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Haiti

HHF Center of Hope – Haitian Health Foundation (2010 Haiti Earthquake Response)

Medical Facility · Open

Social Services

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Service	Temporary

Healthcare

Our health care programs and services comprise several categories, including our outpatient clinic (with eye care), public health outreach to over 100 mountain villages, and the residential Center of Hope for malnourished children and at–risk pregnant women.

Outpatient Clinic

HHF's clinic in Jérémie, named Klinik Pep Bondye–a by the Haitian people, features the following:

* Fully stocked pharmacy
* Medical X–ray and sonogram—the only such services in the area
* Clinical laboratory
* Eye examination room, fully equipped
* Five patient examination rooms
* Fully equipped and staffed dental clinic
* Diabetes treatment center
* Staff of physicians, dentists, nurses, technical assistants, etc.

FROM THE WEBSITE:

January 17th Update on Haiti Earthquake
Posted January 17, 2010

The past 36 hours have brought the start of the expected migration of people from Port au Prince to Jérémie, and The Haitian Health Foundation's immediate focus is on addressing their needs. Supplies necessary to aid the influx are scarce, a problem compounded by the collapse of banking and the absence of currency. However, partnerships with such agencies as AmeriCares, Cross International, and the Red Cross are being forged to bridge the gaps in the area's needs.

Homecomings

Dr. Bette Gebrian, HHF's Director of Public Health, reports that people seeking the refuge of their families and homes in the Grand'Anse began arriving yesterday, with an estimated 2000+ having arrived by early Sunday. About 1,500 came by boat from Port au Prince, with the remainder having traveled the difficult overland route.

Buses and trucks that arrived yesterday were greeted by loved ones, Croix Rouge Hatienne (Red Cross of Haiti), MINUSTAH (United Nations), and local Scouts. HHF personnel were on hand with partner organizations to address the injured, transferring those with the most severe injuries to the public hospital and helping to treat others with less severe conditions. Although HHF does not operate a trauma center, it has committed its support to treating injuries not requiring hospitalization, offering its pharmacy, X–ray, sonogram, and other medical services and supplies.

Overland travelers described the difficult trip: one truck teeming with people broke down, and another was involved in an accident, causing passengers to pack together in whatever other vehicles they encountered. The injured traveled alongside the uninjured, and stories abound of Haitians caring for their own. Those fortunate enough to ride described passing many people who had undertaken the route on foot, a journey that will take about 6 days. Among those walking westward, some were seen carrying the caskets of family members.

The Grand'Anse Department Director of Croix Rouge pointed out that a large percentage of the people in Port au Prince migrated from southwest Haiti, and arrivals thus far are just a fraction of those expected to return. Many are coming with severe injuries, broken bones, and burns. HHF is a member of the partnership of organizations that will welcome them back and help to provide for their needs in food, shelter, and health care.

The boat carrying the 1,500 returning Grand'Anse residents was met by an orderly debarkation that included UN security personnel and local police, screening offloading passengers for potential security risks. There were at least 10 pregnant women among the passengers who were assessed. One was reported to be in labor and was immediately transported to the hospital;

three others were brought to HHF's Center of Hope Maternal Waiting Home for assessment. Other passengers, most of whom left Port au Prince with only the clothes on their backs, were given clothing, juice, protein bars, and soap. Potable water was supplied by HHF's 4,000 gallon water truck, which Cross International provided two years ago.

In under 5 hours, trucks and private vehicles were on their way to drop off the exhausted travelers in all corners of the Grand'Anse. Those waiting in Jérémie were able to stay in a schoolyard in tents supplied by Croix Rouge.

The Need Continues
Many more trucks and buses were anticipated to arrive today, which will require more supplies. The lack of fuel has reportedly kept the boat anchored, unable to make the return trip to Port au Prince. Like other organizations, HHF is currently unable to purchase diesel. Unfortunately, it is also not uncommon for prices of the unavailable commodities to quadruple when they finally do become available.

With over 2,000 people having returned to Jérémie in the first day, it is clear that HHF's resources will be severely strained over the coming months and beyond. The Haitian Health Foundation thanks you for your generosity during this period. Children—orphaned or not—will become a part of HHF's comprehensive children's health programs. Expectant mothers will be monitored and treated as indicated by their conditions. The injured will require both short and long–term care. All may become recipients of HHF's services in feeding programs, education, housing, or other initiatives.

To our friends, we ask that you keep this story before the public; although we did not have the crumbling buildings of Port au Prince—and we do pray for the rescue of those still trapped and the recovery of the survivors—we readily accept the challenge of helping to repair the lives in the Grand'Anse devastated by this catastrophe. Bette Gebrian says, "We are heartened by the generosity of HHF's legions of supporters, who have sent donations from all over the United States to help their struggling neighbors."

January 13th Update on Haiti Earthquake
Posted January 13, 2010
From Marilyn Lowney:

The outpouring of support today has been overwhelming. Nearly every one of you asked, "How can I help?" or offered, "I can go down whenever you need me. Just tell me when." It is this human spirit and the gratitude of the people of Haiti that has made our work so rewarding, and I will address your questions below.

Today we received additional information from the Jérémie area. The morning light revealed more damage than was known when we wrote the first statement last night. We are, however, blessed that we still do not know of any injured employees or volunteers.

Assessment Continues…
Our assessment continued today. The morsels of information from the field so far confirm our HHF family has been affected—one of the dozen homes that collapsed in Moron belonged an employee who has been with HHF from the beginning. His home is just one of the confirmed casualties thus far.

Many of the family and friends of our volunteers, employees, and patients are still unaccounted for in Port au Prince. Sister Maryann writes that she has spoken to one employee after another "who has someone either dead or missing in PAP. It is emotionally draining for people. Many people want to try to go to PAP to look for the missing children or relatives but there is no boat and there is no road. Their inability to respond to their closest family members is another type of very real suffering."

We anticipate that those who survived in Port au Prince will be returning to Jérémie to escape the chaos, which will further strain our operations.

We also had a container in Port au Prince that was being prepared for the arduous overland trip to Jérémie, a route that runs directly through the epicenter of the quake. Many of you have helped load a container in the past, so you know the vital supplies—food, medical, and operational equipment—that are sent through Port au Prince. We don't know the fate of these supplies nor the viability of continued shipments across southern Haiti at the present time.

How Can You Help?
This is all to say that right now we anticipate a serious depletion of our resources, of both cash and in–kind donations of food and supplies. However, until we are able to determine potential alternate methods of getting in–kind donations and supplies to Jérémie, we ask that you hold off sending supplies to our Norwich office—there will be time to respond with those supplies once we are able to develop alternate plans, maybe next week or maybe next month.

We are asking that you support our response with an online donation by going to: https://www.givedirect.org/give/givefrm.asp?CID=11299. Given the homes already known lost, the break in our supply lines with the need to establish new avenues to deliver critical food and supplies, and the expected influx of people from Port au Prince, it is a certainty that our resources will be strained over the next few months. You can help us meet this need with your support.

Please keep our people in Haiti in your thoughts, and on behalf of all of those affiliated with Haitian Health Foundation, thank you for your support.

Programs
The Haitian Health Foundation sponsors ongoing programs to help the hundreds of thousands of Haitian men, women and children who need assistance. These programs include healthcare, economic relief, community development and education.

Healthcare
Healthcare programs include our outpatient clinic, Klinik Pep Bondye–a, public health outreach through local health agents and the residential Center of Hope for malnourished children and at–risk, pregnant women.

Relief
Relief programs support the area's children and families with nutritious meals, clothing and education.

Development Projects
Through the Happy House, Clean Latrines and Give–a–Goat programs, thousands of families are provided a better place to live and thrive.

Education
Education programs provide access to school for poor Haitian children, providing support for tuition, uniforms, books and shoes.

Special Projects
HHF also works to address problems that aren't in these categories of care. In the past, HHF has sponsored, for example, other animal distribution projects, specialized surgeries for children and adults in the US and other areas of Haiti, and special construction projects (e.g., St. Pierre School and Testasse Fishing Village).

Services offered: Business Services, Micro–Lending; Demographic Served: Children; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Dental, Facility, Dental Clinic; Food Distribution, Emergency/ Disaster Food Distribution; Long Term Recovery, International; Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Outpatient Clinic; Medical, Services, Laboratory / Lab Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Services, Pharmacy
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