



Earthquake in Haiti

External Situation Report

1 February 2010

Overview

Earthquake Caseload: **2 million people**
Cost of WFP Earthquake operations in Haiti: **US\$279 million** (Food operations US\$246 million, Logistics US\$33 million)
Time frame: **January to December 2010**
WFP Staff in Haiti: **225 + 197 surge personnel** (between Haiti and Dom. Rep.)

Current Situation

- Distributions continued smoothly on the second day of fixed site food distributions led by WFP, in close cooperation with government and NGOs under the food cluster and with support from MINUSTAH and US forces deployed to support the humanitarian effort in Haiti. Through the distribution network, WFP aims to provide a two week food ration to an estimated 2 million Haitians through 16 fixed distribution points across the most populated sites in the city.
- Twelve of the planned distribution sites were functioning on Monday, with further sites planned for the next 48 hours. Inter-agency efforts to ensure access by women to distributions have generally been successful in these initial days.

WFP Response

- Despite massive logistical challenges, since the earthquake struck WFP has delivered food to some 850,000 people overall, with more than 200,000 people having received two-weeks worth of rice in the last 48 hours.
- An additional 29,000 people have received food through distributions at hospitals, orphanages and community kitchens.
- The mobile field kitchens donated by the Norwegian Refugee Council have arrived and the initial two are being constructed in Leogane, one of the hardest hit areas, to begin to provide hot meals.
- Eight major NGO partners are working with WFP to scale up food assistance in Port-au-Prince: CARE, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Samaritan's Purse, Agence de Coopération Technique et de Développement (ACTED), Save the Children, World Vision and Goal.
- UNHAS increased the daily passenger service from Santo Domingo to Port-au-Prince to two flights per day. An additional daily cargo service of more than 20 mt capacity is also running. To date, UNHAS has transported 688 passengers from 111 different organisations. To book seats on the flight, contact unhaspax.haiti@wfp.org.
- Three helicopters managed by UNHAS are in place in Port-au-Prince to provide cargo transport into key locations in Haiti. The helicopters are for cargo transport with a capacity of 2 to 4 mt, and transportation of passengers. They are currently supporting the multi-sector assessment teams.
- As the Logistics Cluster lead agency, WFP is coordinating with the local authorities and US military overseeing the administration of the Port-au-Prince airport, including slot prioritization procedures, to secure guaranteed ramp space, or off-loading capacity, for humanitarian flights.
- Three ships are currently discharging for WFP 10,500 mt of rice, corn soya blend, and oil, as well as 580,000 Meals Ready to Eat, in the port of Port-au-Prince.
- Fuel supplies continue to be sporadic, and thus WFP has provided an additional 12,000 gallons of fuel to support the systematic food distribution operations for all partners.
- Emergency Telecommunications staff have been able to upgrade communications with the WFP sub office in Jacmel, through the installation of a new VSAT.
- WFP is heading in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic the in-country Food Aid, Logistics and Emergency

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Resourcing Update

- WFP is urgently appealing for further commitments by governments, private companies and individuals to support the scale-up of its earthquake response operations in Haiti - among the most complex and challenging ever undertaken by the agency. They will likely require significantly more than the initial costing of US\$280 million to end-June. A gradual transition from general food distributions to food- and cash-for-work activities is planned, as relief gives way to recovery. WFP's support includes logistics and emergency telecommunications operations being implemented on behalf of the entire humanitarian community - vital infrastructure underpinning the work of all agencies. Announced contributions to WFP operations amount to US\$228 million. Significant in-kind donations of food, equipment and expertise, still to be quantified in value terms, have also been committed.