

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health indicated that they will report on all health activities, including both national and international activities, to the Prime Minister on Friday.
- Reports indicate almost all people with injuries have received medical attention; however, some still require surgical care.
- The current priorities of the Ministry of Health include post-operative care and rehabilitation of disabled people, primary care at internally displaced persons sites and provision of medical services outside of Port-au-Prince.
- The Haitian Government, in cooperation with PAHO/WHO and UNICEF, will start vaccinating against measles, tetanus and diphtheria in selected settlement camps next week.
- GPS coordinates of health sites are being gathered in order to facilitate mapping.



A child receiving treatment in Hospital de la Paix.

Photo: PAHO/WHO

## ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

- Medical teams have reported a 'big shift' in the last 48 hours in the types of cases they are receiving. Several medical teams report a growing caseload of diarrhea in the last two to three days. There are also reports of measles and tetanus, including in resettlement camps, which is worrisome due to the high concentration of people. Additionally, there is a decrease in trauma cases and increase in mental health needs.
- Current critical needs within the health sector include orthopedic and internal medicine specialists as well as X-ray equipment.
- Efforts are continuing to gain a full picture of the needs in health and water and sanitation supplies outside the Port-au-Prince area. Several international NGOs started or will begin operating in areas such as Leogane, Petit Goave and Grand Goave.
- In Leogane, Terre des Hommes will focus on child protection and is identifying child needs. The Japanese are carrying out an assessment for the recovery of medical facilities in this area.

## GAP FILLING

### DRUG SUPPLIES

- PROMESS warehouse supplies are available; however organizations must request supplies in advance and not wait until they are short or out of supplies. PROMESS needs 2 to 3 days to fill medicine/supply orders.

### OUTBREAK CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- The director of the National Public Health Laboratory is providing a room for the surveillance team for 6 months to install an epidemiological surveillance and alert system, investigate cases and elaborate reports to support decision making. Among others, a Cuban epidemiologist will take part in this team. The team will define objectives, activities, the role of each institution and the products that they will be working on.
- The epidemiological team will meet daily at 9am at the National Laboratory for Public Health next to l'Hopital la Paix at Delmas 33.

## **PROVISION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES**

- 80 post operative beds are being set up near the PROMESS warehouse. These will be staffed by Médecins Sans Frontières Spain.
- Partners in Health will begin medical clinics tomorrow in Delmas 1: Parc Jean Marie Vincent, where 10,000 people are living.
- The Israeli Field Hospital left Wednesday; a US Disaster Medical Assistant Team (DMAT) is taking over services at that location.
- The Russian Field Hospital stopped accepting new patients. On Tuesday, the hospital admitted 289 patients. The number of patients with traumas decreased; there were 2 operations under general anaesthesia and 5 under local anaesthesia today. The total number of patients since 15 January is 1,726.
- The Spanish field hospital will be closing at the end of the week and the French Military hospital will be closing within two weeks.
- The Merlin Field Hospital, Delmas 33, has one ophthalmologist on staff that can provide services as needed over the next 1-2 weeks.
- In Leogane, the Samaritan Austria arrived with two mobile medical teams (2 doctors and 6 paramedics) and MSF, the US and Help also have mobile clinics in this area.
- The Ministry of Health established a mental health group that will create a work plan for psychological support, and International Medical Corps is participating in mental health activities in coordination with national organizations.

## **WATER AND SANITATION**

- SMCRS (Le Service Métropolitain de Collecte des Résidus) is collecting health care waste from public hospitals in metropolitan Port-au-Prince on demand through a hotline.
- WHO/PAHO and the National Direction for Drinking Water and Sanitation (DINEPA) are working to begin the chlorination of water tanks to supply camps with safe water. It should be effective by the end of the week.
- As of today, the national authority (DINEPA) plans to deliver 1,375 m<sup>3</sup> of water to as many as 275,000 people in 114 sites in metropolitan Port-au-Prince. For the time being, tanker retailers are providing water for free, as DINEPA will subsidize 100% of the supply.
- The WASH cluster has changed its priorities from the provision of water to the provision of sanitation.

## **COORDINATION**

- The Ministry of Health and the National Health Commission updated their strategy for the immediate reinstatement of basic health care. The Health cluster will provide full support by providing available information, increasing the coordination of various partners' interventions and accompanying the Ministry of Health in the provision of health services at level 1 and 2 health facilities. It is expected that before the end of the week an implementation plan will be ready in order to adapt and reorganize various interventions in close coordination with existing national public and private services.
- Save the Children will take the roll of Health Cluster Lead in Leogane and Jacmel.
- The Ministry of Health, through PAHO/WHO, sent the members of the Health Cluster a form to obtain information about activities their organizations are carrying out in the country, the places where they are working and the date they intend to cease operations. The deadline for receipt of this information is 12pm on Thursday.
- The "who what where" spreadsheet has been posted online at <http://oneresponse.info>.
- The Health Cluster subgroup of disability will be meeting on Saturday at 2.30 pm.

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