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Operation Haiti Relief

Situation Report # 16

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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:

- 25,964 total Florida volunteer hours have been served for Operation Haiti Relief and 1,185,000 lbs of goods have been handled in Florida.
- 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.
- Church World Service is providing assistance to the Haitian population in the U.S. with the applications for Temporary Protected Status through its Miami office.

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.
- The State of Florida has requested from HHS a plan specifying the anticipated number of medical evacuees that will be sent to Florida.

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	3,554	1,450
Miami	1,930	275
Ft. Pierce/St. Lucie	755	4
Sanford	7,944	4,436
Ft. Lauderdale	1,334	38
Palm Beach	169	0
Other	610	80
TOTAL	16,296	6,283

- 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.
- 458 earthquake survivors have been treated in Florida hospitals, 159 remain inpatients. ESF 8 reports hospital costs to be roughly \$8.7 million to date.
- 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.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC):

- 7 personnel from the State of Mississippi will be providing assistance to the Florida EOC beginning 1/29/10 for a duration of 7 days.