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**Emergency Operations Center Situation Report #14**  
**Haiti Earthquake**

**GENERAL OVERVIEW**

- The Government of Haiti reports that over 230,000 people have migrated to rural areas to the north and west of Port-au-Prince.
- Priorities are still on post-operative care as there are only three hospitals in Port-au-Prince to send patients after surgery. Health services and other provisions should take into account not only patients in post-operative care but also their families.
- The IOM estimates anywhere from 900,000 to 1.1 million people are in acute need of emergency shelter assistance in Haiti, the vast majority of them in Port-au-Prince. Tents are only a temporary solution as there must be more durable options that will withstand the coming rainy season.
- The Haitian Government is requesting that medical teams stay for a longer period of time in order to minimize administrative efforts and ensure continuity of care and restore health services.
- The WASH cluster plans to increase distribution to reach 500,000 people at 200 sites daily with water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and services.
- Nutrition partners in the field are assessing around 200 temporary settlement sites in Port-au-Prince to better understand nutrition needs, including those of vulnerable populations.
- WHO purchased interagency emergency health kits (IEHK) from Dubai that arrived in Haiti today. These kits can treat 10,000 patients for three months for common diseases.
- In the Dominican Republic, there are challenges in health facilities due to overcrowding and fear of entering buildings as a result of the earthquake and frequent aftershocks.



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**PAHO/WHO RESPONSE**

- In addition to leading the Health Cluster, PAHO/WHO participates in the nutrition, shelter, logistic, information management and WASH clusters.
- PAHO/WHO will be setting up another location for post-operative care in the coming days.

- PAHO/WHO, in collaboration with other organizations in Haiti, continues to coordinate operations in PROMESS including placing orders and matching needs in country. Technical support is also being given to the Dominican Republic to respond to needs for clinics in the border region. PAHO/WHO is evaluating offers of medicines, vaccines and medical equipment and creating recommendations for deployment of donations based on needs gathered from the field, quality requirements and logistic considerations.
- LSS/SUMA, the PAHO/WHO humanitarian supply management system, continues operating in the Port-au-Prince airport and in the Dominican Republic. Countries that have been sending supplies and medicines to Haiti are also using this system to classify donations. Reports have been generated by LSS/SUMA and shared with national authorities as well as OCHA and the Logistic Cluster.
- PAHO/WHO prepared health guidelines for the PAHO Regional Response Team and other teams being deployed to Haiti including information on immunizations, mental health and malaria prophylaxis.



LSS/SUMA team working in Port-au-Prince.  
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