

Plan Haiti
Earthquake Relief and Early Recovery Program
“Six Months later” Summary Report
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Introduction

For more than 30 years, Plan has been working with partners in Haiti to end child poverty through the promotion of children’s rights and youth-centered community development. Although the organization was seriously affected by the January 12 earthquake, Plan began immediately responding to the needs of earthquake victims in our areas of intervention.

The following report highlights some of Plan’s activities over the course of the past six months in the areas of immediate relief, education, health, child protection, livelihoods, and psycho-social support.

Plan’s Response

Areas of Operation

Prior to the earthquake, Plan was working in specific communities in the Northeast, Southeast, and West departments. Plan continues to work in these areas while also expanding to new communities based on the identification of needs and/or gaps in response efforts. Likewise, as populations shift and/or camps are moved to more permanent locations Plan may *expand or shift our areas of operation accordingly*

South-East: Plan is working in Jacmel, Cayes-Jacmel, La Vallee, Cote de Fer, and Bainet. Since before the earthquake, Plan has also been working in Thiotte.

West: Plan is working in the municipality of Croix-des-Bouquets, more specifically in the areas of Beudet, Dolney, Ganthier, Bon Repos to name a few.

Northeast: Plan has been working in the Northeast for several years. While Plan’s earthquake relief and early recovery project is focused on the West and Southeast, some specific activities have been carried out in the municipalities of Fort Liberte, Trou du Nord and Ouanaminthe. The activities have included assisting displaced school children and providing psycho-social training and support to education professionals. Regular programming activities continue in these areas. This report, however, focuses on the earthquake response activities.

Accomplishments to Date

Objective #1: *Meet the **immediate survival** needs of the affected population in targeted areas and contribute to the planning of medium and long term recovery*

Plan’s response in the area of immediate survival needs has shifted from provision of shelter and non-food items to focus on WASH and other initiatives related to our primary program areas of Education and Child Protection. Since the earthquake Plan has distributed 3,416 tents providing immediate emergency shelter to more than 20,400 people. We have assessed camp sites for latrine needs but are also concentrating our efforts mainly on building latrines for existing as well as future transitional school sites. To date we have constructed 121 latrines and installed 55 mobile latrines.

Plan has partnered with Irish NGO Haven for a pilot to provide 100 families in Croix-des-Bouquets with transitional shelters. To date, 80 of the 100 beneficiaries have been identified. We are working with the Mayor and families to verify land ownership and obtain permission to build.

As the beneficiaries will play an active role in the construction of these shelters, one representative from each family will participate in a training on shelter construction. Construction is expected to start the beginning of August.

Nature of Intervention	Units	W	SE	Total
Supported shelter sites	Site	37	8	45
Population on supported sites	People	31,553	7,965	39,518
Families on supported sites	Family	5,288	1,583	6,871
Tent supply	tent	270	3,146	3,416
Family kit supply	Kit	1,246	640	1,886
Cistern installation	Cistern	7	0	7
Bath cabin construction	Cabin	34	18	52
Mobile toilet installation	Cabin	55	0	55
Latrine construction	Seat	34	87	121

** Figures provided are to date as of 24 June 2010*

Objective #2: Re-establish education and ECCD services for affected children and contribute to the restructuring of a school system that guarantees improved quality opportunities for learning and development, with emphasis on the primary school system



Education has continued to be a strong part of Plan’s response. Back-to-School campaigns carried out by Plan youth volunteers were launched at the end of March in both Croix-des-Bouquets and Jacmel to encourage parents and teachers to send children back to school. Seven hundred teachers and more than 200 school directors from the Southeast, West and Northeast have been trained in psycho-social support, earthquake awareness and



preparedness, and children’s rights between April and May. Plan has also held awareness-raising discussions with approximately 250 parents at different camps in Jacmel to promote a new program to support schools.

In Croix-des-Bouquets we are currently supporting 87 schools (materials and/or construction/structures), while in Jacmel we are supporting 51 schools in the same capacity. Construction on semi-permanent classrooms (wooden structures) have begun in both Jacmel and Croix-des-Bouquets with 4 structures of 2 classrooms each completed in Jacmel (seen pictured here). HousAlls (plastic, pre-fabricated structures) have also finally been cleared from customs; 12 have been installed as classrooms in Jacmel.

Plan has recognized the need to provide additional educational support to students living in the camps. In the Southeast, Plan Haiti is piloting “Soutien Scolaire”, an after-school program in three sites in Jacmel. Operating out of the CFSs, in the afternoons, local teachers help students enrolled in school with their homework. Many students, who are not enrolled in school, are able to participate in the program and take advantage of the opportunity to attend review sessions. Currently more than 300 young people are participating.

Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD)

Plan’s ECCD program has been launched in both Jacmel and Croix-des-Bouquets. The programs run daily from 8am-12pm, Monday through Friday. In Jacmel we have four ECCD sites with 361 children enrolled, while in Croix-des-Bouquets we have established two ECCD sites with an enrolment of 242 children. Teachers have been

recruited and trained on each location. ECCD educational kits donated by UNICEF are being used for the program activities.

Plan’s primary partner in education activities remains the Ministry of Education both at the national and municipal levels.

Nature of Intervention	Units	W	SE	NE	Total
Schools/sites selected to receive temporary structures	School/Site	29	25	n/a	54
Teachers /Directors trained in pedagogy	People	323	352	300	975
School tent installation	Tent	103	57	n/a	160
Number of HousAlls in Use	Structure	4	12	n/a	16
Number of semi-permanent classrooms	Rooms	0	8	n/a	8
Number of ECCD sites	Site	2	4	n/a	6
Number of Participants for ECCD activities	children	242	361	n/a	603
Number of ECCD Teacher s Trained	person	6	19	n/a	25

*Figures as of June 25

Objective #3: *Strengthen the capacities of families, communities and authorities to protect children and adolescents, both boys and girls, against all forms of abuse, exploitation and violence, including gender-based violence*

Various needs assessments have been done with children and their communities to determine their needs as well as serve to support partners/Ministries on the priorities – as expressed by the children – on the work to be done. More than 350 people (including teachers, staff, and partner organizations) have been trained in child protection issues, and Plan teams are being established and trained on identifying children at risk and proper case management. A week-long workshop was also organized for Plan staff to further train them in child protection issues, gender-based violence, and psycho-social practices. The training also provided key guidelines for documentation and reporting.



Nature of Intervention	Units	W	SE	Total
Training in child protection	People	160	196	356
Training in participation	People	48	831	879

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Plan has started discussions with partners to ensure that all children participating in our activities have birth certificates, which is an essential element in preventing child-trafficking.

Our efforts also include assisting separated, unaccompanied and orphaned children by supporting the re-unity process of children with their families in cooperation with local partners including the Haitian government. This includes continued partnership with the Center for Action and Development, which has

temporarily taken in children orphaned from the quake as well as Maison Arc en Ciel, which has done the same. Additionally, 30 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) have been established in Jacmel and Croix-des-Bouquet areas (*see more on CFS below under Objective #6*).

Plan partners with a number of organizations in the area of child protection and participation including the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Institute of Social Well-Being, the Center for Action and Development, Maison Arc en Ciel, Jeune et Action, Oxfam, World Vision, SOS Children's Village, Compassion International to name a few.

Voices of Children in the Reconstruction of Haiti

Plan's particular emphasis on the need for Haitian civil society involvement in the country's reconstruction has been to advocate for the inclusion of the voices of children and youth in the process. To that end, in partnership with UNICEF, Plan undertook a national consultation with almost 1,000 children and youth from the ages of 5-24 and issued the resulting report, "*Anticipating the Future: Children and Youth People's Voices in Haiti's Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)*," which was launched at a side event in New York on 30 March, the day before the international donors' conference.

On June 23, to celebrate **Haitian National Child's Day**, Plan co-hosted a workshop with the Global Movement for Children (GMC), of which Plan is a member. The workshop, organized around the theme "Supporting Families to Protect Children's Rights", was attended by 112 Haitian young people. The children participated in exchanges on topics including sanitation, local government and education. At the end of the workshop, the children arrived at a common consensus on the participation of children in Haiti's reconstruction. This activity is also linked to Plan's ongoing effort to work with partners in the GMC to build a world fit for children.

Objective #4: *Contribute to the physical and mental health, well being and resilience of children, adolescents, youth and their care givers affected by the earthquake*

While the program continues to develop and expand, health is one of Plan's strong intervention areas. Early on in the response, Plan Canada sent a donation of essential drugs – including antibiotics, de-worming medication, pain-killers and oral rehydration salts.



In Jacmel we have partnered with CARITAS and ACTED to establish mobile clinics in various locations. In Croix-des-Bouquets, Plan is working with the Ministry of Health in mobile clinics in Santo 17 and Corail IDP camps where an average of 85 patients, many of them expecting mothers and children, are seen on a daily basis. Vaccination clinics are held weekly in these clinics as well.

Additional activities are ongoing in Jacmel. A 5-day training session with 168 children and youth was organized to talk about HIV/AIDS, environmental protection and children's rights. Twenty-one health agents from partner *Fondation Bon Samaritain* were also trained in health promotion activities for IDP camps. Thirty-eight people participated in a meeting to reflect on gender-based violence. They discussed concerns, the role of the police and health professionals, and how partnerships can be developed to reduce the rate of GBV in the area. A similar meeting was held in Cote de Fer with 24 participants.

Plan is in the process of developing a community-based campaign targeting adolescent and adult men to be engaged as agents of change in their communities by taking a stand against violence against women. We are also preparing to train health workers in psychological first aid to ensure that in the aftermath of future disasters, primary health care workers and first responders are able to address the mental health consequences of disaster, as well as the physical ones.

One of Plan's primary partners is the Ministry of Health, specifically at the municipal level with the Unite Communal de Sante (UCS). Other partners include Caritas, Foyer St. Camille, Centre de Sante de Croix-des-Bouquets, Help Inc., and FOSREF, to name a few.

Nature of Intervention	Units	W	SE	Total
Mobile clinics established	Clinic	35	77	112
Staff trained in community assessments and sanitation	People	42	240	282
Patients seen in mobile clinics	Patient	2,439	4,868	7,307
Children immunized	Child	25,173	500	25,673

* Figures as of 24 June 2010

Objective #5: Strengthen family economic security in order that parents and care-givers are more able to guarantee the wellbeing and care of their children

During the past 6 months of the emergency response program, Plan's Cash-for-Work (CfW) program has involved over 12,800 workers working in Croix-des-Bouquets, Jacmel and La Vallée – 4,975 of these workers have been women. The cash payout has directly benefited some 76,800 family members (average Haitian family size is six). CfW teams are split evenly in terms of gender balance and include people from ages 15 to 60. To date, Plan has completed more than 75 sites in Jacmel and Croix-des-Bouquets combined, with several crews working on current sites.



Work activities have included clearing of waste disposal canals; cleaning of irrigation canals; preparation of sites for temporary school classrooms; repair of secondary roads; clearing ditches on secondary roads; ravine treatments; hillside soil conservation works; street cleaning; cleaning tent villages for displaced people; and digging latrines in tent villages for displaced people. As an example, special Plan CfW teams worked to clear camp space identified by local authorities to receive IDPs currently using space at the Lycée Jacques 1, in order to allow classes to resume.

Nature of Intervention	Units	W	SE	Total
Cash-for-work number of men	Person	3,843	4,012	7,855
Cash-for-work number of women	Person	2,154	2,821	4,975
Cash-for-work number of direct beneficiaries	Person	5,997	6,833	12,830
Cash-for-work days	Person working-days	60,526	67,564	128,090

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aspiring business men and women in A similar workshop was held in Croix des Bouquets, targeting youth; 25 young people participated.

Positive results noted include food provided for each worker; decrease in unemployment rates; and satisfaction of workers when being paid.

Plan has also started working with local, aspiring businessmen and women in Croix des Bouquet and Jacmel. In

Jacmel, we organized a workshop on Business Development with 96

Plan's partners in livelihood activities include local organizations such as FONKONZE and *Femme en Democratie*.

Objective #6: Assist children and adults to cope with loss and bereavement, build resilience and to create a child-friendly environment

To date, Plan has established a total of 30 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS), divided evenly between Jacmel and Croix-des-Bouquets. We have opened CFS sites in both Bainet and Cote de Fer, two remote communities in the Southeast that were impacted by the earthquake but that have not received many services due to their distant locations. An estimated 4,500 children have participated in CFS activities.

Healing through Sports

At the end of May, Plan launched its “Playing and Learning Together to Rebuild Haiti” soccer program, with the support of Plan Spain. Twenty-four youth from Jacmel and the Port au Prince area were trained by two coaches from Real Madrid. These young people are currently running soccer activities in 11 camps with an inter-camp tournament currently underway.



Theater as Therapy

In partnership with the Center for Psychosocial Education and Training (CEFEPS) more than 250 young people between the ages of 14 and 17 from Jacmel and Croix-des-Bouquets have participated in theater training workshops as a form of stress management therapy. The workshops also help identify emotional reactions to difficult situations and facilitate learning to express them appropriately. The activities also foster a sense of community among the children by encouraging them to share sensitive experiences and feelings with each other, thereby helping them realize that they are not alone in this situation.

Laughter Therapy

In addition, Plan partnered with Clowns without Borders to provide comic relief to children, young people and adults alike. Two clown troupes have come to Haiti in the past 6 months and put on 37 shows in Croix-des-Bouquets and Jacmel for 8,500 children and young people.

Nature of Intervention	Units	W	SE	Total
Training in psycho-social care (Staff and youth volunteers, excluding education professionals)	People	69	98	167
Child-friendly spaces	Space	15	15	30
Game kits	Kit	1805	2,523	4,328
Number of children participating in CFS activities	Person	1,386	3,218	4,504
Number of youth participating in theater activities	Person	120	130	250
Number of Clowns without Borders Shows	Show	16	21	37
Number of children and youth attending Clown shows	Person	4,000	4,500	8,500

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Objective #7: *Ensure that Disaster Risk Reduction is mainstreamed into all relief and recovery activities together with children and communities*

Over the course of the past six months, Plan has been fine-tuning its DRR activities and begun implementation of key initiatives. In March, 28 staff members from the Northeast Program Unit participated in a training workshop, at which time they were also trained in SPHERE guidelines (humanitarian norms in emergencies) and INEE

(emergency education) standards in situations of chronic crisis, disaster, and early reconstruction. In June, more than 100 people from different Community Based Organizations in Jacmel participated in a workshop on preparation for the hurricane season.

Plan also began working with Local and Municipal Civil Protection Committees in the West and Southeast to better prepare for potential disaster situations. These activities included supporting training sessions (as the one pictured here with the Municipal Civil Protection Committee of Thomazeau in the West), as well as the provision of essential materials and equipment.

DRR training workshops with Plan's youth media clubs in all three Program Units are planned for the end of the month.



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Finances

In terms of funds raised against the program target of USD \$61 million, we have over USD \$33.7 million (including gifts-in-kind) confirmed in public and grants monies, which equals 55% of the total amount needed. Total grants submitted and pending approval equal approximately USD \$13 million. Our expenditures (not including gifts-in-kind) as of June 30 totaled \$10.2 million

Concluding Remarks

Plan continues to work with the Haitian government and local partners to respond to the ongoing challenges and needs of the country. Plan Haiti is committed to fulfilling its promises to the children and people of Haiti in response to this crisis.