

## Haiti's Reality

It is now six weeks since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti. The Haitian Government reports over 200,000 people were killed, 300,000 were treated for injuries, and 250,000 homes were destroyed.

## Latest CRS/Caritas Haiti Efforts

With the rainy season beginning, there is a new urgency to provide water resistant shelters and to clear rubble from canals and ditches to prevent flooding. CRS, working with Caritas Haiti continues to focus on distribution of emergency shelter kits, food and is coordinating with partners on water, sanitation, health and security issues.

To date, CRS has:

- Provided food to 597,989 people. Of this total, CRS distributed 30,903 ready-to-eat food kits (lasting a family of five for two days), as well as bulk supplies (626,829 lbs. of soy-fortified bulgur, oil, corn-soy blend, and lentils/peas) to an estimated 33,152 families that will last typically 15 days. Another 49,699 families (or 248,496 people) received bulk rice.
- Distributed emergency shelter kits to 9,100 families in two camps. Read story by [Catholic News Service](#).
- Supported a Cash-for-Work program for 160 people to clean the huge amounts of rubble and debris out of the city's main canal.
- Promoted safe hygiene in innovative ways. Hired a well known Haitian urban artist to paint murals throughout the city with messages reinforcing hand washing and good hygiene practices.
- Delivered medical care and treatment to an estimated 12,000 people, and continues to triage an average of 300 people a day.



## U.S. Catholic Community Responds

- As of February 22, 2010, CRS has received almost \$74.2 million in private contributions and commitments. An example of outstanding support from Catholics is in the Hartford (CT) Archdiocese where, as of Feb. 19, 166 parishes, 5 schools, and individual contributors have collected \$1,036,217 for CRS' Haiti earthquake response.

## New Resources for Parishes, Schools, and Individuals

- An [Action Alert](#) issued by CRS and USCCB as part of the joint initiative, Catholics Confront Global Poverty.
- A downloadable poster to promote awareness and fundraising events.
- A Bulletin Announcement for the weekend of February 26-27 for parishes.



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