

## Our emergency interventions

CARE's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) team is working on a new latrine prototype. Practical, easily transported and attractive, this model can be installed on any surface thanks to its internal reservoir. A group of engineers and carpenters from CARE are working, with the support of the International Federation of the Red Cross, on building these latrines at CARE's warehouse in Drouillard, Cité Soleil, Port-au-Prince. "By the end of the week, three of these latrines will be installed in camps in Léogâne and one in Carrefour," said team leader Nosa Boadi, "In order to move faster still, we've reinforced our team, which now includes two engineers and a technician. We are also going to hire carpenters."

CARE's Shelter team has developed an illustrated poster demonstrating riskresistant construction techniques, in association with other Shelter Cluster members and affected families. The poster was illustrated by Haitian architects and the messages are in Creole. CARE will make an initial print



Nosa Boadi, WASH team leader, with the new latrine prototype

run of 30,000 posters, for a mass distribution in camps, churches, government buildings, etc. As of March 23, the cluster had reached 75 percent of 1.3 million homeless with emergency shelter materials, including protective tarps and tents. It is expected that 100 percent will have been reached by May 1 - the initial target date. This represents the fastest emergency shelter response since the advent of the cluster system.



## A step toward gender equality



A new center for women and girls opened this week at Sorbonne de Santo, Léogâne. This will be a space largely reserved for women, who can find advice on sexual health and reproduction, gender-based violence and gender inequality. "We will be focusing on counseling, not treatment," explained Dr. Franck Généus, head of the sexual and reproductive health team. "Meanwhile, we've partnered with International Medical Corps (IMC), which has opened a clinic in the area and will handle treatment of women and girls who have suffered violence."

## **Faces of CARE**

Gary Philoctète, Assistant Country Director of CARE Haiti, joined CARE more than 20 years ago as a civil engineer working on water and sanitation. He comes from a family of poets and journalists. "My father was a longtime journalist, who was a very good observer of society and social problems. People asked me: why did you choose to be an engineer? But I like what I'm doing." What motivates him to be an aid worker? "It's CARE's mission to help people in disasters and when they're facing very difficult situations. When I'm at work I put all my effort, all my motivation into helping people. This is my people, this is my country."





Seven lanterns we<mark>re released</mark> from Cape Town, South Africa, symbolizing the seven continents participating in Earth Hour © WWF / Sean Kelland

## Earth Hour: show your commitment to the environment

Earth Hour is the world's largest demonstration in favor of action against climate change. In 2009, hundreds of millions of people in almost 4,000 cities and 88 countries turned off their lights for an hour in order to demonstration their support for the fight against climate change.

We invite the staff of CARE Haiti to participate:

Turn off your lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.,

Sunday, March 27

For more information, visit: www.earthhour.org

The CARE Haiti Newsletter is published each Friday. All team members are cordially invited to contribute articles, photos and news. Please contact:

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