

# **CARE Haiti Newsletter**



# **Protecting against floods**

CARE's WASH team works to provide a clean and healthy environment for the displaced populations living in the camps since the Jan. 12 earthquake. In addition to building latrines and showers, WASH technicians (Water, Hygiene, Sanitation) have begun digging drainage channels in a number of locations in anticipation of the rainy season. « All this is a part of a package of services » has informed us Nosa Boadi, head of the construction team. « We also dig wells to drain rainwater and prevent flooding in the camps that, otherwise, would cause damage to the temporary shelters constructed by the families».

# On the road to economic independence

The Cash For Work program in rural areas started on April 13th in Léogâne with more than three hundred people. Several hundreds of people, 50% of them women, will be hired every day – 80 000 persondays in total – to clean out the canals and repair roads, thereby facilitating access to these zones for residents and humanitarian aid workers. Wolfgang Tyderle is responsible for emergency programs at CARE Germany-Luxembourg. He was in Haiti for 10 days and conducted a number of field trips. "I visited several camps and villages; I inspected many latrines, water tanks and sites where we've launched cash-forwork's activities. I heard people talking about the flooding problems and listened to all sorts of inquiries from leaders of various committees. For the moment, I feel a lot has already been achieved, but there is still a lot more do so."





## **Faces of CARE**

Receptionist at CARE-Haiti for 13 years, Michaëlle Aubry is beautician by profession. After 26 years of operation, she had to close her beauty salon due to illness and since then, she is the welcoming face at CARE, a job she loves. "Working here helps me to better know my people. When I look back on their needs, I put myself in their shoes so I can help them the best as I can." Michaëlle is currently working on several publications: children's stories, poems and even a novel. She loves art, beauty and, above all, people. "I love human contact, meeting people, talking to them. My job allows me to serve everybody, something that makes my spirit feel free."

# **CARE: over 20 years in Artibonite**

In July 2008, CARE implemented a rural development project in the town of Gros Morne (Artibonite). This project is funded by the Local Development Programme in Haiti (PDLH) and includes support for local governance, capacity building in the protection against HIV / AIDS, strengthening the capacity of local officials in charge of local development, and support towards the protection of the environment.

According to Jean Mary Nicolas, accountant, this project has helped strengthen

the capacities of local officials in the management their communities. Since its establishment in 2008, women are much more engaged in their communities and decision-making. "The mayors hold weekly meetings with members of assemblies and councils from a number of sectors to make decisions on various development activities in the area. Once a month, the council goes on air to inform the public of these activities, "Nicolas told us.



# **Communicating better**

Communicating our work with the people has become a priority, especially since the January 12 earthquake. For this reason, CARE participated in two workshops in Léogâne and Port-au-Prince with journalists from various media organizations that survived the disaster.

Organized by the NGO Internews on March 31 and April 10, these workshops provided a space for humanitarian organizations to find better ways to communicate with the press and thus better inform the public of their actions.

# Working hand in hand with the community

A number of meetings were held in Léogâne in April with some community leaders in lead-up to the opening of CARE's women centres. Feminist and women's organizations, representatives of public and private institutions, members of civil society, and community leaders participated in these meetings, which served to determine the activities and priorities of these centers. "The women's centre will give us the space to express ourselves, to feel safe, and ultimately, this will have a positive effect on our families," said Perpetual, a lawyer in the town of



Haut Mithon. For Leslie, voodoo priest, this center should provide first aid services. "Once, I saw a girl who had just been raped die because she lost too much blood and there was no place to treat her".

Le **bulletin de CARE Haïti** se publie chaque vendredi. Tous les membres de l'équipe sont cordialement invités à contribuer par des articles, des photos, et des nouvelles. Veuillez contacter :

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# CARE's Haiti earthquake response: the first three months

(Revenue and expenditures through March 31, most recent available)

#### **Fundraising revenue**

### Total revenue from fundraising appeals:

Worldwide: \$34.4 million

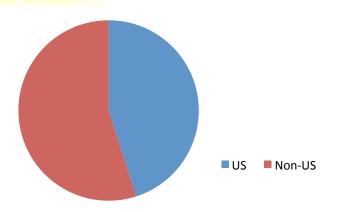
USA: \$15.5 million (included in above total)

# Fundraising target for long-term

**reconstruction/rehabilitation** (five years): \$100 million

## Expenditures for initial response - cash only:

Initial Target: \$3 million Actual: \$5.75 million



## Breakdown by donor type:

Private: \$4 million
Institutional/govt.: \$1.75 million

## Breakdown by sector:

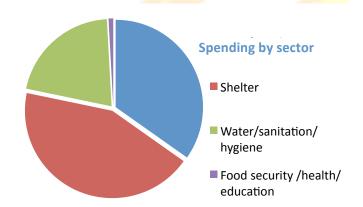
Food and non-food items: \$2 million

Shelter: \$2.5 million

Water, sanitation, hygiene: \$1.2 million

Food security, health, educ.\*: \$50,000

\*medium-term response, now in launch phase



## Value of contributions in kind distributed\*

(not included in spending listed above)

Donated through CARE USA: \$1.0 million

Negotiated locally in Haiti: \$1.3 million

\*includes tarps, plastic sheeting, housing supplies, food, etc.

This puts us on track to spend approximately \$25 million in the first 12 months.

CARE's Haiti emergency response spending is monitored by an independent advisory committee. In addition to ongoing management oversight by CARE's regional management unit, each member of the CARE International federation has appointed a senior official with special skills in a particular focus area (program quality, finance, shelter, etc.) in support of the operation. The committee will meet regularly and visit Haiti twice a year to monitor progress to date on objectives. The first incountry visit is targeted for June when it will review CARE's operations, finances and long-term strategy. In addition, CARE's operations and financial expenditures are regularly reviewed by independent auditors.