

**Catholic Relief Services
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Haiti Earthquake
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AFFECTED POPULATIONS/NEEDS: New developments

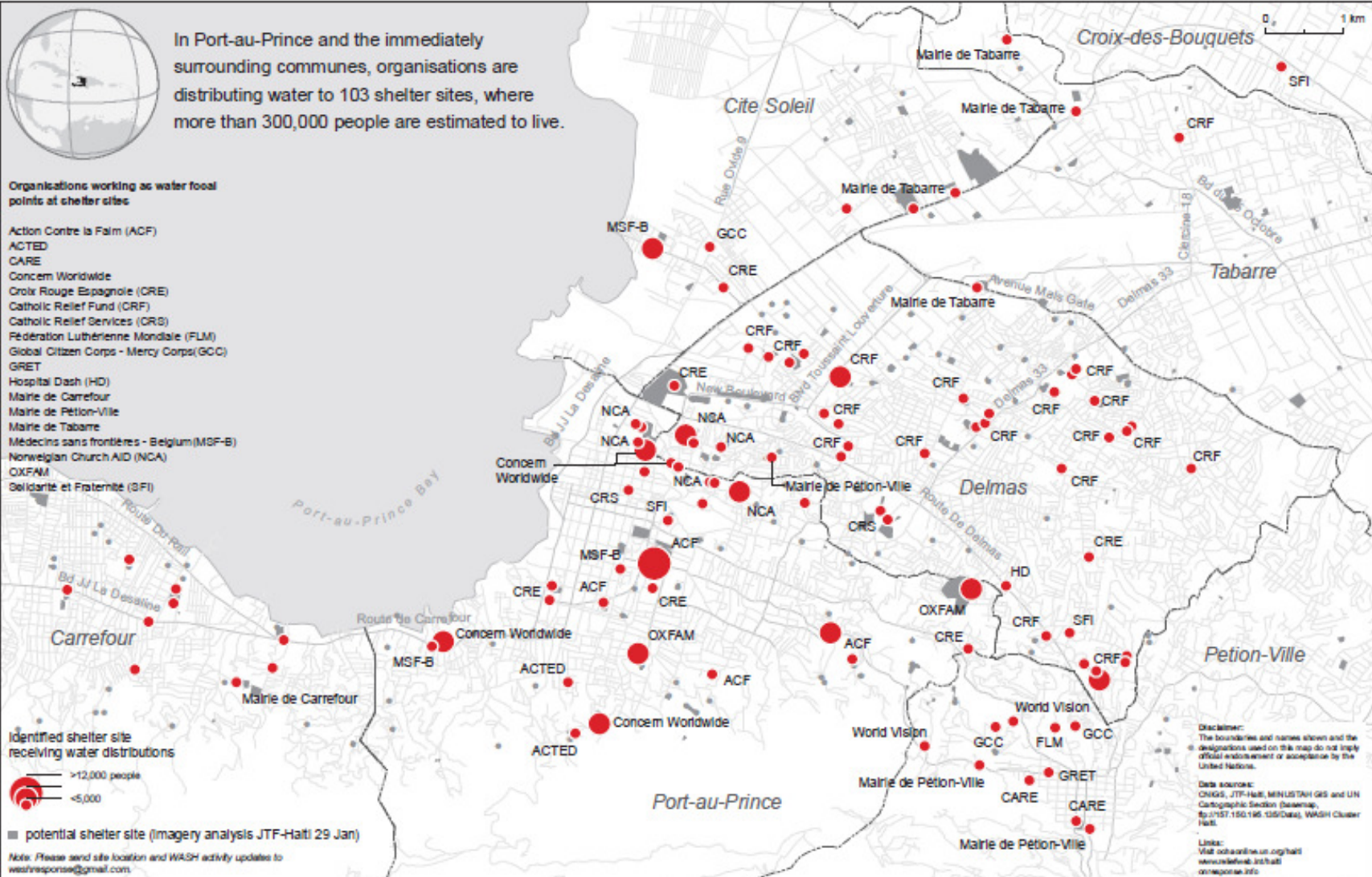
The UN has revised its Flash Appeal to extend over 12 months taking into account new information from rapid and detailed needs assessments just completed.

On February 1st, the USAID/DART protection officer participated in a monitoring trip to several food distribution sites and noted that relief agencies distributing food were observing appropriate protection practices.

According to the USAID/DART, the WFP, UNICEF, and International Medical Corps will begin blanket supplementary feeding in Port-au-Prince orphanages in the coming days. Locations will be targeted locations based on an ongoing Protection Cluster assessment. To date, the assessment team, led by UNICEF, has identified 120 orphanages hosting 8,000 children. The team anticipates a total of 375 orphanages and 230,000 children will require assistance, below the widely reported figures of 375 orphanages and 320,000 children requiring support.

Of information available to OCHA through the WASH cluster, the following map shows the 103 shelter sites at which water is being distributed. CRS appears on the map.

HAITI - Water Distribution - Organisation focal points at shelter sites
2 February 2010



PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATION

UNICEF is preparing public health messages that will be shared with INGOs and local NGOs. These will be communicated across key areas via radio, megaphone, leaflets and other means.

CRS' child protection advisor is meeting with Save the Children to discuss strategic approaches and collaborative capacity for responding to the increasing needs of orphans and vulnerable children in Port au Prince city and in outside areas. More details about CRS' support for orphans and vulnerable children are included in the programming section below.

PROGRAMMING

Business Development

OFDA approved a \$15 million proposal for the CRS shelter and water and sanitation response.

Distributions

CRS has now provided food to 264,230 people. Through its own response strategy, CRS/Caritas Haiti has provided food to 200,205 people, and nonfood items to more than 25,000 people. In addition, as part of the WFP rice distribution, CRS has distributed rice to 64,225 people as of Feb. 3rd. These distributions were in the areas of Champs de Mars (Zone 3), Petionville Country Club (Zone 11), and Tabarre (Zone 13).

Health

CRS/Caritas Haiti has prepared a health strategy, and will be carrying out its public health campaign to more sites this week with community messages on health care. Most of these assessments are looking at strengthening renewed partnerships with our clinical and faith-based partners.

The CRS/Caritas Haiti Health team is actively scaling up health services in camps and targeting 10 sites for primary health care. Seven camps currently have primary care services supported through CRS/Caritas Haiti. The team is planning to expand the health services currently offered, and has put in place a referral network for complicated illnesses to be referred to St. Francois de la Salle Hospital.

The visiting University of Maryland doctors (UMMC) are extremely enthusiastic about being involved and part of the health efforts. CRS Haiti is planning an orientation package for new groups coming in with the UMMC medical team to improve some of the transportation planning and expectations prior to their arrival.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

The CRS/Caritas Haiti WASH team is very active with construction fully underway in three sites: Accra, St. Francois de la Salle Hospital, and Bureau de Mines. The team is looking at ways to support the central camps and satellite sites at the same time to avoid drawing more people to the camps given new sanitation systems. The team is also setting up a sanitation scheme for Champs de Mars—a huge IDP camp around the Presidential Palace where 30,000 people have sought refuge.

Shelter

Now that the shelter kit materials have arrived, preparations—including the cutting of rope for the kits—are taking shape for the shelter kit distributions. This will start on Friday, Feb. 5th, for 35,000 people at Pétionville Country Club. The CRS/Caritas Haiti distribution is likely to last up to four days.

CRS Haiti is looking to recruit staff to focus solely on hospital shelter support.

Protection for Orphans and Vulnerable Children

Prior to the earthquake, CRS Haiti was supporting 101 orphanages and child care centers in Port-au-Prince and Les Cayes, which care for an estimated 9,565 children. CRS has been in contact with these centers and others that have been providing care for orphans and vulnerable children since the disaster. Onsite assessments are being conducted to provide appropriate relief as quickly as possible. The needs are varied: from food/water relief and dormitory/school repair to improved measures to protect children. Careful, onsite assessments will take place and our response will be comprehensive and dignified in its approach to prevent risks to vulnerable children, and ensure their safety and care.

In terms of the CRS response to areas affected by the earthquake:

- CRS has provided a child protection check list for food distributions. This includes assessment questions to ensure that systems are in place. CRS is the only INGO that is currently targeting child protection in a strategic way during distributions.
- CRS is working in the crowded settlements and displaced camps to establish child-friendly spaces and venues for psycho-social support and trauma recovery.
- CRS is identifying and registering children who have been separated from their families or are unaccompanied minors.
- CRS is working in hospitals to create protection mechanisms for children. This involves close collaboration with the water and sanitation teams, as well as the health and shelter teams, to be sure that measures are incorporated to provide the means for child protection.
- CRS has deployed its senior global child protection specialist from Nairobi to support the protection strategy development and to ensure that the protection and safety of children is addressed throughout the emergency response, as well as the long-term programming.

In the long-term, CRS will be supporting efforts on child placements within extended families, for alternative care outside orphanages, and to address the root causes that lead to children being vulnerable and at risk.

LOGISTICS

CRS Dominican Republic received two chartered planes from Dubai (WASH equipment, tarps, and tents) and Miami (food commodities). All of these items were dispatched to Haiti. Supplies in the PPC warehouse are being transferred to Les Cayes in order to make room for Title II commodities.

SECURITY

CRS is focused on tightening the planning/security protocols, crowd control at our distribution sites, communicating among distribution and security teams, monitoring staff locations on site, and mapping site layout and exit strategies.

On Feb. 3rd, one of CRS' trucks containing materials for the shelter kits, broke down within the camp at Pétionville Country Club. A crowd gathered thinking that a distribution was to take place and a few people opened the truck and took five packets of sheeting (10 sheets a packet). The loss was relatively minor—50 plastic sheets out of 14,000. The incident was controlled quickly by local camp security volunteers alongside the Haitian police. CRS then transferred the remainder of supplies to a U.S. military vehicle to move it to another part of the camp for the shelter kit preparation. No one was injured.

On Feb. 2nd, two reports indicated that NGO workers were harassed: one was reportedly robbed of food vouchers at gunpoint. The location was likely the Cite Soleil, one the most problematic areas of the city. We are taking necessary precautions to prevent staff from finding themselves in isolated situations.

MEDIA

With media coverage slowing down, CRS is shifting our focus to beneficiary stories, photos and video for the web and fundraising. When possible, stories will continued to be pitched. There is still media interest in CRS worker profiles in hometown papers and alumni magazines, as well as some of the fundraising efforts.

Most media is currently focused on the food distributions and the recent arrest of American church members for trying to smuggle so-called orphans out of Haiti. Most of our media hits at this point are coming from Catholic media and for the many fundraisers being held around the country on behalf of CRS.

The New York Times had an unflattering mention of CRS: "On Monday afternoon, a crowd of several hundred people rushed workers from Catholic Relief Services as they tried to hand out coupons near the presidential palace, forcing them and a small team of American soldiers to flee." Communications has contacted the reporters to express concern about this article and their coverage in general (i.e., lack of coverage of Pétionville Club distribution).

Major hits for the past 48 hours include:

- **The New York Times**, *Chaos eases in effort to help feed Haiti's hungry*, CRS mention, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/03/world/americas/03haiti.html?hp>
- **Catholic News Service**, *Foreign doctors help Haitian staff in what remains of hospital*, coverage of University of Maryland at St. Francois de Sales, http://thecatholicspirit.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3238&Itemid=33
- **San Francisco Chronicle**, *Helping Hands*, item on a Daly City restaurant donating proceeds to CRS, <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/02/03/BUG81BR59U.DTL>

- **Sacramento Bee**, *Capital-area kids open piggy banks to help Haiti*, CRS mention of fundraiser at St. John the Evangelist School in Carmichael, <http://www.sacbee.com/ourregion/story/2509107.html>
- **ABC2 News**, Baltimore, *Rock to Rebuild Haiti Concert*, will benefit several charities, including CRS, <http://www.abc2news.com/news/local/story/Rock-To-Rebuild-Haiti-Concert/4nO0j5Xa0UCBf55pYnSkMw.csp>
- **The Day** (New London, Ct), *In Haiti, pleas for a bit of dignity*, CRS in the lead as job applicants line up outside our office, <http://www.theday.com/article/20100202/NWS01/302029878/1017/NWS>
- **CNN Headline News**, *Helping Haiti's children cope*, interview with CRS volunteer Dr. Michael Finegan, <http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/ireports/2010/02/01/finegan.haiti.cnn?iref=allsearch>
- **AOL News**, *UN gives out tickets to get food to Haiti's most vulnerable*, quotes CRS' Shannon Oliver, <http://www.aolnews.com/world/article/haitian-women-elderly-line-up-for-food-in-port-au-prince/19340824>
- **NY1 TV**, *Bronx students present Archbishop with Haiti relief check*, CRS mention, http://www.nyl.com/6-bronx-news-content/top_stories/113004/bronx-students-present-archbishop-with-haiti-relief-check