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Secours Islamique France
is in the field

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Context

On the afternoon of the 12th January, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.3 on the Richter scale, followed by several aftershocks, shook the Caribbean island, Haiti. The earthquakes caused heavy losses of human life and material. According to the report of deaths published by the Haitian government, last Tuesday, the earthquake has been killed about 112,392 people. The humanitarian needs were clear and very urgent both in and around the capital: access to water, shelter, and medical care were a priority.

About 250,000 individuals were hurt and over 1.5 million are homeless, and according to the IOM, among them about 370,000 are in Port au Prince. The population has been gathered in provisional camps (about 600 in Port au Prince) and do not have adequate material for building shelter. During the daily water distribution and assessment, SIF’s team identified the priority of side settlements.
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Emergency Resolution

From Assessment to Action

The SIF’s team implemented the following need assessment to ensure an effectiveness of the project:

- Need assessment for the drinking water access project
- Ground coordination command centre, DINEPA (National Agency for Drinking Water), UNO, NGOs...
- Acquisition of logistic equipment (10 bladder tanks, car) and recruitment of local human resources
- Implementation of partnerships with the local NGOs that have a good knowledge of the field and the victims

SIF aimed to perform integrated programs in camps in order to insure a comprehensive relief to vulnerable people, particularly for:

- Water, sanitation and hygienic access
- Equipped shelter access
- Food access
- Medical access (through partners)

SIF has taken in charge 17 camps and 5 orphanages in the following location:

- Port au Prince
- Pétion-ville
- Carrefour
- Fontamara
- Tabarré

Water: the primary need

Goals
Provide to the victims of Haiti’s earthquake with water, sanitation and hygienic needs in side settlements.

Achievements
The Secours Islamique France launched a drinking water access project (5L/d/p) on the 20th January for 30,000 beneficiaries during 28 days in Port au Prince, Carrefour, Pétionville and Fontamara.

- Supply of water through truck rental
- Distribution of 50,000 jerrycans
- Installation of 25 bladders units for storage
- Training of 25 local water management committees
- 24 January until 15 February, SIF distributed 150,000 litres of water per day

The SIF distribution represented 9 % of all the water supply in Haiti

Partners
- French government
- UNHAS

This project is co-financed by Fondation de France and supported by The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (France), and is implemented in partnership with the local NGO Child Voice Foundation and through CBOs.

The project is coordinated with UNICEF and the DINEPA (National Agency for Drinking Water).
Food Access

Goal
Supply Haiti’s earthquake victims with food in order to fight starvation and avoid malnutrition.

Achievements
- Distribution of 1,500 kg of rice to 2,000 people for 3 days.
- Distribution of 300 energetic rations to 300 children in 3 camps and 1 orphanage.
- Distribution of 250 hygiene kits to 250 families.
- Distribution of food among 255 families (31,275 beneficiaries) of the Commune of Tabarre

The operation carried out from March and would target an estimated 6,255 families (31,275 beneficiaries) who will benefit from the following ration per family:

- Corn Soya Blend (CSB) : 12.5 Kg
- Oil : 3.7 L
- Salt : 1 Kg
- Rice : 25 Kg

This ration would provide a well-balanced nutritional intake of 1,500 kcal/day/beneficiary.

Partners
- UNWFP (United Nations World Food Program)

Medical Aid and Psychological support

Goals
Secours Islamique France works in partnership with Toronto-based Global Medic to provide medical aid for survivors thanks to four mobile medical clinics. They were requested to manage the medical issues in the 17 camps.

Achievements
- Daily visit to the camp in order to provide first assistance aid
- Assistance to about 300 patients per day
- Distribution of water purification tablets, water treatment packets, and oral rehydration salt units

Partners
- Global Medic assistance

Sanitation and hygienic access

Goal
Provide Haiti’s earthquake victims with hygienic needs

Achievements
- Construction of 532 latrines (1 for 50p) through cash for work
- Construction of 54 hand washing stations outside of the latrines through cash for work
• Construction of 54 collective showers with concrete slab (2/ camp) through cash for work
• Organisation of maintenance through committees and cash for work

• Setting up of a 20 hygienic promoter team
• Transmission of messages for promoting hygiene to 26,600 people.
• The awareness activity aims to insure a good use of the hygiene kit.
• Organisation of hygiene awareness for committees, local NGOs and leaders for promoting hygiene
• Distribution of 5,320 hygiene kits for 26,600 people

**Partners**
- IOM (International Organization for migration)
- Unicef (United Nations Children’s Fund)

**SIF’s team Strategy**

SIF’s strategy is to open a long-term mission, at least, until the end of the recovery phase. SIF aims to support the earthquake affected people to reach their immediate needs and then to get their autonomy back. That is the reason why our team has started to implement emergency project to reach quick and massive positive impact on needy people. Then, SIF aims to implement temporary projects in order to prepare the rehabilitation phase. SIF’s main objective is to launch as soon as possible sustainable projects in its area of intervention. SIF intends to enhance the economy through cash for work activities.

Of course, the sustainability of SIF project is improved through a participative approach. That is why SIF, in Haiti, as well as all over the world, wants to involve the concerned population in each phase of the project, from the need assessment, the project design to the implementation and the hand over. So, Secours Islamique France aims to work together with all stakeholders and particularly in partnership with local NGOs or Community Based Organisations (CBOs).
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