

HIGHLIGHTS

- Twelve days after the earthquake, the surgical needs are decreasing.
- Current health priorities include post-operative care, specifically for patients with amputations, and mental health services.
- One major challenge is the organization of primary health care and epidemiological surveillance in spontaneous resettlements.
- Logistical support is needed to get fuel and medical supplies to health facilities.
- Sanitation will be an increasing concern as we move toward the rainy season.



Health Cluster Meeting
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ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

- According to the Ministry of Health, priority towns are Jacmel, Delmas, Carrefour, Carrefour Feuille, Martissant, Leogane, Petit Goave and Grand Goave. The following organizations are already working in Jacmel: Canadian Medical Force, Brigada Medica Cubana, MSF Spain and Agronomes and Veterinaries sans Frontieres.
- 1500 people needing medical attention arrived at the Jeremie Hospital (Grande Anse) and 2000 to Jacmel (Sud Est).
- MSF is assessing water and sanitation in spontaneous resettlement sites in Carrefour where there are 7000 people, to determine needed interventions.
- The multi-cluster Rapid Need Assessment (IRA) comprised of 20 teams, each with 3 people who speak French and 2 who speak Creole, will take place over three days in Port-au-Prince. Training will be held Sunday, 24 January. Assessment sites will be reached by helicopter and vehicles. Samples will be taken in 105 sites across Haiti (57 in Port-au-Prince, 48 outside Port-au-Prince).
- A rapid environmental health assessment was conducted today in Sante Froix Hospital in Leogane where there are no major problems. MSF Switzerland is in charge of the hospital.
- An assessment is being undertaken of 16, level two health facilities in Port-au-Prince by the Ministry of Health, WHO/PAHO, and partners, and is expected to finish tomorrow.
- There is a lack of water in many health centers and organizations are needed to provide both water and food.
- More health information is needed from areas outside of Port-au-Prince.

GAP FILLING

DRUG SUPPLIES

- PAHO/WHO has received blood from the Dominican Republic (97 units), Bolivia (200 units) and the

American Red Cross (249 units) to distribute in Haiti. Between 200 and 250 more units blood are expected from the American Red Cross next week.

- Three sites have been defined to provide blood: PROMESS, the National Laboratory and the University Hospital. The National Program of Blood Safety is encouraging blood donations to cover needs.
- PAHO/WHO is implementing a system to distribute fuel to the hospitals. In a first phase, 30 hospitals will receive fuel in Port-au-Prince and in a second phase, fuel will be distributed in other departments.

OUTBREAK CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Surveillance is ongoing.

PROVISION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

- There are 43 hospitals known to be functioning in Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas, 15 of which are level one. There are 12 field hospitals, half of which are military.
- Mobile clinics are covering areas in Route des Freres, Petionville, Carrefour, Cité Soleil, Delmas 75, Delmas 33, Belair, Croix-des-Bouquets, Canape Vert and Fond Tamara.
- There are two hospital ships. The USNS Comfort has 1000 beds and the Mexican vessel has 25 beds. Both of them have surgical capacity. There is another Mexican hospital ship on the way to Haiti.
- The USNS Comfort hospital ship is now in full operation and has treated more than 250 patients and has performed more than a 100 surgeries.
- MSF has treated 5420 people and has performed 937 surgical operations. In Delmas 33, they are opening a field hospital with two operating theatres and 100 beds. They have 100 people for post-operative care. In Martissant, MSF is providing first aid and triage at an emergency center before transferring them. They have treated 1600 people. The Choscal Hospital and Cite Soleil have 2 operation theaters. They are doing trauma surgery and obstetrics. Isaie Jeanty Hospital is providing obstetric emergency care. In Carrefour, they are attending to an average 400 people a day (obstetrics and amputations). In Leogane, they are identifying places for post-operative care.
- A China International Search and Rescue Team with 40 members and will arrive in Haiti in two days to provide primary health care and general surgery. They are coordinating their actions with the Health Cluster.
- Progress is being made on establishing facilities for post-operative care: the US government is planning to acquire a 250 bed federal medical station, the Canadian military mission has a 150 bed camp in Jacmel, a group of Haitian physicians from Noah Association is working in a hospital in Tabarre and the Eliazard Germain Hospital is beginning follow-up care for disabled people.

WATER AND SANITATION

- A system for safe disposal of medical waste and human excreta will be operational on Monday, 25 January.
- A first load of water and sanitation equipment arrived from Dubai and will be handed over to partners.

COORDINATION

- At this moment, there are 135 NGOs, bilateral aid organizations and governments registered with the Health Cluster.
- The **Who What Where** list continues to be updated. People who are not receiving emails from the cluster are asked to give Lise Martel their e-mail or to send an e-mail with their correct information to hai.clustersante@paho.org.
- A new schedule for Health Cluster meetings has been established. The general cluster meeting will take

place on Tuesday and Friday. The plan for the subgroups is as follows:

- Primary care/mobile clinics on Monday and Thursday.
 - Hospitals on Sunday and Wednesday.
 - Medicines and medical supplies on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
 - Public Health Assessment on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - Mobile clinic sub-group on Sunday, 24 January at noon.
 - Sexual and reproductive health sub-group on Sunday, 24 January at 1pm.
- Based on the strategy defined with the Ministry of Health, the organizations belonging to the subgroup of primary care/mobile clinics received a form to organize responsibilities and better match needs. PAHO/WHO will compile the feedback.

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