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FUNDING (2019)

- Required: $126.2M
- Received: $20.6M
- Progress: 16%

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Haiti’s Civil Protection Directorate (DPC) and partners are preparing for the hurricane season

Preparedness for the hurricane season, which began on 1 June and will continue until 30 November, is currently a top priority for OCHA, its humanitarian partners and development organizations in Haiti, all who are working closely with Haiti’s Civil Protection Directorate (DPC).
While the DPC has well established structures and communication procedures in place on national, departmental and local levels, including an early warning system, it still faces operational challenges. For example, the Emergency Operation Centers in the departments (COUD – Centres d’Opérations d’Urgence Départementaux) generally lack resources such as sufficient fuel, water supplies, telecommunication/internet and human resources. There is also a need at the governmental level for strengthened capacities in response coordination, needs assessments and information management/data analysis.

Following several field missions to look at COUDs in the Nord, Nord-Ouest, Nord-Est, Sud and Nippes departments, OCHA and the DPC has engaged with the private sector to establish partnerships in order to improve operational capacities. For example, discussions with two mobile providers are ongoing to provide COUDs with free internet and key DPC staff with free mobile credits in case of emergency.

In order to improve coordination between humanitarian and military actors following large scale natural disasters, OCHA Geneva (CMCS) recently conducted a Civil-Military Coordination (CMCoord) mission to Haiti in order to sensitize key actors on CMCoord and kick off the revision of country-specific CMCoord guidelines.

Other joint preparedness activities currently underway include pre-positioning and mapping of relief stocks, emergency shelter rehabilitation, sensitization of at-risk populations and conducting of simulation exercises and capacity building efforts for key stakeholders including the Departmental Coordinators of the DPC (CTD – Coordonateur Techique Départemental).

A dedicated working group is actively working on mainstreaming Protection and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in all preparedness activities, in part through inclusion of modules on these topics in all trainings, and by ensuring better coordination in the areas of sensitization/prevention, complaints mechanisms and victim’s assistance.

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**Worsening food security and mounting malnutrition rates**

The food security situation in Haiti is worsening due a rapidly deteriorating economic situation and the significant decline in agricultural production caused by prolonged periods of rainfall deficit. The lack of water affected this years’ spring agricultural season in most of the country. Spring harvest this year – which normally would cover some 60% of national production – are expected to be very low, while most farmers in the North-East department were not even able to sow their fields, leading to reductions in the availability of local food products. The decline in food availability is exacerbated by a rise in commodity prices (+19% over a year), as well as a combination of high inflation and the depreciation of the national currency against the US dollar (40% over a year).

There is mounting evidence that the worsening economic and food security conditions are further deteriorating the nutritional status of Haitian children. The Nutrition Sector has estimated that in 2019, 39,000 children under five years of age will suffer from acute malnutrition. According to nutritional surveillance data, malnutrition rates have increased...
in several departments from January to May 2019, with global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates among screened children of up to 9.7% (South-East department). During the first quarter of the year, approximately 6,195 children under five were treated for acute malnutrition in 10 departments, with 2,937 suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and 3,258 from moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).

OCHA Haiti has recently facilitated the application for US$5 million worth of funding from the CERF (Central Emergency Relief Fund) Rapid Response window in order to enable the humanitarian community to respond to the urgent needs in the food security and nutrition sectors. In addition, ECHO has allocated US$9 million within the framework of the Humanitarian Implementation Plan (HIP) to respond to food insecurity in Haiti. This is in addition to other donors who have supported humanitarian response in Haiti with US$38.1 million so far in 2019 (inside and outside the HRP). (View detailed donor contributions in FTS.)

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**A courageous farmer in the midst of an economic crisis – The story of Marie Michel**

In 2018, after several years of drought, Marie and her husband turned their farm around to make a profit, with help from Action for Sustainable Development (ACDED), a local NGO.

Unfortunately, ACDED will run out of funds in September. Donors need to support more local NGOs, who are on the frontlines of impacting people's lives everyday.

Read the full story here.

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