

HIGHLIGHTS

- The immunization campaign pilot started on Sunday in the temporary settlement located at the Silvio Cator Stadium. The operation was coordinated by the Ministry of Health and the Cuban Brigade and includes rubella and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccines for children under 7 years of age and diphtheria and tetanus for older children and adults.
- Challenges remain regarding the sustainability of post-operative healthcare services, specifically in areas such as cardiac surgeries where normally three weeks of follow-up are needed.
- NGOs working at level 1 and 2 health facilities are now requested to provide basic information on a weekly basis. A simple surveillance form has been disseminated.



ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

- There is a need for simple respirators.
- With regards to shelter, eight sites have been approved by the government to be locations for temporary settlements. These sites will cover shelter needs for over 50,000 people in areas of Delmas, Carrefour, Cite Soleil and Cite Militaire.

GAP FILLING

DRUGS AND SUPPLIES

- Oxygen refills are available at the United Nations Clinic.
- The World Food Program (WFP) started on Sunday the food distribution in Port au Prince and Carrefour (16 places). They have been distributing 25 kilos of rice to each family.

OUTBREAK CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- The epidemiology team, coordinated by Ministry of Health, will provide a weekly report (every Tuesday) on the epidemiological situation. The report will be presented in the Health Cluster every Wednesday.
- An epidemiologist from Epicentre, a non-profit organisation created by MSF and the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Research in Epidemiology and Response to Emerging Disasters, arrived to the country and will be collaborating with the group of epidemiologist.
- The PAHO/WHO epidemiologist stationed in the Dominican Republic, accompanied by the general director of epidemiology in Dominican Republic, will be visiting Haiti on the 3rd February. There will be a joint meeting comprised of National and PAHO/WHO epidemiologists with an objective of coordinating activities on the border.
- PAHO/WHO reminded partners that all patients should be vaccinated against tetanus as well as people in charge of collecting waste.

PROVISION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

- The preparation of a strategy to provide basic health services in new settlements is underway. The National Health Commission is leading this task in collaboration with the Health Cluster and some NGOs.
- World Vision is setting up mobile clinics in the following locations: Bristou et Marie, Zone Peguyville, Petionville Parc Acra and Juvenat. They would also like to set up mobile clinics in Haut Turgeau, Zone de la Grotte, Commune de Port-Au-Prince and terrain d'ENAF. They have capacity to open 10 clinics.
- Medecins Sans Frontieres Holland: The compound "Des Arts et Metiers" (in front of MSPP Carrefour Hopital) has the capacity to receive patients requiring orthopaedic surgery and post-operative care. They have 60 beds and the possibility to extend their capacity to 100 beds.
- Locations of Red Cross First Aid Posts: Petit Goave (site Beatrice and site Gaston), Carrefour (centre sportif), Port-au-Prince (place Jeremie à Carrefour Feuille, Primature, Bel Air Asile Communale, Bel Air Bolimand Brand, Place Canape Vert, Parc Henry, Canapé Vert/Haut Turgeau, Place Sainte Marie, Canapé Vert).
- The German and Finish Red Cross can accept orthopaedic patients

WATER AND SANITATION

- The Direction Nationale pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement (DINEPA) created a framework for water quality control which incorporated a needs assessment and the definition of an appropriate strategy. It should encompass the monitoring and control of the main water resources and outlets for the population of Port-au-Prince and should be implemented this week.
- DINEPA, PAHO/WHO and the German civil security (THW) laboratory met and decided that the German civil security group would assist DINEPA in sampling and analyzing water.

COORDINATION

- Mobile Health Facilities: NGOs working at level 1 and 2 health facilities are now requested to provide basic information on a weekly basis. A simple surveillance form has been disseminated and is downloadable from <http://haiti.oneresponse.info>. Reports are to be sent to the health cluster every Sunday (preferably by Email hai.clustersante@paho.org). The health cluster will then provide data to the Ministry of Health.
- On Monday, the following meetings will take place:
 - General Health Cluster: everyday at 4:00 p.m.
 - Epidemiology subgroup: everyday at 9:00 a.m. in the National Laboratory.
 - Primary Health Care/Mobile clinics subgroup: after the General Health Cluster.
- The next meeting of the disabilities subgroup will be specifically on prosthetics and will be held on Tuesday at 1pm in St Germain. On Wednesday, a general meeting of the disabilities subgroup will be held at 2pm in the PAHO/WHO tent.
- The reproductive subgroup will be meeting every Monday (starting on the 8th February) at 3:00 p.m. in UNFPA Tent.
- On Wednesday, the mental health subgroup will be meeting in PAHO/WHO tent at 8:30 a.m.
- A PAHO/WHO epidemiologist will be attending the Health Cluster on Wednesday and Saturday every week.

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IMPORTANT LINKS

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<http://onerresponse.info/Disasters/Haiti/Health/Pages/default.aspx>