

Haiti Earthquake - WASH Cluster Situation Report

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WASH Summary Overview

- WASH Coordination established in Port-au-Prince through UNDP & DINEPA.
- Two WASH Cluster RRT members en route for Dominican Republic.
- First concern raised in this meeting is SANITATION & body disposal. Technical options for sanitation are going to be a big challenge considering the topography & urban setting.
- Flash Appeal being finalized, and WASH resources starting to arrive.

COORDINATION

As you may have read in the note from John Holmes, ERC, circulated earlier today, UNDP has offered to support WASH Coordination until UNICEF can increase its capacity. They can be contacted at the logbase of MINUSTAH close to the airport; unfortunately we don't have a name yet? Possibly Ovidio?

A "WASH coordination meeting" took place yesterday (13/1) in PaP, including Country Directors & WASH reps of ACF, Oxfam, CARE, Concern, DINEPA & UNICEF (Rony). They are trying to reach UN agencies, & call for all NGOs for this first coordination body everyday at 10am (Haiti time).

The first concern raised in this meeting is SANITATION & body disposal. Technical options for sanitation are going to be a big challenge considering the topography & urban setting, bags & collecting sites & karchers were first ideas thrown in the meeting.

The WASH cluster meeting is set everyday at 15.00 at the DINEPA Direction Nationale de l'Eau Potable et Assainissement) office in PaP (Info from ACF).

WASH Rapid Response Team (RRT)

The WASH RRT (a standby arrangement UNICEF has established with ACF, Care International and Oxfam GB) is deploying two staff from partner agencies to support the UNICEF office.

Souleymane Sow is expected to arrive on 14/1 and Tim Forster on 16/1, both in Dominica Republic.

Souleymane (mob +33 611 85 48 76) and Tim Forster (+44 7833 0450 847). Exact roles etc to be determined after further assessment. UNICEF office support currently out of Santo Domingo due to damage to office, which of course may change.

We received some information from a few agencies operational on the ground and some deploying staff/equipment (various sources)

WASH AGENCIES ON GROUND

ACF

- ACF WASH coordinator in PaP: Julien Eyrard (+509 38 54 58 98, mobile not working presently)
- ACF Gonaives WASH team has arrived in PaP and joined with the team (Pascal Marchandean, WASH Program Manager), it took 7 hours by car Gon-PaP (Canapé Vert), the road was difficult but open.
- + Emergency team flying in to PaP including 2 WASH.
- ACF contingency stock in Gonaives to be deployed depending on first evaluations (including treatment units), + emergency stock being sent from Panama & France.
- A coordination under MINUSTAH is starting from Gonaives.

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- ACF Emergency teams from France and Spain are also responding to the emergency in Haiti. The WASH Emergency Coordinator of ACF-Spain is Marta Val (e-mail: coordws-ep@acf.e.org; skype:achcoordws-ep).

CARE

- Care has a team en route and arriving to support Care's country office. WASH contact is David Gazashvili – mobile: +1 404 270 0218

CRS

Sit Rep from CRS - some info on population figures and WASH materials in country

Deep Springs International

Household Water Treatment. Works on household chlorination - in Haiti; has materials and human resources already in country. Separate email with details will be forwarded to cluster.

DWR

Disaster Waste Recovery have a number of waste management experts available to come to Haiti to start analysing the earthquake debris issue. They would very much like to work alongside front line agencies, and have successfully worked with Oxfam, ACF and others in previous emergencies. They also supported the WASH Cluster directly looking at conflict debris related issues in Gaza, and have strong links to UNEP, UNDAC and OCHA.

DWR has considerable experience working in disaster situations, and are able to support initial Needs Assessment costs from their own organisational resources. DWR members are hoping to travel to Port-au-Prince on Sunday/Monday to start a waste/debris needs assessment.

If agencies are interested in working with DWR, could they please get in touch with Martin Bjerregard martin@disasterwaste.org

IFRC

- Emergency response team and assessment/coordination team about to land and others on the way. A WASH person from their regional base in Panama is part of the emergency response team. Also their Regional WASH person (Paco) is heading for Haiti too
- Amongst several emergency response units, 2 x Watsan Emergency Response Units (15,000 each) - French Red Cross and Spanish Red Cross; also some material crossing from Dominican Republic
- William Carter is focal point in IFRC in Geneva for the WASH response - william.carter@ifrc.org Skype: william.carter.ifrc Tel. direct +41-22-7304218 Mobile +41-79-2518002

ICRC

- Has a team already on the ground from their normal operation including 1 watsan person
- Sending out with a plane a team (11) and materials, including 2 Engineers (1 structural, 1 to work with existing watsan person)
- Probably working on Prisons, management of dead bodies, some poor neighbourhoods and other smaller cities outside of PaP
- Riccardo Conti is the Head of Delegation in Haiti will probably a good source of information for WASH/broad needs - communication difficult.
- ICRC Wathab engineers in Haïti: Guy Mouron, Ugo Mora, Ikhtiyar Alanov. ICRC Wathab in charge in Geneva: Martin Gauthier 022 730 22 76

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Mercy Corps

- Mugur Dumitrache is travelling out before the end of the week

NCA

- Luke Dokter now en route for Haiti

Oxfam

Marion O'Reilly and Andy Bastable en route tomorrow for Haiti

PSI

Email that came to Unicef - PSI has 1.3 million sachets of Pur (treating 13 million liters of water) prepositioned in Panama and the DR that we can get to Haiti pretty quickly. We also have 80 staff there (although we are as yet unable to get much information on their whereabouts or condition) and a fleet of vehicles and distribution agents. We're also trying to get supplies of D'lo Lavi (the SWS product) in from Miami and Aquatabs from Mednetech. Our staff has experience in distribution and in water treatment/hygiene. Happy to work with UNICEF if you are in need and that makes sense. Give me a call if you want to talk. +1 202 246 3897

Solidarites

Plan to send a team of 3 experts including our WASH expert Anne-Sophie Arnoux <ASarnoux@solidarites.org>. Expected to arrive by end of this week.

WHO

- Yves Chartier traveling to Haiti this week and Dominique Maison travelling early next week

MERLIN – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

A number of water and sanitation resources have been posted on the site at the following link (by MarkButler). [Water and Sanitation Resources - Haiti Earthquake](#)

To subscribe to updates to this post as they happen click the 'subscribe topic' link at the top of the post. Merlin [WaterSanitationHygiene.org](#)

RESOURCE MOBILISATION

FLASH APPEAL

Being consolidated currently by Bill Fellows in New York. Please send any indication if you'd like to be mentioned and if possible what you think you might be doing. Likelihood is that a general initial appeal will go in and any agency we know who is in country will be mentioned as implementers in the response. The Flash Appeal will be for 3 months and there'll be a revision within 1 month.

PLEASE SEND US:

1. ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON THE SITUATION
2. ANY PROJECTS WHICH YOU MAY HAVE IN THE PLANNING TO INCLUDE IN THE FLASH

ECHO

ECHO is sending its regional WASH expert, Alvaro de Vicente, to Haiti. Alvaro's emails are: Alvaro.DE-VICENTE@ec.europa.eu (work) and alvarodevicente@hotmail.com (private). He's expected to arrive Saturday.

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Veolia Force WTPs

- 3 Aquaforce 5000 units will go with red cross leaving Paris tomorrow / confirmed.
- 2 more units to possibly be deployed via ACF / to be confirmed soon.
- 1 more unit with Solidarité under discussion / to be confirmed.
- Smaller units (a-aqua) could go with Première Urgences & Aide Médicale Internationale to support health facilities / to be confirmed.

Franck Hassar will fly to Haiti on Saturday together with WASH technicians. He will be operating as Red Cross ERU, and will liaise with Tim Forster and Souleymane Sow from the WASH cluster RRT as soon as he is in the ground. Possibility for technical support in urban water system assessment, solid waste management and others could be envisaged if need is identified together with the cluster.

CONSTRAINTS

- Lack of a clear picture of the needs.
- Access problems
- Lack of information generally

Priority activities in coming days

- Updated contacts list
- Formalising coordination structures
- Who and where?
- Establishing a 4W table
- Flash appeal
- Needs assessments

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