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Operation Haiti Relief

Situation Report # 17

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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.
- One FEMA Region IV liaison officer is at the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Federal health personnel are on scene at Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB) and Sanford International Airport assisting with the evaluation and treatment of earthquake survivors coming from Haiti.
- Liaisons for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Federal Aviation Administration, Customs and Border Protection, and DCE are in the Florida EOC.

Volunteers and Donations:

- 1,061 Florida volunteers have logged 25,964 total hours 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 9,541 meals, 37,731 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.
- The State of Florida has requested from HHS a plan specifying the anticipated number of medical evacuees that will be sent to Florida.
- 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	3,584	1,460
Miami	2,515	275
Ft. Pierce/St. Lucie	891	4
Sanford	8,221	4,538
Ft. Lauderdale	1,421	38
Palm Beach	169	0
Other	694	80
TOTAL	17,495	6,395

- 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.
- 9 SERT personnel are working rotating shifts in the unified Flight Following Cell, which is tracking incoming flights from Haiti to Florida.
- 526 earthquake survivors have been treated in Florida hospitals, 174 remain inpatients. ESF 8 reports hospital costs to be roughly \$8.7 million to date.
- 10 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 37 personnel per 12 hour shift working at Sanford International Airport. An additional 15-24 personnel are working 3 shifts at Homestead ARB.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC):

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