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Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA)

Haiti: Earthquake



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For DREF; Date of issue: 17 October 2018	Expected timeframe: 3 months Expected end date: 16 January 2019
DREF allocated: 76,475 Swiss francs (CHF)	
Total number of people affected: 38,915 people	Number of people to be assisted: 300 families (1,500 people)
Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): The Haiti Red Cross Society (HRCS) has 1 national headquarters, 10,000 volunteers and 130 branches	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: Haiti Red Cross Society is supported by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) through the Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) and the regional office for the Americas (ARO) in Panama, and the French Red Cross, American Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross Society, Swiss Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, German Red Cross and Netherlands Red Cross in country	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Permanent Secretariat for Risk and Disaster Management (SPGRD for its acronym in French), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Public Health (MSPP for its acronym in French), the Directorate of Civil Protection (DPC for its acronym in French) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)	

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A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

A 5.9-magnitude- earthquake occurred on 6 October 2018 at 20:12 Atlantic Standard Time (AST) at a depth of 15.3 kilometres deep. According to the Haitian government's Technical Unit of Seismology, its epicentre was located at sea in the Turtle Canal, about twenty kilometres west-northwest of Port-de-Paix in the North-West Department. Many aftershocks were felt between Saturday, 6 October 2018 and Monday, 8 October 2018. The DPC reported 17 deaths: 9 in Port-de-Paix, 1 in Saint-Louis North (North-West) and 7 in Gros Morne (Artibonite). Additionally, at least 421 people were injured, and many of them were taken to hospitals in the North-West, Artibonite and North departments for treatment. According to the government's initial emergency assessments, 31,132 persons need humanitarian assistance due to the partial or total destruction of their houses.



In the department of Artibonite, 42 institutional buildings such as schools and churches are either heavily or slightly damaged in Gros Morne, and 4r national and private schools are destroyed in Pilate in the North department.

Summary of the current response

Overview of Host National Society.

After the earthquake, the HRCS activated its internal disaster response protocols, in coordination with the activation of the National Disaster Response System in three departments. Additionally, the HRCS mobilized 3 vehicles and 114 HRCS volunteers and HRCS staff to provide first aid and conduct an emergency assessment with DPC in Artibonite, North West and the North. Moreover, the HRCS has pre-positioned hygiene kits, kitchen sets, jerry cans, long-lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets (LLITNs) and tarpaulins for 300 families in North-West. Finally, the National Society completed its emergency assessments on 12 of October 2018.

In addition, with the support of the American Red Cross in the North-West department, the HRCS dispatched its Red Cross medical relief teams on 7 October. The HRCS also:

1. Activated its headquarters' emergency operations centre (EOC);
2. Coordinated with the regional and local committees from the Artibonite, North and North West departments;
3. Has participated in National Emergency Operations Centre (COUN for its acronym in French) since its activation on 7 of October 2018;
4. Transferred 110 blood bags to the North-West department on 7 October 2018
5. Conducted an Inventory of its stock
6. Evaluated the field hospital to be deployed to the affected area.
7. Distribution of Non-food items such shelter tool kits, blankets, mosquito nets, hygiene kits, jerrycans, buckets, kitchen sets and tarpaulins.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Several Partner National (PNSs) and the IFRC's CCST are supporting the HRCS's earthquake response; the following PNSs have a physical presence in Haiti: a French Red Cross, American Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross Society, Spanish Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross and German Red Cross. The American Red Cross is supporting the HRCS on the assessments' logistical aspects and the distribution of relief items to the affected areas.

The HRCS initiated Movement coordination meetings on 8 October 2018, and the IFRC's country cluster office deployed one staff member to support the National Society's development of this EPoA for the replenishment of relief items.

Overview of non-Red Cross Red Crescent actors in country

The SPGRD activated the country's national Disaster response system, and the Haitian government has conducted awareness campaigns through media, mobile operators and community networks. UNOCHA has held coordination meetings, and the COUN has been activated.

Needs analysis, targeting, scenario planning and risk assessment

Needs analysis

The following results are based on the HRCS's damage and needs assessment of the earthquake's impact, which it conducted in coordination and support of the National Disaster Management system:

1. 421 injured persons
2. 353 destroyed houses
3. 7,430 houses with damages
4. 31,132 people affected

The identified needs are as follows:

1. Shelter: Emergency shelter for the affected population. The population who suffered the damage or destruction of their home requires emergency shelter support, with a strong emphasis on build back better. The affected population's needs range from emergency shelter (tarpaulins and shelter kits) to support on the reconstruction or relocation of its home.
2. Health: first aid, emergency medical assistance and psychosocial support (PSS). The needs in the health sector range from first aid for the affected population injured by the destruction of its house to PSS.
3. Relief assistance: kitchen and hygiene kits. The affected population that lost its household items requires kitchen sets. Additionally, due to the hygiene situation in the country, with risks of cholera outbreaks and other waterborne diseases, the affected population needs hygiene promotion and hygiene kits.

Targeting

The HRCS aims to reach 300 families affected by the effects of the Earthquake, 150 in the municipality of Basin Bleu and 150 in the municipality of Gros Morne in the North-West department. The following selection criteria has been established for the operation:

1. Families affected by the event's effects in critical areas.
2. Exposure to health and survival risks
3. Families whose houses have been affected
4. Families who have not received similar assistance from another institution

The most urgent needs for non-food items (NFIs) and the amount and location where the HRCS distributed them are as follows:

	Bassin Bleu (150 families)	Gros Morne (150 families)	Total
Tarpaulins	300	300	600
Blankets	300	300	600
Hygiene kits	150	150	300
Jerry cans	300	300	600
Buckets	150	150	300
LLITNs	300	300	600
Shelter tool kits	150	150	300
Kitchen sets	150	100	300

Operation Risk Assessment

Violent protests in Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince in response to the government's plan to raise taxes could occur during the week of 15 October, disrupting the replenishment process of this operation.

B. Operational strategy

Overall Operational objective:

Support the replenishment of the HRCS's stock that it distributed to 300 vulnerable families impacted by the October earthquake.

Logistics and Supply chain

Logistics activities aim to effectively manage the supply chain, including mobilization, procurement, customs clearance, fleet, storage and transport to distribution sites in accordance with the operation's requirements and aligned to the IFRC's logistics standards, processes and procedures.

All procurement related to this operation will follow the IFRC's standards procurement procedures and Sphere standards for NFIs purchases. The HRCS will store its replenished stock in its branch warehouses in the affected areas.

Budget

Please see the attached financial report.

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DREF OPERATION

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Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	17,844
Shelter - Transitional	0
Construction - Housing	0
Construction - Facilities	0
Construction - Materials	0
Clothing & Textiles	4,758
Food	0
Seeds & Plants	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	8,922
Medical & First Aid	0
Teaching Materials	0
Utensils & Tools	10,260
Other Supplies & Services	0
Cash Disbursements	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	41,785
Land & Buildings	0
Vehicles	0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0
Medical Equipment	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	0
Distribution & Monitoring	10,905
Transport & Vehicle Costs	0
Logistics Services	13,160
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	24,065
International Staff	0
National Staff	0
National Society Staff	0
Volunteers	0
Total PERSONNEL	0
Consultants	0
Professional Fees	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	0
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	0
Travel	2,776
Information & Public Relations	595
Office Costs	0
Communications	506
Financial Charges	2,082
Other General Expenses	0
Shared Office and Services Costs	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	5,958
Partner National Societies	0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	4,667
Total INDIRECT COSTS	4,667
TOTAL BUDGET	76,475