Main Points

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- As part of a Technical Assistance Project for Agricultural Assistance and in preparation for the Spring Campaign, FAO signed with the Ministry of Agriculture a seed donation agreement of 500,000 US dollars.

- IOM, JPHRO and IDETTE are addressing the need of 112 families that were evicted on Tuesday 10 January from the CUC School in Jeremie.

- The World Bank started to distribute hot meals in Grand’Anse, Sud and Nippes for a total of 20,000 pupils in support to the resumption of schools.

Situation Overview

Since 06 January, humanitarian operations in Grand’Anse and Sud were temporally suspended, disrupted or limited in relation with the arrest of senator-elect Guy Philippe, on 05 January and the demonstrations and road blocks that followed. During the last week, non-essential staffs of UN agencies and some NGOs were temporarily relocated as security precaution measures. This week, humanitarian operations have fully resumed in Sud and are progressively restarting in Grand’Anse.

Additionally, since 1 January, 3 cases of looting or attempted looting have been reported against humanitarian convoys in the Sud region. In some instances, it was reported to OCHA that humanitarian

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actors may be directly targeted by looters who explicitly ask drivers whether the goods transported belong to a private company or an NGO before looting them.

As part of a Technical Assistance Project for Agricultural Assistance and in preparation for the critical spring planting season, FAO signed with the Ministry of Agriculture a seed donation agreement of 500,000 US dollars. This 12-month project will help more than 6,000 farm families in affected communes of the Sud region who have been severely affected by Hurricane Matthew (Cavaillon, Camp-Perrin, Les Cayes and Chantal). For farmers, this is an opportunity to plant their plots a second time and to relaunch the production of maize and fresh vegetables. In addition to seed distribution, this project includes nutrition education and food hygiene activities aimed at building the capacity of nearly 200 leaders of community-based organizations in the Sud.

UNICEF reoriented part of its WASH program and resources to respond to the emergency resulting from the hurricane. UNICEF’s first priority was to provide safe water and sanitation to people affected by the hurricane, controlling cholera and ensuring dignity and protection to those affected, particularly those displaced by the crisis. In the weeks following Hurricane Matthew, the country witnessed a significant spike in the number of potential cases of cholera, with 500 potential cases in the week prior to Matthew and 1,500 cases within two weeks of Matthew, then dropping after six weeks. UNICEF significantly scaled up its number of emergency response teams in the affected zones, from five pre-Matthew teams to 36 teams in the weeks following Matthew. Nevertheless, major challenges remain, including the persistence of cholera in six regions among them the Sud and Grand’Anse; as well as the current unpredictability of funding which results in an inability to effectively plan and develop programming.

On 13 January, a workshop aiming at re-launching activities regarding reinforcement of the 144 Communal Committees of Civil Protection (CCPC) on emergency preparedness and response was organized by the Ministry of Interior in partnership with the World Bank. This reinforcement initiative was conceived in the aftermath of Matthew and in order to equip the committees for a better preparedness and Response to several emergencies with which the country has to deal. At this occasion, 60 motorcycles were donated to 60 committees throughout the country in the framework of World Bank reinforcement project. The Haitian National Council for Telecommunications also offered materials such as UHF and receivers to Directorate of Civil Protection to facilitate communications with affected communities during disasters. The main activity of this project will be oriented to training for the CCPC.

Funding

Launched on 10 October by the HCT, the revised Haiti Flash Appeal is currently 62 per cent funded representing US$86.5 million on US$139 million requested. The purpose of the Flash Appeal is to adequately support the Government of Haiti to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs of up to 806,000 people within the first three months following the hurricane.

Main donors to the Flash Appeal are: The United States ($42.9 million or 50 per cent), the United Kingdom ($5.7 million or 7 per cent), Canada ($4 million or 5 per cent), Sweden ($3.1 million or 4 per cent), and Ireland ($2 million or 2 per cent). The highest non-Member State contributor to the Flash
Appeal is the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) with $10.3 million (or 12 per cent) of the total funding to date.

Humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA’s Financial Tracking Service (FTS) of cash and in-kind contributions by emailing fts@un.org. Inquiries from the private sector for offers of in-kind and pro-bono services can be directed to pss@un.org. Commercial offers are invited to visit http://www.ungm.org for more information.

Humanitarian Needs / Response

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

Needs:
- Following the end of the school break, the government (Ministry of Education) set January 9th as the deadline for displaced population sheltered in schools to leave the centers. However, thousands of people remain displaced in collective centers; the majority of them are school. DTM has registered so far 78 collective centers hosting 4,429 households (19,572 people).
- 4 schools hosting 135 households (around 560 people) are at risk of eviction in the commune of Les Cayes, in the Sud region.
- 2 other schools hosting around 125 households (around 500 families) are at risk of eviction in the Grand’Anse region.

Response:
- A Plan based on MICT’s (Ministry of Interior) strategy to assist the safe and dignified return of displaced people sheltered in collective centers has been developed for Grand’Anse and Sud regions. In Jeremie (Grand’Anse), partners have already started its implementation under CERF funding.
- Following the eviction of the school Centre Universitaire Chretien of Jeremie on 12 January, CCCM, JP/HRO and local organizations teams were deployed to provide assistance to the 112 families sheltered in this center. The school was already targeted for relocation by JP/HRO under the mentioned Plan and partners are coordinating efforts to urgently provide tailored assistance to all these families.
- JP/HRO is also providing support to the displaced families in the school Dumarsais Estimé / Ravine Blanche in Jeremie.
- In the Sud region, discussions within partners are ongoing to define the roles on the Plan’s implementation.
- The NGO Première Urgence Internationale presented the WASH assessment made in collective centers and schools in Grand’Anse on 12 January.

Gaps and Constraints:
- Overall partner’s capacity is still weak to provide relocation solution to displaced population from hurricane Matthew in their areas of origin.
- 58.2% of the registered displaced households have declared their house was destroyed by the hurricane while 31.4% indicated their house was severely damaged.
- Due to the prevailing security situation, assistance is limited.

Education

Needs:
- UNICEF and sector partners have identified 1,633 schools in need of repairs, affecting approximately 190,000 children.

Response:
- The World Bank started to distribute hot meals in Grand’Anse and Nippes last week and will start this week in Sud for a total of 20 000 pupils.
- According to Direction de la Planification et de la Coopération Externe (DPCE) of the Ministry of Education and UNICEF, schools comprised between 1,605 and 1,633 have been affected by Matthew in 8 regions (departments) with Sud, Grand’Anse and Nord Ouest regions being the most affected;
Between 205 and 219 schools have been already rehabilitated. The sector has decided that the ad hoc post-disaster commission will consolidate and harmonized current figures of achievement with the DPCE and UNICEF responsible for the exercise.

**Gaps and Constraints:**
- Schools continued to be used as collective shelters in some parts of Grand’Anse and Les Cayes affecting the education of children.

**Emergency Telecommunications (ETC)**
- The ICT/ETC working group is committed to helping communities’ access vital humanitarian information using familiar means and technology. The working group will improve community radio stations’ abilities to transmit important, localized messages and invite increased community dialogue on humanitarian issues. In coordination with Internews, four radio stations in the worst affected areas of Gande-Anse, Sud and Nippes will be rehabilitated and provided with basic power and ICT support by the end of January 2017. This will equip them to receive, create and transmit humanitarian broadcast content with the involvement of local communities, media, humanitarian actors and local authorities, in support of interagency and government efforts to improve community communication and feedback on the response.

**Food Security Needs:**
- The Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA) conducted by FAO, WFP and CNSA in the immediate aftermath of the hurricane revealed that 1.4 million were in need of humanitarian assistance of which 806 000 in need of urgent food aid. A new EFSA has been finalized and preliminary results are expected next week.
- Due to widespread losses of crops (up to 100 percent in some areas of Grande-Anse), livestock and seeds, the next harvest expected in early 2017 could be seriously affected, exacerbating and prolonging acute food insecurity well into this year.

**Response:**
- Between 7 October 2016 and 05 January 2017, WFP provided food assistance to 912,894 beneficiaries in the first round of distributions and 255,955 in the second round of distributions with a total of 14,096 metric tons of food distributed.
- Approximately 80 metric tons of specialized nutritious food has been distributed to 13,700 children aged between 6 and 59 months during the 1st round of distributions and to 10, 903 children during the 2nd round. In addition 1,400 pregnant and lactating women were assisted with specialized food in the 1st round and 2,980 during the 2nd round.
- FAO is in the process of planning and preparing the spring campaign.
- Security restrictions prevented WFP from providing further cash-based transfers (CBT) last week. So far, through WFP’s partner CESVI, a total of 16,960 people have received cash-based transfers. More specifically, in Grande-Anse region, WFP’s partner, CESVI provided CBT to 11,445 people in Corail and 5,515 people in Pestel.
- WFP’s partner AVSI has now completed registering beneficiaries in Beaumont, which means that all beneficiary registrations have now been completed in Grande-Anse.

**Gaps and Constraints:**
- WFP aims to support the next planting season by implementing Cash for Assets (CFA) activities focused on agriculture for three months at a cost of approximately USD 20 million. Numbers are being adjusted based on the results of EFSA, which will help to inform the targeting and response plan. However, to date WFP has received only USD 2 million (10 percent) of the funding needed for the implementation of these recovery activities.
- Of the USD 9 million required by FAO under the Flash Appeal, USD 5.6 million is still unfunded to provide immediate crop, livestock and fisheries support to 300,000 hurricane-affected people.
Health and Nutrition

Needs:
- Rising cases of severe acute malnutrition, notably in Grand’Anse region have been reported. The rehabilitation of nutrition treatment posts in Sud and Grand’Anse to treat increase of malnutrition cases estimated in the area, is now urgent like the rehabilitation of Nutritional Stabilization Unit to treat most severe cases of malnutrition in Immaculée Conception Hospital in Les Cayes.
- An increase in diphtheria cases throughout the country have been reported and the MSPP and its partners among them PAHO/WHO are assessing the situation, defining strategies and estimating the needs, especially in terms of vaccination.

Response:
- UNICEF reported that 23,193 children under 5 affected by emergencies have received micronutrients.
- Cholera vaccination campaign in Côteaux commune in Sud region was finalized by MSPP with MSF logistical support and PAHO/WHO technical support. 13,799 people over 1 year of age were vaccinated.
- Due to an increase in diphtheria cases throughout the country, PAHO supplied MSPP with 150 vials of anti-diphtheria serum that were distributed to all regions the week of Christmas by MSPP.

Gaps and Constraints:
- The Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), presented by the Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation (MPCE), estimated that rehabilitation and resilience building needs for the Health sector amount to USD 230 million.

Logistics

Response:
- The Logistics Working Group is coordinating the use of two WFP helicopters based in Les Cayes (with a capacity of 11 passengers and 1.5 MT cargo) for the humanitarian community to transport cargo to surrounding and hard to reach areas.
- In addition, the Logistics Working Group is also coordinating the use of a third fixed-wing aircraft deployed to Port-au-Prince for passengers and light cargo transportation between Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes and Jeremie. This fixed wing allowed UNHAS to relocate 24 humanitarian workers on 07 January following a security situation.
- Since the start of the emergency response in October, over 2,350 passengers and 307 MT of cargo have been transported by air to 47 different locations on behalf of forty-two organisations.
- The WFP chartered vessel “Princess Sam” conducted its fifth and last rotation and arrived in Anse D’Hainault on 12 January. The Logistics Working Group has facilitated the discharge of 476 MT of food transported by sea on behalf of WFP on 13 January.

Gaps and Constraints:
- Access to mountainous communities remains challenging because of the network of inadequate, damaged or non-existent roads.

Protection

Needs:
- According to IOM registration data in public shelters, 57 per cent of households registered are female headed. 10 per cent of those households mentioned that they were contemplating sending their children to family members within Haiti while 3 per cent had received offers from strangers to take care of their children, raising concerns from UNICEF Child protection about possible protection issues for children.

Response:
- In Grand’Anse, UNICEF partner IDETTE has distributed NFIs to 483 vulnerable children in Child Friendly spaces.
- UNICEF reported that 19,993 children and families affected by Hurricane Matthew received recreational and/or psychosocial support activities.
Gaps and Constraints:
• Concerns about the fragility of women and girls following the hurricane and the multifaceted support that they need and which is not yet fully in place, remains more than two months after the hurricane.

**Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)**

**Needs:**
• Haiti Shelter and NFI Working Group reported that 1,579,900 persons were affected by hurricane Matthew regarding shelter and non-food items. Among them, 175,000 persons have been left without housing and 44,299 are affected female headed households.
• 17% of communities feedbacks concerned the shelter/NFIs sector and deal with materials quality, the lack of transparency and partiality in distributions, tensions occurring during distributions, confusions regarding the access to aid etc…

**Response:**
• The shelter sector and its partners have pursued distributions of NFIs this past weeks : as of 21 December and since the beginning of the response 37,233 blankets, 18,166 jerrycans, 38,923 hygiene kits, 29,913 kitchen kits and 92,030 tarpaulins have been distributed.
• On 11 January, the shelter/NFIs sector held a technical group meeting on Communication With Communities (CWC) with Internews to develop key messages to communities for the sector, based on the Humanitarian Feedbacks Bulletin developed by Internews and highlighting issues on shelter/NFIs sector.
• Draft key messages will be developed by the sector lead and Internews and will be shared with the group for inputs before validation by the sector and the DPC.

Gaps and Constraints:
• Access to quality construction material is a real challenge as at local market stock you can find only poor quality material.
• Lack of financial resources for durable solutions is another constraint. Current funding pipeline aimed mainly at the emergency phase and additional financial resources are needed for more durable solutions for a wider caseload of affected people.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

**Needs:**
• An estimated 750,000 people require safe water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene.

**Response:**
• The WASH sector created a working group on the standardization of tools in the zones of intervention and developed an exit strategy of activities of water supply. Alternative rapid rehabilitation activities have been identified.
• In the two months since Matthew, UNICEF has delivered safe water to over 281,000 individuals, including 118,000 children on a recurring basis.
• UNICEF continues its support to National Directorate for Water and Sanitation (DINEPA) in Grand’Anse for the daily distribution of clean water to 19,200 individuals in the communes of Jeremie and Roseaux, and supports DINEPA in monitoring of the chlorination levels of the water distributed via emergency systems and ensuring close follow-up of UNICEF partner water systems rehabilitation work done in the commune of Moron, servicing around 10,000 people.
• In the Sud region, UNICEF has a new partner to ensure that 30 schools, previously used as shelters, have adequate sanitation for their reopening. A mass hygiene-sensitization campaign, using MSPP messages, took place in markets and other gathering places, reaching approximately 15,000 people in five different locations.
• UNICEF is supporting the WASH sector to identify exit strategies for each of the 18 emergency water treatment units which are to be phased out as repairs are completed on pre-existing systems. UNICEF is also assisting WASH partners in the analysis and prioritization of rehabilitation efforts for the water supply systems.
Gaps and Constraints:
• Additional efforts need to be made to reach out isolated rural areas.

General Coordination

The Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator reported that military escorts in Les Cayes will be stopped around 25 January. This is not only due to the legislative elections but also because BRABAT is leaving end of January. This still leaves the option of UNPOL/PNH after the elections but will definitely impact humanitarian programming. OCHA will liaise with JOC in order to have more information in the future of MINUSTAH's support to humanitarian convoy.

On 12 January, OCHA held the cash steering committee in Port-au-Prince. The committee decided sectors will define the basket (list of items) for the multipurpose cash grant. Moreover, a database of financial services providers will be developed and beneficiaries' lists databases will be merged into one. The steering committee should define the emergency exit strategy.

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