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# Operation Haiti Relief

## Situation Report # 15

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### Federal Actions/Reports:

- USAID and the U.S. State Department are the lead federal agencies for international events. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been tasked with assisting in the coordination of the U.S. response.
- The FEMA Region IV Regional Response Coordination Center in Atlanta is currently at a Level III (Partial Activation); Emergency Support Function (ESF) 1 and the Defense Coordinating Element (DCE) are activated.
- FEMA Region IV Incident Management Assistance Team has demobilized. One liaison officer remains at the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Federal health personnel are on scene at Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB) assisting with the evaluation and treatment of earthquake survivors coming from Haiti.
- Liaisons for the Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Customs and Border Protection, and DCE are in Florida.
- The Florida-4 Disaster Medical Assistance Team is on scene in Haiti treating earthquake survivors.

### Volunteers and Donations:

- Volunteers and Donations-ESF 15 is providing direction to all non-governmental organizations (NGOs) running charity drives through [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org).
- To date, 753 American Red Cross workers have provided services to 15,898 people total at airports across Florida, including 7,834 meals, 33,146 snacks/water, and 5,519 comfort kits.
- 18,218 total Florida volunteer hours have been served for Operation Haiti Relief and 1,185,000 lbs of goods have been handled in Florida.

### Areas of Concern:

- The expanding number of medical humanitarian parolees, Haitian Nationals with severe traumatic and burn injuries, from Haiti may affect the capacity of Florida hospitals. Region 7 hospitals have reached saturation.
- HHS is the lead organization for arriving Haitian orphans. Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) is supporting operations as requested.

### State Actions:

- Executive Order #10-06 declares a State of Emergency.
- Executive Order #10-20 provides for the nurse shortage.
- State EOC is at a Level 2 (Partial).
- 2 State Emergency Response Team (SERT) Liaison Teams are operational at the Sanford (6 personnel) and Homestead (5 personnel) Repatriation Processing Centers to assist with the 24 hour repatriation operations.
- SERT is conducting daily conference calls with county and emergency management partners.

### Survivor Support Operations:

(State and local assistance offered upon arrival)

Airport	Arrivals	Served
Homestead	3,246	1,346
Miami	1,828	275
Ft. Pierce/St. Lucie	654	4
Sanford	7,772	4,363
Ft. Lauderdale	1,237	37
Palm Beach	159	0
Other	515	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,411</b>	<b>6,105</b>

- The State of Florida has been requested by ORR to activate the state emergency repatriation plan to safely return any U.S. citizens that wish to return to the U.S.
- 11 SERT personnel are working 24 hour shifts in the unified Flight Following Cell, which is tracking incoming flights from Haiti to Florida.
- ESF 8 reports 436 earthquake survivors treated in Florida hospitals, 153 remain inpatients.
- 11 Florida National Guard and 10 Agency for Workforce Innovation Creole translators are on scene at Sanford International Airport to aid repatriates.
- A 10 member Florida National Guard team is on scene at Sanford International Airport providing additional support services for incoming flights.
- DCF has 66 personnel per 12 hour shift working at Sanford International Airport. An additional 19 personnel are working 3 shifts at Homestead ARB.

### County Emergency Operations Center Status:

- Seminole – Level 2 (Partial) activation, working 24 hour operations at Sanford International Airport.
- Miami Dade – Level 2 (Partial) activation and working 24 hour operations at Homestead ARB.