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Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); International Relief & Development (IRD); Partners in Health (PIH)
Updated Oct 21, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6543

Haiti

Camp Terrain Citron (IDP Camp)

Shelter · Open

18.56491 –72.293395, Delmas

Phone SSID 112_01_158
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Name Supplier –
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp); Shelter, Management, IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Camp Management
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Updated Dec 15, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6876

Parc Acra 2 OR Parc Acra (E2) (IDP Camp – CRS)

Shelter · Open

18.54016–72.32003; 6eme Turgeau; Delmas 32 prolonge, Petionville

Phone SSID 111_01_402
Service Temporary

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

NAME OF CMA/PARTNER: CRS
HOUSEHOLDS: 632
CHOLERA SUSPICIOUS CASES: No
WASH SERVICES: Data Not Available
EXCRETA VISIBLE: Yes
DRAINAGE: Yes

Organization working inShelter
Organization providing Education Services
* ARC

Organization Providing Water
Organization Installing Toilet Facilities
Organization Installing Bathing Areas
Organization Managing Waste
Organization providing HealthServices
* CRS

Organization providing NFIs
* Haitian Red Cross

Organization providing Food
* World Vision

NONE OR UNKNOWN –
Camp Management Agency
Organization Desludging Toilets Facilities
Organization working in Hygiene
Organization working in Child Protection

POSSIBLE same location at:
Camp Acra – "CTU (UTC) – CHOLERA TREATMENT UNIT"
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7359

Services offered: Shelter, IDP Camp (Internally Displaced Persons Camp)
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); World Vision
Updated Jan 13, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7073

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

Ananda Marqa Universal Relief Team – 2010 Haiti Earthquake (FEEDING SITES/ MEDICAL CLINICS–URGENT CARE)

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FROM THE WEBSITE:

Updated January 22, 2010

AMURT & AMURTEL in operation GIVE YOUR HEART TO HAITI continues the work on the ground in Port Au Prince by offering soup kitchens and emergency medical clinics. These programs are reinforced through several local community based partnerships that enable our teams to offer services to ever more people, for an extended period of time, and in several different locations in the city.

Updated January 20, 2010

AMURT & AMURTEL in operation GIVE YOUR HEART TO HAITI continues the work on the ground in Port Au Prince by offering soup kitchens and canteens offering ready to eat meals and bringing in critical resources that are still virtually impossible to attain in Haiti, such as food and fuel. The feeding program is being extended and reinforced next week through several partnerships that will enable the team to offer meals to even more people, for an extended period of time, and in several different locations in the city. The emergency medical clinics and soup kitchen at the Ananda Marga Schools are providing much needed care to thousands of local residents. Most people have been staying outside as a result of the aftershocks.

AMURT & AMURTEL brought in the latest round of relief supplies through the Dominican Republic on Saturday, accompanied by several more team members. The additions to the team have been vital in setting up an additional office in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where many agencies are setting up their coordination centers. There is also a large shipment of medical supplies and other aid materials en route to Florida, scheduled to leave from Miami this Wednesday by boat to the Dominican Republic. These items will then be transported over land into Haiti. Additional medical teams and volunteers are scheduled for deployment within the week.

AMURTEL's medical clinics provide urgent care right in the neighborhoods that need it

AMURT & AMURTEL have also made significant progress in contacting and partnering with other agencies on the ground, including Catholic Relief Services, the International Organization for Migration, and the World Food Program. Through these partnerships they will immediately start developing programs based on their objectives of targeting vulnerable and marginalized populations – people with disabilities, the elderly, women, and children. The programs will include easily accessible food programs and child friendly trauma evacuation centers.

AMURT & AMURTEL have more than two decades of experience with relief work in Haiti, and have facilitated many ongoing development projects there. AMURTEL particularly focuses on meeting the special needs of women and children in disasters. The teams are responding to this calamity as rapidly and effectively as possible, and will remain far after the triage and immediate relief has been completed.

from the website:

Haiti Earthquake Response

AMURT & AMURTEL staff and volunteers are already on the ground and support teams are flying there in the coming days to assist in the operation. We have a decade of experience with relief work in Haiti and facilitate many ongoing development projects

there. We are going to respond to this calamity fast and effectively and we are committed to stay as long as it takes to alleviate the suffering this natural disaster has brought about.

info @amurt.us

FROM THE INTER–ACTION SITE:

Gifts In–kind Accepted:
satellite phones, medical supplies, water purification supplies, laptop computers, solar chargers.

Operational Details
Date of Response: Wed, 2010–01–13

Operational Summary:
We currently have a team on the ground organizing medical clinics, ready–to–eat food distributions, and child–friendly trauma evacuation centers in several locations in Port Au Prince. Our projects and offices in Northern Haiti are preparing to support the influx of refugees coming in from the city. Our teams will continue to run long–term development and disaster relief programs in Haiti.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Fuel, * (ANY/ALL Types); Long Term Recovery, International; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, MRE's, MRE, Meals–Ready–To–Eat; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Facility, Urgent Care (Non Trauma); Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); School, Mission School; Services, Disaster Relief; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); United Nations – WFP (World Food Program)
Updated Nov 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4966

Catholic Relief Services, 2010 Haiti Earthquake Response (DISTRIBUTION: SHELTER/HYGIENE/WATER SANITATION SUPPLIES)

Supply POD · Open

Social Services Agency, Disaster Recovery
228 W. Lexington St. Baltimore, Maryland 21201–3413, Port–au–Prince

Phone	888–277–7575
Contact	Bill Canny, CRS Country Rep
Web	www.crs.org
Serves	Haiti
Eligibility	Impacted by the 2010 Hait Earthquake
Checks payable to	Catholic Relief Services
Service	Temporary

HAITI HEALTH CLUSTER BULLETIN #14 - PAGE 7 – 1/14/11:

Dr Armand Rakoto and Joliette Pierre from CRS Health team went on a field trip in the Artibonite and North departments (from 10–14 January 2011) to conduct BCC Training–of–Trainers sessions for Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Nursing staff. Target communes were: Milot, Limbé, Pilate, Gros Morne. CHWs from the sites (Hopital Sacré Coeur, Hopital Saint Jean de Limbé and Hopital Esperance de Pilate, Hopital Alma Mater) will organize community–level sensitization activities starting next week.

CRS staff has unloaded 120 containers (2100 metric tons) of vegetable oil and grains from the U.S. government which will be taken to their warehouse and then distributed to the growing number of camps. CRS has been asked by the United Nations to lead the response at one of the first formally organized camps, located at a golf course, where as many as 50,000 people are sleeping every night. It has arranged to supply the camp with water, food, and plastic sheeting for shelter, which continue to be trucked in from CRS warehouses in the neighboring Dominican Republic, where volunteers are working continuously to keep additional relief supplies coming.

Six medical teams have been formed to provide health care at shelters and area hospitals and CRS teams have already distributed medical supplies and drugs. In addition, Project C.U.R.E. has donated 3000 pounds of additional medical supplies that are en route. Three operating rooms at St. Francois de Sales Hospital—which withstood the quake — are now running, and surgeries are being performed on the most critically injured patients. Food, water and medical supplies have also been provided to the hospital. An AIDSRelief site, this is one of Haiti's oldest hospitals and one that CRS helped build. Its mission is to provide free care and treatment for the poor.

CRS is increasing its original $5 funding commitment and is planning an emergency response with an expectation of raising $25 million from its generous supporters for its relief effort.

Donations: https://secure.crs.org/site/Donation2?df_id=3181&3181.donation=form1&JServSessionIdr004=qxn84h0yi1.app44b

CRS History in Haiti

Due to years of political and social instability, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Decades of poor governance, corruption and exploitation have left the country destitute of social, environmental and financial resources. Meanwhile, instability and the threat of kidnapping and other crimes have hampered the provision of basic services and the distribution of humanitarian services. The enormous gap in income distribution between the rich and poor, which ranks second in the world, makes reducing poverty and stimulating economic growth even more of a challenge. Haiti's other significant challenges include limited access to food, high malnutrition rates, and poor health and education services.

Catholic Relief Services began working in Haiti in 1954 after Hurricane Hazel devastated the country and killed upward of 1,000 people. High population density, severe deforestation and decaying infrastructure make Haiti particularly vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters such as hurricanes and floods.

In the beginning, CRS' work centered on responding to the massive loss of lives and physical destruction caused by the hurricane. However, since 1954 CRS Haiti has grown to include both emergency relief activities and long–term development work. CRS Haiti now focuses not only on emergency response, but on spurring economic growth for Haiti's poorest citizens through agriculture, natural resource management, and microfinance/small–business development. We also help Haitians by providing much–needed programs in education and health. CRS Haiti continues to support "safety net," or social welfare, centers such as children's homes and centers for the aged and dying.

Today, CRS Haiti has two offices, one in the capital of Port–au–Prince and a regional office in Les Cayes. There are approximately 240 CRS Haiti employees.

Catholic Relief Services partners in Haiti:

http://crs.org/haiti/partners.cfm

U.S. Agency for International Development

In March 2008, Catholic Relief Services Haiti began a five–year program with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Food for Peace. As in the past, CRS makes use of USAID support to spur economic growth, provide access to quality health and education services, and to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters and other risks in southern Haiti. CRS Haiti also provides antiretroviral drug therapy, testing and counseling to people living with HIV or AIDS through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Caritas Haiti

Caritas Internationalis is a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social–service organizations worldwide. Caritas Haiti was created in 1975 by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Haiti to build a more solid and just society in Haiti. CRS has worked closely with Caritas Haiti over the past 30 years in implementing numerous emergency response and development programs — notably in agriculture — that serve the poorest Haitians.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

The Global Fund was created to dramatically increase resources to fight three of the world's most devastating diseases, and to direct those resources to areas of greatest need. CRS uses money from the Global Fund to offer services to 1,000 orphaned and vulnerable children in the Nippes department of Haiti.

UNICEF (The United Nations Children's Fund)

In Haiti, CRS partners with UNICEF in the areas of education and child protection. CRS and UNICEF work together to improve the quality of education in schools. We provide teacher and director training, distribute school materials, form and support parent–teacher associations, and provide training on health, hygiene and nutrition. In addition, CRS collaborates with UNICEF to combat child trafficking in the north by providing training to parents and communities on the risks, and by supporting those who have been victims of trafficking.

Services offered: CHOLERA Epidemic Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, Carribean Region; First Response Supplies/Items * (ANY/ALL Types); Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Cooking Supplies, Cooking Oil ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Dry, Grains, Rice * (ANY/ALL Types); Jobs, Cash For Work Program; * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; Long Term Recovery, International; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Volunteer, General, Medical Volunteer Services; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); Mosquito Nets; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies, Plastic Sheeting; Training, Medical, Education, Cholera, Medical Staff, Cholera Treatment; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; CARE–International; Caritas International; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); United Nations – U.N.; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund)
Updated Jan 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4876

Timkatec Children's Center (Supported by: Catholic Relief Services)

Shelter · Open

Port–au–Prince
Web timkatec.org
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FROM THE SITE:

A year after the earthquake—Timkatec 2 has graduated a record 61 students, opened Timkatec 3 for 186 girls, a shelter for 40 kids nightly and repaired all four facilities.

The earthquake of January 12, 2010 was a cataclysm of historic proportions. The worst disaster in the last two centuries visited on the poorest country in this hemisphere. The results are still with us, a million living in tents and refugee camps and a cholera epidemic that has already killed over 1400 and sickened over 100,000.

Yet, Timkatec under the guidance and tireless leadership of Father Simon and his dedicated staff have performed miracles. The 3 schools are not just up to strength, they have more students enrolled today than before the earthquake. In addition Father Simon has opened a fourth unit, using Timkatec 3 girls school at night as a shelter for street children. A total of 530 kids compared to the 2010 plan for 450. However, many suffer from posttraumatic stress and many from previous abuse. Timkatec has had to hire a child psychologist and also offer many girls Ob/Gyn treatment.

* Timkatec 1 has 104 kids including 43 residents
* Timkatec 2 has 200 enrolled
* Timkatec 3 has 186 girls in Primary schooling and Trade training
* The Timkatec 3 shelter offers overnight beds, meals and counseling to 40 kids nightly
* 20 kids finished their Primary schooling at Timkatec 1
* 61 lads finished their 2 year apprentice training at Timkatec 2 in July
* Timkatec offers medical and mental health treatment for many of these kids

Expansion plans for 2011 are to increase the number of kids to 650:

* A third floor to Timkatec 2 to increase the students to 250
* An third floor to Timkatec 3 to increase facilities there to add another 40 days students
* An increase in the nightly Shelter intake to 70 kids

http://crs.org/haiti/timkatec/
From the Catholic Relief Services site:

A 79–year–old man travels the streets of Port–au–Prince and rescues young children dumped on the streets by life's cruelest circumstances. Some of the boys are orphaned and some abandoned by parents who can no longer care for them, or have no desire to do so. The children sleep on sidewalks alongside streets strewn with sewage.

Father Joseph Simon, a retired priest, has opened his boundless heart to these youngsters and provided a safe haven from the dangers of Port–au–Prince in his refuge, called Timkatec.

Partners in Child Survival

Because Father Simon will not say “no” to any boy trying to survive under horrific conditions, the orphanage is so crowded now that the boys sleep in shifts. With great care, Father Simon and his staff make sure the kids have the opportunity to break out of a bad life. Each child at Timkatec is fed, educated and provided with medical attention when necessary.

Timkatec is co–funded by the Friends of Timkatec and Catholic Relief Services.
Training, Structure, Discipline and Opportunity

In June 2006 Father Simon opened Timkatec 2, a facility for boys, age 14 and older, to receive further vocational training. The facility is a clean but simple concrete structure. The spare building is used for training and also hosts Mass on Sundays.

Timkatec Trades

Timkatec 2 offers young men like Michel training in:

* Tailoring
* Home electricity
* Plumbing
* Masonry
* Metal work
* Shoe cobbling

A student's apprenticeship lasts two years. The budget for one school year is $54,000 for 270 students. $270 can educate one child for one year at Timkatec.

“It is fundamental to show children that one loves them and that one really wants to help them.”
— Father Joseph Simon

Services offered: Demographic Served: Children; Facility: Orphanage; School, Onsite School in an Orphanage/Childrens Home; Sponsorship Program, Children (Education/Health Care/Food, etc.); Training Classes, Vocational

Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Updated Jan 29, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7595

St. Francois de Sales Hospital

Medical Facility · Open

Hospital
Vaudreuil; Cap Haitien Route National #1, Vaudreuil
Phone 00 P: 11120 H: 1119094
Service Permanent

1/4/11: CHHN Update
The team handed over a significant amount of cholera supplies today to St Francois de Sales clinic in Vaudreuil, thanks to Coram. They are receiving around 15 patients a day and treating them with ors +/– IV fluid to stabilise before referring onto the gymnasium, the closest CTC. Although they are well staffed, they have so far received no support in obtaining cholera supplies to support their service.

They were very grateful for the supplies we gave.

12/27/10 CHHN Update
Seen reduction in pts. 21–30 pts/day in Nov. 15–20 so far in Dec. Send most to gym CTC and do not keep pts overnight. Clinic is 24 hr anyway so pts. are given ORS and sent to gym.
Have been buying supplies, but are picking up some supplies from CHHN Wed.
Staff: 15 nurses and 2 docs

12/19/10: CHHN Update
CHHN has reserved some ORS and health promotional info, but has not been able to contact.

11/26/10 Email from Fr. Geordani:

Thanks for your attention. Yes we could do rehydration ORS if we have any available. But we don't have enough space. We suppose to avoid contamination because we have School, Church in the same place.

11/25/10 Email from Fr. Geordani:
Since the outbreak of Cholera we have seen more than 300 cases. But we can only give the first aid. They have being transfered to the main Central in Cap–Hatien.

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Crutches; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Devices, Stabilizers, Supports and Braces; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Walker; Medical, Equipment, Laboratory Equipment/Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Equipment, Monitoring Electrodes; Medical, Equipment, Respirators; Medical, Equipment, Stethoscopes ; Medical, Equipment, X–Ray; Medical, Facility, Capacity, Hospital Beds; Medical, Facility, Hospital, Medical, Special Needs Hospital; Medical, Facility, Urgent Care (Non Trauma); Medical, Services, Cholera Treatment; Medical, Services, Cholera, Triage; Medical, Services, Laboratory / Lab Services; Medical, Services, Orthopedics; Medical, Services, Pediatrics; Medical, Services, Radiology; Medical, Services, Surgery; Medical, Services, Urology; Medical, Services, Visiting Specialty Teams, Urology; Medical, Supplies, Adhesive Tape, Medical; Medical, Supplies, Bandages/Dressings; Medical, Supplies, Bandages, Elastic ; Medical, Supplies, Casting Material; Medical, Supplies, Cold Pack (Instant); Medical, Supplies, Drapes; Medical, Supplies, Extension & Solution sets; Medical, Supplies, Gloves, Disposable, * Gloves, Misc. (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Supplies, Gloves, Disposable, Latex; Medical, Supplies, Gloves, Disposable, Sterile; Medical, Supplies, Gowns, Surgical; Medical, Supplies, Hand Sanitizer; Medical, Supplies, Masks, Face Masks, Medical Purposes; Medical, Supplies, Needles ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Supplies, Needle w/Syringe, *(ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Supplies, Splints, Assorted Finger & Wrist; Medical, Supplies, Steri–Strip Skin Closures; Medical, Supplies, Surgery, Surgical Supplies; Medical, Supplies, Suture Silk; Medical, Supplies, Syringes (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Supplies, Syringes/Needles, Insulin; Medical, Supplies, Tape; Medical, Supplies, Thermometers, Oral/Rectal Electronic ; Medical, Supplies, Wound / Trauma Care Supplies; Medication, Rx, Antibiotic, Augmentin; Medication, Rx, Antibiotic, Ceftriaxone (Rocephin); Medication, Rx, Antibiotics * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medication, Rx, Bionect Cream; Medication, Rx, Inhalers; Medication, Rx, Lithium; Medication, Rx, Mobic; Medication, Rx, Norfloxacin (Noroxin); Medication, Rx, Prednisone; Medication, Rx, Solutions; Medication, Rx, Stavudin (Zerit) (for HIV); Medication, Rx, Sterile Water; Medication, Rx, Vitamins, Pre–Natal ; OTC, Medicine, Cough Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); OTC, Medicine, Drops, Eye Drops; OTC, Supplements, Calcium; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Shoes, Flip Flops, NEW ONLY; Shoes, Men's, Tennis Shoes, New or Gently Used (CLEAN); Shoes, NEW; Shoes, * New or Gently Used/CLEAN * (ANY/ALL Types); Shoes, Sandals; Shoes, Tennis Shoes, New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Vitamins, Multi–Vitamins; Vitamins, Vitamin B–Complex ; Vitamins, Vitamin C
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Cap Haitien Health Network (CHHN); Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
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Catholic Relief Services Blog (2010 Haiti Earthquake)

Info/Hotline · Open

blog
Web crs–blog.org/earthquake–hits–haiti

Serves Haiti
Checks payable to Text RELIEF to 30644 and follow the instructions.
Service Temporary

News Storm Thomas –

http://cnsblog.wordpress.com/2010/11/05/hurricanes–impact–not–as–great–as–first–feared–in–haiti–quake–zone/

http://crs–blog.org/crs–hurricane–tomas–strikes–haiti/

BLOG –
http://crs–blog.org/

http://crs–blog.org/category/haiti/

Cell Phone Donations for Haiti
To donate to CRS via your cell phone, please text RELIEF to 30644 and follow the instructions.

How it works: After texting, you'll get a text message reply asking you to call a number where you'll will hear a brief message from Ken Hackett. Then you will be automatically connected to our call center where you can make a credit card donation.

Source at:
http://crs.org/newsroom/releases/release.cfm?id=1887

How to Help:

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Donate online: www.crs.org

Write a check: Catholic Relief Services
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, Maryland 21203–7090
Money orders: Make payable to CRS/Haiti

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Cell Phone Text Donations; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
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Cluster, WASH Cluster (Water Sanitation & Hygiene) – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

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United Nations
Web www.humanitarianreform.org/Default.aspx?tabid=794
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Regular WASH Cluster Meetings scheduled around the country. As follows:

–National – Wed 1000h Hotel Les Palmes, Petionville, Herbert Schembri. Municipal meetings in the 7 communes of Port–au–Prince. Paul Christian Namphy - 3618 1196
–Bas Artibonite – Saint Marc – Tues/Fri 900h at DSA–UCS. Said Al–Nammari 37649254
–Haut Artibonite – Gonaïves – Mon/Thurs 1530h at DSA Gonaive. Anna Hjarne 37648946
–Est Centre – Mirebalais - Tues – 1200h at Mirage Hotel. Brice Pageaud - 34916336
–Ouest Centre - Hinche - Thurs – 1100h at Hopital St Theresse . Brice Pageaud 34916336
–Leogane/Gressier - Every 2nd Fri –1330h, OREPA Office, Leogane. Luca Palazzotto 37649774
–Petit Goave/ Grand Goave - Fri 900h– Oxfam Petit Goave . Luca Palazzotto 37649774

Global WASH Cluster Agencies

Global Cluster Lead:

UNICEF

Active Global Cluster Working Group Participants:

Action Contre la Faim (ACF)
CARE
Center for Disease Control (CDC)
Concern
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
InterAction
International Centre for Health and Migration (ICHM)
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Mercy Corps

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
Oxfam
RedR–IHE
TearFund
UNHCR
UNRWA
WHO
World Vision International (WVI)

WASH Cluster Google Group – HAITI:

http://groups.google.com/group/wash–cluster–haiti

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Kelly Naylor – WASH Cluster kanaylor @ unicef.org 3625–2758

Services offered: Events, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Cluster Meetings
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; CARE–International; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); CDC (Centers for Disease Control); Concern Worldwide; Mercy Corps; OXFAM; United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund); World Hope International; World Vision International
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Japan

Caritas Japan (Japan Catholic Center)

Info/Hotline · Open

Japan Catholic Center 2–10–10 Shiomi, Koto–ku, Tokyo 135–8585 JAPAN, Sendai
Phone 81–3–5632–4439
Web www.caritas.jp/english/index.html
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Caritas Japan on earthquake and tsunami
March 11, 2011
http://blog.caritas.org/2011/03/11/caritas–japan–on–earthquake–and–tsunami/

excerpt –

Caritas Japan is mobilizing to respond to the 10 metre tsunami that struck in the region of the Diocese of Sendai today.

“A tsunami has hit our people. Is a tidal wave has come to overwhelm our lives. We are still in shock over what has happened,” Father Koichi Otaki of the Diocese of Niigata told Fides. “The news is mixed, but the diocese most affected is that of Sendai. Our Bishop, Bishop Isao Kikuchi, President of Caritas Japan, ensures us that as the Japanese Catholic community, though very small, we will not walk away from our commitment and our solidarity with the victims.”

SEE Website for full report

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United States INFO:
Catholic Relief Services's Response to Japan Tsunami
Donation Phone #: 1–877–HELP–CRS
Donation Address: P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, MD, 21203–7090
Website: http://crs.org In Japan, CRS is providing assistance through our sister agency, Caritas Japan. CRS has programs in the Philippines and Indonesia and works with Caritas Oceania that is active in numerous islands in the Pacific that might be affected.

Services offered: Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Donations, Disaster Fund; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Services, Emergency Services
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Caritas International; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); Ending Extreme Poverty
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St Cecilia's Church (Haiti Response)

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Though spared the worst, life has changed for the 38 disabled children at Wings. When the Globe visited earlier this month, on a sunny afternoon and then a foggy morning a couple days later, it was difficult to imagine the clean, orderly environment that had impressed Bostonian visitors as an oasis.

School and therapy time continue four days a week, despite the crowded quarters and lack of supplies, and the staff had even managed to get the children to their horseback riding. But about eight little girls who typically use wheelchairs lay in bed in their pajamas at around 4:30 p.m., as the day staff prepared to go home for the night. The children were happily polishing off bowls of ice cream, but Asse said they would not eat again until breakfast.

On a foggy morning a couple of days later, children were eating their porridge, and several were left behind in an upstairs dorm room unsupervised when the rest of the children went next door to dance and pray. Asse had left for a monthlong tour to raise money for the homes with the dance troupe, entrusting the facility to two assistant directors and two American women who work at the home.

Some of the staff have been afraid to leave their homes, or tending to their own families' needs, so there are fewer hands to help clean and cook and to relieve the day workers at night, said Cheryl Proctor, a nurse practitioner from North Carolina who chairs the board of Hearts with Haiti, a US charity whose sole mission is to support the St. Joseph's Family homes.

"It's such a tremendous struggle in Haiti even on the best days, in a postearthquake situation it's made all the more difficult," she said.

Hearts with Haiti has raised more than $1 million to help rebuild so far. Back in Boston, the Cotting School and its extended community of friends have raised about $150,000, and seven staff members plan to spend a week volunteering at Wings in July.

St. Cecilia's has reached out to help Haiti in a variety of ways — holding a special prayer service, encouraging parishioners to donate to both Catholic Relief Services and Hearts with Haiti, and participating in a walk–a–thon for Partners in Health, a Boston–based nonprofit that provides health care for the poor in Haiti and other countries. Many of the parishioners are also contributing to other organizations involved in helping people in Haiti and in Boston's Haitian diaspora.

In a homily after returning from Haiti, Unni spoke about the resilience he witnessed at Wings of Hope.

"That ends up being the thing that prevails," he said. "You adapt, you make the best of it and you go from there."

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Demographic Served: Children; Facility: Community Center; Services, Church/Worship Services; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Community Services; Catholic Charities Social Services; Catholic Charities USA; Catholic Medical Mission Board; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); International Community, Creole/Kreole/Haitian
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Though spared the worst, life has changed for the 38 disabled children at Wings. When the Globe visited earlier this month, on a sunny afternoon and then a foggy morning a couple days later, it was difficult to imagine the clean, orderly environment that had impressed Bostonian visitors as an oasis.

School and therapy time continue four days a week, despite the crowded quarters and lack of supplies, and the staff had even managed to get the children to their horseback riding. But about eight little girls who typically use wheelchairs lay in bed in their pajamas at around 4:30 p.m., as the day staff prepared to go home for the night. The children were happily polishing off bowls of ice cream, but Asse said they would not eat again until breakfast.

On a foggy morning a couple of days later, children were eating their porridge, and several were left behind in an upstairs dorm room unsupervised when the rest of the children went next door to dance and pray. Asse had left for a monthlong tour to raise money for the homes with the dance troupe, entrusting the facility to two assistant directors and two American women who work at the home.

Some of the staff have been afraid to leave their homes, or tending to their own families' needs, so there are fewer hands to help clean and cook and to relieve the day workers at night, said Cheryl Proctor, a nurse practitioner from North Carolina who chairs the board of Hearts with Haiti, a US charity whose sole mission is to support the St. Joseph's Family homes.

"It's such a tremendous struggle in Haiti even on the best days, in a postearthquake situation it's made all the more difficult," she said.

Hearts with Haiti has raised more than $1 million to help rebuild so far. Back in Boston, the Cotting School and its extended community of friends have raised about $150,000, and seven staff members plan to spend a week volunteering at Wings in July.

St. Cecilia's has reached out to help Haiti in a variety of ways — holding a special prayer service, encouraging parishioners to donate to both Catholic Relief Services and Hearts with Haiti, and participating in a walk–a–thon for Partners in Health, a Boston–based nonprofit that provides health care for the poor in Haiti and other countries. Many of the parishioners are also contributing to other organizations involved in helping people in Haiti and in Boston's Haitian diaspora.

In a homily after returning from Haiti, Unni spoke about the resilience he witnessed at Wings of Hope.

"That ends up being the thing that prevails," he said. "You adapt, you make the best of it and you go from there."

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Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); International Community, Creole/Kreole/Haitian; Partners in Health (PIH)
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From the InterAction site:

CRS is organizing shipments of humanitarian aid to Balochistan, where the flooding struck earlier. The aid packages include water purification tablets, soap, cookware, jerry cans and more. In the areas of Kohistan and Shangla, CRS will provide emergency shelter kits and hygiene supplies. In several areas including Swat, CRS is also planning cash–for–work projects, paying people affected by the disaster to build irrigation channels, pathways and retaining walls. Communities have begun creating rope bridges to replace road bridges that were washed away.

From the site – July 2010 Pakistan Floods:

Floods Tear Through Northern Pakistan

During the last ten days of July, heavy rains caused catastrophic floods across large sections of northwest Pakistan. More than 1,500 people have been killed and at least one million people have been affected by the disaster, described as the worst flooding in Pakistan in almost a century. Raging floodwaters have washed away homes, bridges, schools, water systems and medical facilities. CRS is responding with shipments of humanitarian aid.

From the site – Work in Pakistan

CRS Work in Pakistan

CRS promotes peace, justice and reconciliation within Pakistan by improving access to food and credit, and by increasing the capacity of community–based organizations. Furthermore, CRS fosters harmony and collaboration between people of different faiths, supports education and human capacity development, and assists those unable to provide for themselves.

Pakistan has had issues regarding poverty, poor access to health care and education, and inadequate hygiene facilities, which were exacerbated by the October 8, 2005 earthquake that shook northern Pakistan. CRS has one major goal to serve the communities affected by the earthquake: to assist earthquake–affected rural families to rebuild their lives. Working with local partner organizations and Caritas, CRS has implemented four strategic objectives to achieve this goal.

* Earthquake–affected families live in a secure environment in their community of origin
* Earthquake–affected communities have improved access to water and sanitation facilities
* Earthquake–affected children have resumed their primary education in their communities of origin
* Earthquake–affected communities have resumed their livelihoods

In addition, CRS has strengthened its focus on nonformal education, care and support to people living with HIV and AIDS, and teaching people how to support themselves in the long term in drought–prone areas. Some specific examples of our other work include:
Drought Mitigation Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture funds this program, which is serving over 21,000 individuals in the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan. The program improves people's access to water for consumption and production, with a particular emphasis on the role of women.
Nonformal Education

This program improves education opportunities for out–of–school children and adolescents in four provinces by developing stronger parent–teacher associations; creating nonformal schools to serve older and otherwise marginalized children, and training teachers in modern, participatory education methods.
HIV and AIDS Program

CRS has worked with local institutions and partners to provide nutritional, social and financial assistance to HIV–positive people, and trained health care providers to be sensitive towards patients with HIV and AIDS, who are often reluctant to seek treatment for fear they may face discrimination in health care facilities.

Services offered: Demographic Served: HIV/AIDS Patients; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund; Jerrycans (Fuel/Water Container); Jobs, Cash For Work Program; Kitchen, Cooking, Cookware * (ALL/ANY Type of Cookware); * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; * KITS, SHELTER KITS; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Purification Tablets; Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Soap * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Pakistan Floods; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); InterAction
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FROM THE SITE:

Christchurch (NZ) Earthquake

Caritas is accepting donations towards relief work following the latest devastating quake that hit Christchurch on 22 February. Funds will support the St Vincent de Paul Society and other Church agencies working with people in greatest need. Caritas has pledged $25,000 towards relief and recovery.
We also express our heartfelt condolences and support to the people of Christchurch as they come to terms with the disaster and start restoring their lives.

Caritas does not normally support emergency response within New Zealand. However, given the size and impact of this disaster, we pledge our support to the people of Christchurch, especially those in greatest need.

Donations to Caritas for Christchurch earthquake relief can be made by:

* Phoning 0800 22 10 22 to make credit card donations or
* Donating online here or
* Posting to Caritas, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144, New Zealand.

Supporting the Victims of the New Zealand Earthquake
Source: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Date: 23 Feb 2011

Our brothers and sisters in New Zealand are in our prayers after a 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck near Christchurch yesterday. Government officials have confirmed that at least 75 people are dead and many more are still trapped in the rubble.

Catholic Relief Services is supporting the relief efforts of our sister agency, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand. Caritas funds will support the St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Social Services and other agencies to respond to immediate needs, as well as provide long–term recovery and assistance to those affected by this disaster.

Caritas noted that it does not normally respond directly to emergencies within New Zealand, but the scale of the disaster requires an exceptional response, and they will assist agencies facing needs on the ground.

For updates on Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's response to this emergency, please visit their website.

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund
Campaigns: 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; Caritas International; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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Tent distribution in District Rahim Yar Khan, Tehsil Sadiqabad, UC Bhong

• NFI: Plastic Chattai, Jerry can
• Sewing machine, clothes
• Rs. 1000/– cash distribution to 1724 families

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Campaigns: 2010 Pakistan Floods; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); United Nations – UNICEF (United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund)
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From RELIEF WEB:

MORE AID REACHES PAKISTAN FLOOD SURVIVORS: Catholic Relief Services Battles Weather to Help Families from Remote Villages
Source: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Date: 09 Aug 2010

Baltimore, MD, August 10—Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is providing newly homeless families with water purification tablets, plastic sheeting, cookware and more as floods continue to ravage Pakistan. Though hampered by washed–out roads and bridges, CRS has reached thousands of people in the north and southwest parts of the country.

"Our teams are battling the weather, the terrain and the immense scale of the disaster," says Carolyn Fanelli, Head of Programming and Acting Country Representative for CRS Pakistan. "In places where water has begun to recede, it has left behind a trail of devastation."

In the past two days, CRS has distributed the sheeting, purification tablets, and other items to more than 150 families in the Swat Valley. "At first, we didn't get to as many families as planned because a new landslide blocked the way—our team got stuck on one side of it," says Fanelli. "But as of Monday, August 9 we've reached more than 1,500 people. Before that, CRS distributed supplies to 4,000 people in the Kohlu and Barkhan areas of Balochistan in the southern part of the country. "The rainy weather there also has made things much slower," says Fanelli.

A CRS team trekked to the Shangla District, hiking through steep and slippery mountainous terrain in the rain to meet with survivors in remote villages and find out what they needed. The team reports that almost all the water systems and existing walking paths have been destroyed

CRS engineers are now in the process of repairing five separate water systems in the region. The agency has years of experience building and repairing water systems in remote mountainous areas of Pakistan, having worked on hundreds of systsms following the 2005 earthquake there. CRS briefly had to evacuate its office in Besham, Shangla, on Sunday August 8 because of rising floodwaters, but staff returned the next day. CRS and it partners have opened an office in the Sharpor Valley of Shangla in order to better serve this remote area.

Millions of Pakistanis have been affected by the floods. Many have lost their homes, crops, livestock and small businesses. Once the most immediate needs are met, CRS will help farmers and others to regain their means of earning a living. In several areas including Swat, CRS is planning cash–for–work projects, paying people affected by the disaster to build irrigation channels, pathways and retaining walls.

"There's a long road ahead," says Fanelli. "But CRS staff are doing tremendous work under difficult conditions."

From the SITE:

Pakistan Floods Ravage North and South

Since July, torrential rains in Pakistan have caused flooding that washed out roads, homes and tracts of land, leaving millions destitute. Michelle Neukirchen is Catholic Relief Services' regional technical advisor for water, sanitation and hygiene in Asia,

based in Afghanistan. She worked for CRS Pakistan from 2005 to 2008, helping with the earthquake recovery efforts there, and returned to assist with relief efforts after the devastating floods began. Recently, she spoke with Jennifer Hardy, New Media communications officer at CRS headquarters in Baltimore.

Jennifer Hardy:
Can you tell me about your recent visit to northern Pakistan?

Michelle Neukirchen:

I just returned from the CRS office in Besham. We've worked in this area of Pakistan continuously since the 2005 earthquake. The purpose of my visit was to support our team as they plan further flood response efforts, especially in the areas of water, infrastructure and hygiene.
Hardy:
What stood out to you the most as you visited communities there?
Neukirchen:

The difficulty of moving from one location to another. In one area we visited, the entire length of road connecting villages to the local market was washed away. We hiked from the market to the village, and although it was only three kilometers (less than two miles) away, it took us over two hours to reach the community. We had to climb over boulders and scramble over loose rocks.

It's important that roads are rebuilt in the north as quickly and safely as possible. People had to travel long distances for food and medical care before the floods—now those journeys are more difficult, and may be impossible for someone who is very ill. We also have to remember that some people depend on getting to markets to make a living, so the limited access has become an income issue as well.

Hardy:
How does CRS plan to help with water and roads in the north?
Neukirchen:

CRS is beginning to lay out pathways and build culverts to improve market access, as well as constructing retaining walls to limit landslides. Engineering teams are also repairing water supply systems to restore safe water access close to homes. We're teaching people about proper hygiene, water purification and water storage, which is essential to prevent disease. CRS is distributing water purification tablets and also talking to people about boiling water if tablets run out.
Hardy:
Where are displaced people staying right now?
Neukirchen:

Some families are taking shelter in local schools. People do have extended families, so many are staying with relatives. A few families even had leftover materials from the 2005 earthquake, such as tents and tarps, and they were able to grab them before the floodwaters rose.

Hardy:
Are there any special concerns that affect women in Besham?
Neukirchen:

We saw some women carrying children out walking with their husbands toward the market. Women don't leave the household very often, for cultural reasons, so if you do see a woman walking, it's likely for a serious reason. The biggest impact on women is collecting water. Tap stands are no longer working so they have to collect water further from home, which compromises their privacy. Now families have to work together to access water and other services.
Hardy:
Tell me about the difference between the disaster in the north and in the south of the country.
Neukirchen:

The floods in northern Pakistan were sudden and violent. People had very little time to move to higher ground, and the water cut 100–foot–wide and 40–foot–high gashes out of mountainsides. Water delivery systems, roads, bridges—everything was destroyed by the sudden force of the water. People's land has just vanished. It's not a matter of waiting for waters to recede; their land is gone for good. And we have to think about shelter solutions in the north right away. Winter comes earlier in the north, so aid agencies will need to coordinate with the government to ensure needs for winterized shelters are met before the cold sets in.

More people are affected in the south, but it's a different type of flood. The water that has inundated the lowlands is affecting people on a larger scale. Entire communities are displaced in the south, but their land, although damaged, will be there after the floodwaters go down. Only after the water recedes will we know the level of overall damage to homes, infrastructure and farmland.
Hardy:
What unique challenges will aid workers face with this disaster?
Neukirchen:

When you look at the whole country it becomes a complex response. The issues in Besham are completely different than in the south where there is standing water. In the north there is widespread, permanent damage to land. In the south, entire communities are displaced. The situations are very different. It's challenging us and other agencies to be flexible with our response, which must reflect the unique needs in both settings.

CRS is well–positioned to respond in both the north and the south. In the north, the communities' needs will be somewhat similar to what we saw in the 2005 earthquake. We already have established expert teams positioned to engineer solutions well–suited to rugged terrain.

In the south, the flood patterns and people's needs are similar to what we have seen in Pakistan's 2007 floods, as well as annual flooding in India and Bangladesh. We can draw on CRS' national and regional experience and expertise to respond appropriately in Pakistan's southern lowlands.

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