorne, ReutersJanuary 19, 2010

A family relaxes in their new home at the Petionville Club in Port–au–Prince, Haiti, Monday, Jan. 18, 2009. The U.S. Army is distributing food and water at the tent city.Photograph by: Michael Laughlin, Sun Sentinel/MCTPORT–AU–PRINCE – Elite U.S. soldiers lie exhausted on tennis courts and beside a pool. Fifty thousand homeless people cram the nine–hole golf course. Helicopters land every half an hour with crates of water and food aid.

The prestigious Club Petionville, on a hill in spacious grounds overlooking Port–au–Prince and the Caribbean sea beyond, has been transformed into probably the biggest refugee camp in Haiti after last week's catastrophic earthquake.

Haiti is the most impoverished nation in the Western Hemisphere but its elite came to the country club's elegant stone headquarters to dine and mingle with foreign diplomats and businessmen. Now the club houses commanders from the U.S. military's crack 82nd Airborne Division.

Down the lawns and beyond a loose military cordon, the golf course is covered with tents, made from poles and sheets by people who flocked onto the club's grounds after the earthquake brought down its perimeter walls, as well as their homes.

The club, named for former Haitian President Alexandre Petion, largely escaped damage, save a few broken pillars.

"The days are long but it is good to help," said Staff Sergeant Michael Watson, a veteran of the U.S. military's response to the 2005 Hurricane Katrina disaster in New Orleans.

"Katrina was bad but this is a lot bigger."

The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti last week has killed between 100,000 and 200,000 people, according to the government, and left several million on the street.

Unlike chaotic scenes elsewhere, with refugees fighting and scrambling for water and food, an orderly queue winds up the lawns of the club. Each refugee is allowed two bottles of water and one Meal Ready to Eat (MRE) ration.

"If they get unruly, we just sit down," said Captain John Hartsock. "It has only happened twice. They get the message.

"We don't want everyone going nuts, like the scene in 'Black Hawk Down' from Somalia."

FROM IRAQ TO HAITI

Hartsock, who has served three times in Iraq, said it was easier to deliver humanitarian aid in Haiti because there was not the same risk of attack. Instead of the razor–wire common in Iraq, a line of white swimming pool chairs is the only barrier between the soldiers and the refugees.

"We want to avoid the military look," Hartsock said.

The mass of flimsy tents and thousands of people lying on the grass give the appearance of a traditional refugee camp but a closer look reveals differences, perhaps reflecting the better–off social milieu of areas near the club.

Many of the refugees are comfortably trilingual: Creole, French and English. The occupants of two or three tents even had solar panels outside, charging up some mobile phones.

Rony Florial normally teaches tennis at the club. Now he is helping to organize refugee lines, while off–duty soldiers catch some sleep on the tennis courts. Other soldiers await their next shift around the pool, lounging on deckchairs in full uniform, with spectacular views over the city and hills beyond.

"We are all doing what we can to help," Florial said. "The owners have closed the club and allowed the Americans to take over. It is for the national interest."

Since Saturday, U.S. soldiers have attended the refugees from sunrise to sundown at the Petionville Club. On Monday, they gave out an estimated 20,000 bottles of water.

Refugee leaders, however, say many needs are unattended. With the golf course on a high slope, the temperatures have dropped fast at night, and that has killed various children.

"We need blankets, we need toilets, we need help for the children who have lost their parents," organizer Michel Ovilus said. "And we need houses. These people do not want to spend the rest of their life on a golf course."

J/P HRO (Jenkins–Penn Haitian Relief Organization) – "CTU – CHOLERA REHYDRATION CENTER" (SHELTER/MEDICAL CLINIC/SCHOOL)
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5390

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); Handicap International; J/P HRO (J/P Haitian Relief Organization); MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) – Doctors Without Borders; OXFAM; United Nations – WFP (World Food Program)
Updated Jan 7, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5056

Kan Kwomati (IDP Camp

Shelter · Open

18.420153 –72.867142; 11eme Ravine Seche; rue Croix des Matyr, Petit Goave

Phone SSID 122_11_345
Service Temporary

Organization working inShelter
Organization providing NFIs
Organization providing Food
* HANDICAP International

Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
* Solidarites

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Camp Management Agency
Organization Providing Water

Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization Managing Waste
Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices
Organization providing Education Services

Services offered: Facilities: Restrooms; Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Handicap International; Solidarities lnternational
Updated Jan 29, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7362

Kan Pak Foben (IDP Camp)

Shelter · Open

18.424405 –72.882647; 11ieme section; avenue simond's, Petit Goave
Phone SSID 122_11_348
Service Temporary

Name Supplier
Arche Nova

Camp Management Agency
DPC/IOM

Organization working inShelter
Organization providing NFIs
Organization providing Food
* HANDICAP International

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Organization Providing Water
Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization Managing Waste
Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices
Organization providing Education Services

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp); Shelter, Management, IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Camp Management
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Handicap International; United Nations – IOM (Internal Office of Migration)
Updated Dec 22, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6855

Kan Pasteur Charmand (IDP Camp – IEDA)

Shelter · Open

18.425602 –72.860867; 11eme Ravine Seche; Bas Fort Liberte, Petit Goave
Phone SSID 122_11_325
Service Temporary

Camp Management Agency
IEDA

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Organization working inShelter
Organization providing NFIs
* HANDICAP International

Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
* OXFAM

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Organization Providing Water
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization Managing Waste
Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices

Organization providing Education Services
Organization providing Food

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Handicap International; International Emergency and Development Aid (IEDA); OXFAM
Updated Dec 21, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7336

Nou Nan Male (IDP Camp – DPC/IOM)

Shelter · Open

18.42522–72.873878; 11eme Ravine Seche; Ginen, Petit Goave
Phone SSID 122_11_324
Service Temporary

SOURCE: WASH CLUSTER – GAP ANALYIS
Prioritized IDP sites for cholera related activities
11/8–11/20/10

NAME OF CMA/PARTNER: DPC/IOM
HOUSEHOLDS: 190
CHOLERA SUSPICIOUS CASES: No
WASH SERVICES: Insufficient WASH services
EXCRETA VISIBLE: No
DRAINAGE: Yes

Camp Management Agency
DPC/IOM

Organization working inShelter
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization providing NFIs
Organization providing Food
* HANDICAP International

Organization Providing Water
* ARCHENOVA

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
Organization Managing Waste
Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices
Organization providing Education Services

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp); Shelter, Management, IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Camp Management
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Handicap International; United Nations – IOM (Internal Office of Migration)
Updated Dec 21, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7102

OJMDP (organizasyon Jen Mane Dimanche Ti Gwav)

Shelter · Open

18.429588 –72.866345; 11eme Ravine Seche, Petit Goave
Phone SSID 122_11_309
Service Temporary

SOURCE: WASH CLUSTER – GAP ANALYIS
Prioritized IDP sites for cholera related activities
11/8–11/20/10

NAME OF CMA/PARTNER: CMO regularly visited IDP site
HOUSEHOLDS: 158
CHOLERA SUSPICIOUS CASES: No
WASH SERVICES: Insufficient WASH services
EXCRETA VISIBLE: No
DRAINAGE: No

Organization working inShelter
Organization providing NFIs

* Protection Civile /
HANDICAP International

Organization providing Food
* PAM

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Organization Providing Water
Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization Managing Waste
Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices
Organization providing Education Services

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp)
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; CMO (Civil Military Overview); Handicap International
Updated Dec 21, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7100

Sit Montagne Seni OR Sit Mon Seni (IDP Camp)

Shelter · Open

18.42176–72.86897; 11ieme section, Petit Goave
Phone SSID 122_11_344
Service Temporary

Organization working inShelter
* Solidarites / ADRA

Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
* Solidarites

Organization providing NFIs
* ADRA / Solidarites / HANDICAP International

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Camp Management Agency
Organization Providing Water
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization Managing Waste
Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices
Organization providing Education Services
Organization providing Food

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; ADRA – International (Adventist Development & Relief Agency); Handicap International; Solidarities lnternational
Updated Jan 29, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7358

Site Pesen (IDP Camp)

Shelter · Open

18.4349–72.86442; 11eme Ravine Seche; Pesen, Petit Goave
Phone SSID 122_11_351
Service Temporary

Organization working inShelter
* HANDICAP International

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Camp Management Agency

Organization Providing Water
Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization Managing Waste

Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices
Organization providing NFIs
Organization providing Education Services
Organization providing Food

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Handicap International
Updated Jan 29, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7363

Site Tol (IDP Camp)

Shelter · Open

18.424185 −72.877482; 11ieme section; Tiginen avni Simond's, Petit Goave
Phone SSID 122_11_349
Service Temporary

Name Supplier –
ADRA

Camp Management Agency
DPC/IOM

Organization working inShelter
Organization providing NFIs
Organization providing Education Services
Organization providing Food
* HANDICAP International

Organization working in Hygiene
* Arche Nova

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Organization Providing Water
Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
Organization Managing Waste
Organization working in Child Protection
Organization providing HealthServices

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp); Shelter, Management, IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Camp Management
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; ADRA – International (Adventist Development & Relief Agency); Handicap International; United Nations – IOM (Internal Office of Migration)
Updated Dec 22, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6854

Healing Hands for Haiti International (Klinik Kay Kapab) Physical Rehab, Orthotics and Prosthetics fabrication

Medical Facility · Open

9 Interior, Rue Dalencourt, Bourdon, Port–au–Prince
Phone 00 P: H: 1119115
Contact Healing Hands for Haiti
Web www.healinghandsforhaiti.org
Service Temporary

3/18/11 Update from Fiona Stephenson
HHH Clinic Overview
Here is some information regarding Healing Hands for Haiti, which provides Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation care and support.
1. Kay Kapab Klinik (Rehabilitation Clinic)
2. Physical Rehabilitation Clinic (PRC)
3. Bon Travay Guest House

1. Kay Kapab Klinik Address:
20, Ave Lamartiniere
Bois Verna
Port au Prince

Appointments Telephone: 28130434

Self referral and professional referrals accepted.
Opening hours 8am – 4pm

www.healinghandsforhaiti.org <http://www.healinghandsforhaiti.org>

Haiti Director of Operations: Antonio Kebreau - 37024433
Haiti Country Medical Director: Dr Ben Nau MD - 37089816
Haiti Clinical Medical Director: Dr Fritzgerald Moise MD - 37503831
Kay Kapab Klinik Director & Nurse Progams Manager - Fiona Stephenson – 38922332

Medical Specialities:
Spinal Cord Injury & Rehabilitation- Dr Moise - Physiatrist: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Neurology - Dr Pierre - Neurologist: Monday
Diabetes & Hypertension - Dr Genius - Internist: Tuesday, Friday
Stroke - Dr Genius & Dr Moise - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Club Foot - Dr Nau - Orthopaedic Surgeon: Friday
Orthopaedics - Dr Nau: Friday
Hydrocephalus Programme - Dr Pierre, in conjunction with Medishare

Nursing and Physiotherapy/Rehab available; Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri.

The HHH Kay Kapab Klinik has just employed a Patient Rehab Support Worker (Peer Counsellor) who will be working with and assisting our clients (specifically Spinal Cord Injury and Rehab).
We are extending our SCI services, visiting clients in the community, in liaison with HI (France).
Fiona Stephenson, Klinik Director, is co–ordinating the Haiti SCI data base. Please email any information you may have, regarding any SCI clients you are aware of, to help understand the needs and numbers of SCI clients in Haiti. This is a secure database.

Our aim is to “train the trainers”: A Haitian Rehabilitation clinic, run by Haitian staff for the Haitian people.

We are looking closely at the training needs of Haitian registered nurses for example, working in the speciality of rehabilitation.

The main problem that we are encountering is accessibility of patients from their homes, to the clinic, either due to earthquake debris and/or transportation; along with significant hurdles with import / clearing customs.

2. Partnership: Handicap International / Healing Hands for Haiti Physical Rehabilitation Clinic,
92 Avenue John Brown,
Lalue/Post Marchand,
Port au Prince
Appointments: 28130623

Services: Provision of Prosthetics, Orthotics, Wheelchairs with Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychosocial counseling and Community reintegration coordination within Disability Sector Antenna system. Training programs for prosthetics / orthotics and rehabilitation technicians are in progress.
(please note Handicap International might submit similar / additional information)

Contact: HHH P&O Director: Al Ingersoll – 34551947

3. Healing Hands for Haiti Bon Travay Guest House:
366 Avenue John Brown,
Bourdon,
Port au Prince.

Located on a beautiful campus in the middle of Port au Prince, the HHH guesthouse has 30 person capacity with 24/7 security, meals, pool, wireless internet and available transportation.

Contact: HHH Logistics Manager & Volunteer Co–ordinator: Gail Buck – 36349922

11/24/10 Email from Healing Hands (Fiona and Gail)
We are a Rehabilitation clinic and continue to see patients here on a daily basis (Monday to Friday).
We are actively working to educate our staff, patients, any visitor coming to our premises with regard to Cholera.
We are holding impromtu education sessions (by our haitian nurses), handing out leaflets re prevention as well as treatment of cholera symptoms.
We also have a Cholera prevention policy in place.
Regarding medical supplies: many people are asking for water sanitation supplies, soap and hand gel - which unfortunately we do not have enough to give out.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=wall&gid=58734875759

FROM THE WEBSITE:

Haiti Earthquake Response – we are rebuilding

An emergency response team (nurses, doctors, rehabilitation specialists and support personnel) led by Board director and founding member of Healing Hands for Haiti International, Lisa Bagley, RN (above), recently returned from a one month tour of duty at our outdoor headquarters clinic in Port au Prince. The team erected the 20 x 50' army tent for clinic work and treated about 1400 patients in 3–weeks. Their work included wound care management, counselling, physical therapy, referring and transporting several acute patients to the CDTI and Medishare field hospitals, as well as assessment visits to orphanages.

Staff and medical volunteers will continue to expand facilities and services of the outdoor clinic while demolition of damaged structures and site clean–up proceed.

Electricity, water and internet service have been restored to our volunteer guesthouse, the only building left standing after the January 12 earthquake. It has been declared safe and sound by engineers and now accommodates specialized medical teams rotating into service on a weekly basis for many months to come.

Healing Hands for Haiti is collaborating with Project Medishare to provide physical medicine and rehabilitation services and with Handicap International to set up prosthetic fabrication to assist the estimated 4,000 new amputees and other Haitians disabled in the earthquake.

We are proceeding with plans to invest a generous grant from the Newman's Own Foundation to build semi–permanent, moveable prosthetic fabrication, fitting and clinic facilities on our property, and with our intentions to build Haiti's first comprehensive Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute.

Your generous donations, offers to volunteer and to give materials for the herculean rebuilding task, mirror the response of the global community – absolutely overwhelming. Unfortunately, at the moment, we are not able to collect and distribute prostheses, rehabilitation equipment and other medical materials. Please go to Physicians For Peace for assistance. On behalf of all Haitians and our courageous staff and volunteers, we sincerely thank you for your continued support.

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It has been more than two weeks since the devastating magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti and our medical, rehabilitation and prosthetic fabrication facilities in Port–au–Prince. We are very relieved to report that all of our 45 local staff have been accounted for, although many lost family members and most lost their homes. Healing Hands for Haiti International has established an emergency relief fund to support them. It has been confirmed that our facilities are 80% destroyed or damaged. Only the guesthouse, which needs structural repairs, remains as a hopeful starting point for a temporary headquarters. Our plans to build Haiti's first Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Institute have been accelerated.

The Handicap International emergency response team which includes members of Healing Hands for Haiti International and Team Canada Healing Hands, arrived within the first week and has since worked tirelessly with that organization assessing and treating victims at hospitals throughout the city, even transporting spinal chord injured to hospitals in the US. Several of our Haitian Board members who are orthopaedic surgeons operate continuously from their hospitals. Our organization is integrating with a larger consortium to provide acute rehabilitation facilities and services at the major hospital initiative near the airport.

By the end of week two, we had landed a second group of 12 senior Healing Hands for Haiti medical volunteers in Port–au–Prince. They are part of a group of 130 medical and construction personnel and a plane load of equipment, organized and donated by the Salt Lake City Utah Hospital Task Force. A make–shift clinic with power and water was immediately set up on our property and opened to the public the next day. Our team will continue to expand the staffing and services of this clinic while the main group help clean up, ensure site safety and start guesthouse repairs.

Please give now to help us provide medical support to the most vulnerable victims of the disastrous earthquake in Haiti.

Haiti Earthquake Response
Healing Hands for Haiti International is responding to a powerful earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010. The earthquake has collapsed buildings and caused wide–spread damage, injuries, and fatalities throughout Port–au–Prince and the countryside.

We are now working with our partners to make an immediate assessment of the damage. We are attempting to make contact with Healing Hands Haitian staff to ensure their safety, as well as the staff and residents of our partner organizations and orphanages where we spend so much of our time and efforts. At this time we are still unaware of the status of our clinic and guesthouse sites at headquarters in Port–au–Prince.

One of our North American medical teams is now on standby to be deployed to Haiti as soon as it is safe and possible. We are now involved in assessing the immediate requirements to make a coordinated effort to respond to the specific needs of the Haitian population living with a disability. In the coming days, the number of persons with disabilities will grow dramatically, and we are beginning preparations to respond to this humanitarian effort.

Americans are encouraged to support Healing Hands for Haiti by making a donation by clicking on the Donate button above and specifying Haiti Earthquake Response Fund.

Canadians (needing a Canadian tax receipt) are encouraged to support Team Canada Healing Hands, our Canadian partner, by making a financial donation to www.canadahelps.org and designate HHHI (Healing Hands for Haiti International) in the message/ instructions box.

We will make every effort to keep this website updated as we learn more about the situation.

January 13, 2009 - Port au Prince Headquarters Facilities of Healing Hands for Haiti International severely damaged by quake. An Emergency Response and Reconnaissance team of specialists to head from North America as soon as our flight allowed in.

For more information or to arrange an interview:

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Healing Hands for Haiti International is a non–profit institution dedicated to delivering physical medicine and rehabilitation programs to Haitians with disabilities.

We are seeking financial and volunteer support to help us accomplish our goal of transferring the technical and medical knowledge and services needed to enable Haitians to help themselves.

VOLUNTEERS –
http://www.healinghandsforhaiti.org/WaystoHelp/Volunteer/tabid/77/language/en–US/Default.aspx

Who we Need –
We welcome applications from committed health care professionals, including:

physicians
nurses
physical therapists
occupational therapists
speech/langauge pathologists
orthotists and prosthetists
as well as support volunteers, including:

translators
skilled workers
students

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Services offered: Counseling, Disabled/Handicapped; Counseling, Rehab, Rehabilitation Center; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/ Group; Medical, Education, Cholera Awareness / Prevention; Medical, Education, Cholera, Pamphlets, Prevention, Handout Materials; Medical, Equipment, Prosthetics; Medical, Equipment, Prosthetics, Fabrication & Fitting; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Field Clinic (Tent); Medical, Services, Diabetes Testing; Medical, Services, Hydrocephalus; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ ALL Types); Medical, Services, Neurosurgery; Medical, Services, Orthopedics; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation, Occupational Therapy; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation, Prosthetics & Orthotics Workshops; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation (Trauma/Amputee Patients); Medical, Volunteer, General, Medical Volunteer Services; Training, Medical, Education *(ANY/ALL Types); Training, Medical, Education, Spinal Cord Injury; Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Cap Haitien Health Network (CHHN); Handicap International; Partners in Health (PIH); Project Medishare
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FROM RELIEF WEB: http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/AZHU–8BJU3F?OpenDocument

Cholera in Haiti: nearly 240 tonnes of aid transported
Source: Handicap International
Date: 25 Nov 2010

Our team on the ground in Haiti is taking action to combat the relentless spread of the cholera epidemic.

Since 22nd October, the logistics platform in Haiti, managed by Handicap International in partnership with the World Food Programme, has already transported 240 tonnes of aid for the prevention and treatment of cholera.

In the last month, the all–purpose 4x4 lorries and platform trucks donated by the Clinton Foundation have also provided support for a dozen humanitarian stakeholders engaged in the fight against cholera, by transporting humanitarian aid to Port–au–Prince, Cap–Haitien, Gonaïves, Saint–Marc and Jacmel.

Hygiene kits (74 tonnes), medication (76 tonnes), food, (23 tonnes), medical kits (17 tonnes) and various other types of equipment have been sent to a number of different humanitarian orgnisations, including Action Against Hunger, the Red Cross, Doctors of the World, the World Health Organization, the World Food Programme and Unicef.

Making sure disabled people are included

Forty–eight hours after the epidemic was confirmed, Handicap International disseminated guidelines on taking people with disabilities into consideration when managing the cholera response. These went to partners and other stakeholders working in healthcare, the protection of persons and camp management.

Already disproportionally affected by problems accessing general health services (lack of information and transport), people with disabilities are especially vulnerable in such circumstances. The poor sanitary conditions in which many people are currently living contribute to the spread of epidemics; disabled people may be dependent on family and friends even to get washed.

Preventing the spread of disease

All Handicap International's Haitian staff members have received comprehensive training on the risk of cholera contamination and the hygiene measures which should be taken. Since 26th October, mobile awareness–raising teams have been visiting communities based at the disability centres run by Handicap International and its partner CBM in the Port–au–Prince urban area and in the towns of Petit–Goâve, Grand–Goâve and Gonaïves.

The messages delivered aim to improve understanding of the disease and the measures to be taken, notably in terms of hygiene (using soap and latrines, food preparation, treating water, preparing rehydration serum, advice for looking after those affected by the disease and dealing with the deceased). Awareness–raising was also carried out to ensure that those affected by the disease are not stigmatised.

CAMP CLUSTER WEBSITE: http://groups.google.com/group/cccmhaiti

HEALTH CLUSTER DETAILS 3/12/10:

MAIN ACTIVITY/OFFERS: "Working group
Hospitals: Rehabilitation, Assistive devices crutches, mattresses, walkers, wheelchairs. Community: 9 temporary fixed points assessment, information, service provision (wound care, rehabilitation, psychosocial) and referral of injured and disabled persons Prosthetic workshop"

LOCATIONS: "Hospitals: HUEH, Hop de la Paix, Merlin, Bicentenaire, Carrefour, Bernard Mews, Eliazard Germain. Community: Champ de Mars, devant HUEH, devant CDTI, Petionville, Bourdon, Delmas 33"

LOCATIONS – PaP: PAP: HUEH, Bernard Mews, St. Francois de Salles, Promess/MSF Spain, Canape Vert, Merlin, Eleazar Germain, espoir

HUMAN RESOURCES: Nurse, community worker. Physiotherapist, occupational therapist, prosthetist, orthotist, rehabiliation technicians, psychologist

PARTNERSHIP: SEIPH, CBM

FUTURE PLANS: "Set up central Database of persons with injuries, disabilities, older persons and other vulnerable people
Set up a hotline for information sharing and referral of persons with injuries, disabilities, older persons and other vulnerable people"

EXPECTED PROJECT DURATION: 7/10/10

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Counseling, Trauma Counseling Services; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; First Responder, Carribean Region; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Furniture, Mattress * (ANY/ALL Types of Mattresses) ; Jobs, Cash For Work Program; * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; * KITS, MEDICAL KITS; Medical, Education, Cholera Awareness / Prevention; Medical, Education, Hygiene Health, Awareness; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Crutches; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Devices * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Walker; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Wheelchairs, Misc. ; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation, Prosthetics & Orthotics Workshops; Medical, Services, Rehabilitation (Trauma/Amputee Patients); Medical, Volunteer, Professional, Licensed Medical Professional; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Training, Medical, Education, Cholera, Medical Staff, Cholera Treatment
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Action Against Hunger; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Cap Haitien Health Network (CHHN); Handicap International; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); United Nations – WFP (World Food Program); United Nations – WHO (World Health Organization)
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From the InterAction site:

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Handicap International

Donation Contact Information
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Organization Donation Web Address:

http://www.handicap–international.us/support–us/donate–now/
Gifts

Organization accepts gifts in–kind: Operational Details

Date of Response: Mon, 03/14/2011

Operational Summary:

In response to the earthquake and devastating tsunami which occurred last week in Japan, Handicap International is gearing toward sending a small team of technical staff from its Southeast Asia programs for a fact–finding and solidarity mission to Japan. The mission will also make contact with some disabled persons organizations (DPOs), evaluating their capacity to take action and offering support. No direct involvement is foreseen at this stage. The focus will be on identifying ways with local stakeholders to tend to PwDs' basic and specific needs while massive relief will remain the priority for all.

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Handicap International; InterAction
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Pakistan

Cluster, Health – 2010 Pakistan Floods

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U.N. Lead Agency: WHO

Pakistan Governement: Ministry of Health

Needs list dated 8/19/10 from One Response:

http://www.pakresponse.info/index.php?id=27

Services offered: Directories, Cluster/EMA Contacts; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; American Refugee Committee; CARE–International; CWS ~ Church World Service; Disaster Response Network; Handicap International; International Medical Corps (IMC); Islamic Relief; Mercy Corps; Merlin (Medical Emergency Relief International); Muslim Aid; Relief International; Save The Children; United Nations – IOM (Internal Office of Migration); United Nations – U.N.; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); United Nations – WHO (World Health Organization); World Vision
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Cluster, Shelter & NFI's – 2010 Pakistan Floods

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U.N. Cluster Lead Agency is: IOM

Pakistan Government Agency: National Disaster Management Authority and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities

Cluster Needs List from One Response dated 8/19/10:

http://www.pakresponse.info/index.php?id=27

Google Group for the Pakistan 2010 Shelter Cluster is at:

http://groups.google.com/group/ShelterPAK2010

FROM THE SITE:

This website is a resource for humanitarian agencies working in the Shelter and Non Food Items (NFIs) sector as part of the Pakistan Flood response.

Please use this site to: contact agencies operating in these sectors; share information about your programmes and highlight priority areas. Minutes of meetings from the Shelter Cluster will be posted here, along with other relevant documents, resources and outputs of the group. We would like to encourage contributions of all partners to ensure a coordinated and transparent approach in the response to the affected population.

New to the Cluster? Please fill in the Agency Profile Form:

https://sites.google.com/site/shelterpak2010/im/profileform

For National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) 2010 Floods Updates :

http://www.ndma.gov.pk/flood–2010.html

For more information regarding the overall response of the Pakistan Floods, please go to One Response:

http://www.pakresponse.info/

Services offered: Directories, Cluster/EMA Contacts; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Road Closures/ Conditions; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; ACTED; Concern Worldwide; Food For The Hungry; Handicap International; International Medical Corps (IMC); Islamic Relief; Muslim HANDS; OXFAM; Save The Children; United Nations – IOM (Internal Office of Migration); United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs); United Nations – U.N.; United Nations – UN–HABITAT; United Nations – UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees); United Nations – WFP (World Food Program); USAID–OFDA (Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance); World Vision
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From RELIEF WEB:

Floods in Pakistan: Handicap International intensifies its emergency relief activities
Source: Handicap International
Date: 10 Aug 2010

Montréal, 10 August 2010 - Handicap International has been providing relief to the victims of the current flooding in Pakistan for almost a week. The water distribution and clear–up activities set up by the organisation immediately after the start of the floods are continuing. The distribution of hygiene kits is also gradually being expanded. According to the United Nations, almost 14 million people are expected to be affected by the flooding, the worst since 1929.

The situation in Pakistan has seriously deteriorated over the last week, with heavy rainfall worsening the flooding in the north–west and south of the country. The Pakistani government has recognised that it is facing a natural disaster on a far greater scale than the 2005 earthquake. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates the number of victims at around 14 million in the provinces of Baluchistan, Khyber Paktunkhwa, Sind and Punjab. The disaster has so far claimed more than 1,500 lives and destroyed over 290,000 homes. "During a natural disaster like the one currently affecting Pakistan, you're faced with an ongoing emergency", explains Stéphane Lobjois, head of mission for Handicap International in Pakistan. "For the last 13 days we have experienced a highly critical situation in which the population's suffering has shown no signs of abating and the situation is not improving."

On 2 August, Handicap International decided to release about $135,000 in general funds to ensure a swift response to the natural disaster.

Handicap International's Emergency Response Department acted very quickly to organise the distribution of clean drinking water, a key factor in preventing the spread of epidemics, in particular cholera. Drinking water is still being distributed in the area. Handicap International is also helping people access water by repairing water supply systems (pumps) destroyed by the flooding.

The organisation has also begun distributing 7,000 kits*, enabling families to purify and store water, and to wash and cook.

A clean–up project has also begun in the districts of Hangu, Swat and Kohat. Handicap International is involving local people in clearing away the waste and debris swept along by the floods and removing stagnant water from towns, enabling the population to return to the area and limiting the spread of disease. This project should soon be extended to other areas.

Present in the country since the 2005 earthquake, Handicap International runs several projects in Pakistan and has launched two large–scale emergency operations in the past, most recently in 2009 when three million people fled fighting in the Swat Valley. The organisation was therefore already present in the regions affected by the flooding. Handicap International currently has a team of around 150 people on the ground.

* 3,000 hygiene packs (soap, towels, toothpaste, cotton wool, mosquito repellent, etc.); 3,000 water treatment and storage packs (bucket, jerrycan, glasses, etc.); 1,000 cooking packs (saucepans, plates, etc.)

From RELIEF WEB:

Providing access to clean drinking water for flood victims
Source: Handicap International
Date: 06 Aug 2010

Handicap International has begun distributing humanitarian aid in the flood–affected areas of Pakistan. Present in the country since 2005, we were able to immediately mobilise our team in aid of the most vulnerable people.

Handicap International's teams in Pakistan have taken immediate action in response to the devastating floods – the worst since 1929 – that have struck the region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the north west of the country. The disaster has so far affected 4.5 million people, claiming more than 1,500 lives and destroying more than 150,000 homes. 550,000 people have been evacuated from Sind and Punjab provinces.

Our teams were already present in the north west of the country before the disaster, helping people displaced by the fighting between the Taliban and the Pakistani army in 2009. Handicap International decided on Monday to release £83,000 of funding to ensure action is taken immediately. Drinking water distribution will begin today (Friday 6th August). The distribution of emergency kits (blankets, shelters, etc.) has already begun and will be scaled up over the next few days in the districts of Swat and Kohat.

Avoiding cholera epidemics

Handicap International is focusing primarily on providing access to clean drinking water, a key factor in preventing the development of epidemics, particularly cholera, which can easily spread in a flood situation where water sources are contaminated. Our initial goal is to distribute clean drinking water to 100,000 people, requiring 200 rounds a month by water tankers. Water treatment tablets will also be distributed along with jerrycans for collecting and storing clean water.

Handicap International teams will give simple hygiene advice to the population that can help prevent the spread of epidemics. In addition, we will provide the most vulnerable people with temporary shelters (sheets), blankets, cooking kits* and hygiene kits**. Some 3,000 families will benefit, representing around 21,000 people in total. Our teams will also help clear up the waste and debris swept along by the floods, and remove stagnant water from towns, enabling the population to return and limiting the spread of disease.

Handicap International has been present in Pakistan since 2005, since the deadly earthquake that killed 73,000 people and seriously injured 69,000 others. Our organisation has built up extensive expertise in emergency situations, including in El Salvador and India (2001), Iran (2004), Pakistan (2005), Indonesia (2005 and 2009), China (2008 and 2010), and Haiti (2010) to mention just our most recent operations.

*Cooking kits contain saucepans, stoves, cooking utensils, etc.

** Hygiene kits contain basic items such as towels, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, nappies, sanitary towels, rubbish bags, etc.)

From the SITE:

August 03 2010.
In the aftermath of the disaster /
FLOODING IN PAKISTAN: HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL TAKES ACTION

Present in Pakistan since 2005, Handicap International is organizing a rapid response to aid victims of the flooding currently ravaging parts of the country's northwestern region. The organization has released $131,800 in funds and it has set up a system to meet the basic needs of victims as quickly as possible.

For the last three days, the region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan has been hit hard by the most serious flooding seen in the country since 1929. More than 3 million people have been affected by the disaster, which has left more than 1,500 people dead. Many areas have witnessed a total breakdown in communications. The three most severely affected districts are Charsadda, Nowshera and Swat, and many areas are cut off from supplies of humanitarian aid.

Present in the country since the earthquake of 2005, Handicap International operates several projects and it has already launched two large–scale emergency operations, most recently in 2009 when 3 million people fled fighting in the Swat Valley. The organization was already present in the regions affected by the flooding.

Handicap International's Emergency Response Department has asked its team in Pakistan to organize an emergency response and to coordinate its efforts with other humanitarian aid operators in the field. The scope of the emergency response will be based on the outcome of an assessment mission currently underway. On Monday, the organization released $131,800 in funds to ensure action is taken immediately. Priority will be given to providing access to water, meeting basic needs (blankets, shelters, etc.), and providing health care.

Handicap International's field team currently consists of some 150 people, including seven expatriate staff members: a physiotherapist, a psychosocial project officer, the manager of the Peshawar base, an administrator, a logistician, a safety adviser and a head of mission. The team provides health care to vulnerable people affected by conflict, technical mobility aids, psychosocial services and packs to meet their basic needs. In addition, Handicap International improves and builds new health care facilities and ensures they are accessible to vulnerable people. Lastly, the organization raises awareness among people who are at risk from explosive devices. It is currently doing everything possible to provide relief to flood victims and to meet their most pressing needs.

Services offered: Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Disaster Fund; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Jerrycans (Fuel/Water Container); * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; * KITS, KITCHEN SETS; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Sanitation, Services, Water Systems Repair; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Purification Tablets; Water, Potable Water
Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Handicap International
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Areas of Activity : Agriculture, Health, Humanitarian Assistance
Year founded : 4th October 1996
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Organization Details:
The American Friends Service Committee carries out service, development, social justice, and peace programs throughout the world. FSC community works to transform conditions and relationships both in the world and in ourselves, which threaten to overwhelm what is precious in human beings. We nurture the faith that conflicts can be resolved nonviolently, that enmity can be transformed into friendship, strife into cooperation, poverty into well–being, and injustice into dignity and participation.

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types)

Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; American Friends Service; Handicap International
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