US Response Mission in Haiti
Lessons Learned & Best Practices
Session Objectives

- Roles and Responsibilities in Foreign Disasters
- USG and NGO coordination and support
  - Cluster System
  - Repatriation
  - USAR
  - Donations
  - Logistics
  - Orphans and Vulnerable Children
- Lessons learned and applications to future disasters (domestic and international)
Humanitarian Coordination - the concept

Donor Govt’s

Ambassador

SRSG (if required)

UN SG

Humanitarian Coordinator

OCHA (UNDAC)

CMOC

UNHCR

WFP

UNICEF

WHO

others...

NGOs

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Policy (ERC)

Planning and Coordination (ERC)

Operations and Implementation
USG Support for Haiti

Total FY 2010 USAID and DoD Humanitarian Assistance for Haiti Earthquake:

$ 1,031,567,236
State Department Role in Foreign Disasters

- Disaster declaration, initial aid disbursement
- 1967 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations
- U.S. Consular Services: passports, loans, death notification, return of remains
State Department Role in Domestic Disasters

- Notify foreign governments of foreign casualties
- Ensure foreign consul access
- Facilitate communications to overcome language barriers
- Assist medical examiners with information on foreign victims to complete death certificates
Monitoring of Crises and Potential Hot Spots

Other Agencies
Embassy Reports

Desk and Post Contacts
Media

FEMA
USAID
Coordinating Crisis Response

Flexible Washington Response
Task Force, Monitoring Group, Virtual Monitoring Group

Department Coordination
Resources, Policy, Citizen Services, Public Diplomacy

Support for Posts Overseas
Evacuation, Security, other support

Coordinating Across Government
Washington Liaison Group, other Ops Centers

FEMA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
USAID
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Haiti: U.S. Domestic Agency Assistance

- Scale of the Disaster
- Modified UN Response
- U.S. Foreign Assistance to Haiti
- Proximity, Close Bilateral Ties
U.S. Agency for International Development

USAID Response Structure
- Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
- Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)
- Response Management Team (RMT)

International Response Overview
- UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Cluster System
- Government of Haiti
- International Donors’ Conference - Towards a New Future for Haiti
USAID – NGO Outreach and Coordination

- Goal: Empowering the NGO community active in Haiti
- Established regular communications and opportunity for feedback through RebuildHaiti@usaid.gov and conference calls
- Created the USAID Donations Tool to coordinate private sector offers with NGO needs
- Haiti-based NGO-coordination staff
Donations Support at Dept. of State

Coordinate with:

- Western Hemisphere Affairs
  - International offers of assistance
  - International requests for assistance
- Global Partnerships Office
  - Private Sector offers
- USAID
Donations Management Support-FEMA

- Donations Support
  - FEMA Staff – 15+ supporting donations/volunteer management
  - Center for International Disaster Information
  - Donations Management Network powered by AidMatrix
    - 100+ NGOs
  - Regional support fielding questions regarding domestic donations
USAID International Donations Management System - Evolution
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For NGO registration click here

More Haiti information

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To offer non-cash donations

Volunteers

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are reporting that their capacity to absorb additional volunteers is limited. Your generous offer to support relief and recovery in Haiti is greatly appreciated, and will be shared with NGOs, should they express a need.

To offer medical/volunteer service

To offer non-medical/volunteer service

FEMA

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
HHS-ACF

- Repatriation of US Citizens
  - Adults
    - Assist with travel arrangements
    - Connect to Social Services
  - Unaccompanied minors
    - Transfer to State Child Welfare Service
- Non US Citizens that are Unaccompanied Minors
  - Placed in facilities for unaccompanied children
    - Granted parole status (may be placed with relative or foster families)
  - Pending Asylum applications
  - Meets Cuban/Haitian entrance status
    - Eligible for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors programs and other refugee benefits and services
HHS-ACF Continued

- Non US Citizens that are Unaccompanied Minors (continued)
  - Assessed for human trafficking
    - Issue certification letter
    - Eligible for URM program and other refugee benefits and services
- Refugees
  - Non Cuban/Haitians arriving in the US regularly at a rate of 1-3 per day
HHS-ACF Continued

- Public Health
  - National Disaster Medical Service
    - Provided both in country and triage in the U.S. at point of arrival
  - Public Health Officers support to ESF-8 and DoD
- Non-Profit and Voluntary Organizations provide support services for refugees
FEMA Support to USAID

- IMAT served as liaison to USAID
- Facilitated exchange of information and deconflicted information between FEMA and USAID Response Management
- Supported Nutrition and Emergency Shelter Clusters
- Supported Logistics Cluster by coordinating transportation of commodities
  - Movement Coordination Center
- GIS support
FEMA Support to Haiti

- IMAT Field Support
  - Logistic Support
  - Situational Awareness for Secretary of Homeland Security
  - Orphans and Vulnerable Children Work Group
  - Long-term planning
  - Debris Management

- Mobile Emergency Response Support
  - MERS personnel and equipment provided tactical communications for the United States Embassy, USAID, and US&R task forces.
FEMA Support-USAR

Urban Search And Rescue (USAR)

- Coordinated by OFDA OSOCC
  - 60 teams ranging from 6 to 70 members
- US Teams
  - Los Angles and Fairfax
  - Additional four for total of 506 personnel
- 134 Rescues—47 by US Teams (35%)
Open Forum:
Lessons Learned
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