

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Leogane is a priority area and because coordination is key between Leogane and Port-au-Prince, sub-national health cluster meetings will take place.
- UN/OCHA has a security escort service available for NGOs who need to travel to areas where security could be a problem.
- Google will work with the Health Cluster to improve mapping capacity.
- Bill Clinton, the UN special envoy for Haiti, will arrive in-country to better understand priorities and humanitarian needs.



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## ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

- The Ministry of Health is defining a plan to assess needs for post-op care, determine how many people will require medical care in the mobile clinics and other human resources issues. The plan will also take into account immunization, psychosocial support, the needs of the handicapped population, those with HIV whose treatment has been halted because of the earthquake, epidemiological surveillance, reproductive health and mental health.
- The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Clinton Foundation, completed an assessment in public health facilities.
- Haiti's National Program against AIDS, a platform of 13 local associations, is carrying out a needs assessment of people living with HIV in order to organize a response plan.
- A group will visit health facilities to check the GPS coordinates, the number of beds and other basic information in order to build maps.

## GAP FILLING

### DRUGS AND SUPPLIES

- **Correction:** Yesterday's Health Cluster Bulletin mentioned 45 inter-agency emergency kits (IEHKs) that had arrived in the Dominican Republic. The **basic** IEHKs contain medicines to treat 1,000 people (not 10,000) for three months for common diseases. However, 180 of the full kits have been ordered (to treat 10,000 for three months).
- The Logistics Cluster helicopter is delivering 1.5 metric tons of medicines to health authorities in Les Cayes in the department of Sud.

### OUTBREAK CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- A team from the Dominican Republic, led by the Director of Epidemiology, presented a preliminary report on epidemiological surveillance in 17 hospitals and eight shelters along the border between Dominican Republic and Haiti. To date, there has been no notification of events with epidemic potential.

## PROVISION OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

- MERLIN (Medical Relief Long Lasting Care) is providing primary health care and performing plastic surgery. The hospital in Delmas 33 has 40 beds. They are looking for patient transfer possibilities in areas such as geriatrics, maxillofacial and OBGYN fields.
- Jamaica's Ministry of Health is performing surgery and providing primary healthcare at Haiti's 150-bed Community Hospital, located at Frères, outside Port-au-Prince.
- The U.S. Air Force established a hospital at Terminal Varreux (near the port) in Port-au-Prince, with a capacity of 20 beds and one operating room. They are currently cleaning wounds, conducting minor surgery and providing obstetrics and gynecology services.
- Mental health is a crosscutting issue and each cluster will have a representative, not just health.
- Mobile clinics are being deployed in 250 spontaneous gathering areas (SGA), as identified by the government. Each mobile clinic will cover two SGAs and must coordinate with other clusters. The mobile health facility subgroup highlighted the need to include epidemiological surveillance among the activities in the mobile clinics.

## WATER AND SANITATION

- WASH specialists visited the obstetrics area of the Hopital de l'Université d'État d'Haïti for a quick assessment on vectors, sanitation and medical waste.
- DINEPA, the public agency in charge of collecting solid waste, will vaccinate 600 staff members exposed to the risk of tetanus. Today, PAHO/WHO will discuss laboratory capacity and priorities for water sampling with UNICEF.

## COORDINATION

- The Health Cluster meeting in Leogane will take place on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
- The mobile health facilities subgroup will be meeting on Friday at 4:30 in the Cafeteria.
- The sexual and reproductive health subgroup will meet on Monday at 3 p.m.
- Mental health and the psychosocial support subgroup will meet twice a week, and on Tuesday at 1:00pm, they will define a strategy for long term actions.

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