

HAITI EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Progress Report (6 months on)

OVERVIEW OF DISASTER

On 14 August 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake rocked Haiti, causing hospitals, schools, and homes to collapse, claiming 2,248 lives, and leaving communities in crisis. About 1.2 million people, including 540,000 children, had been affected by the powerful earthquake.

Several powerful aftershocks followed the initial quake, measuring at or above magnitude 4.0, worsening an already dire situation and complicating early search-and-rescue operations. In addition, the tropical depression Grace crossed Haiti 3 days after the quake, and generated rains which greatly complicated the search and rescue efforts and aggravated the situation for families,

The quake also came on the heels of the recent assassination of the late president Jovenel Moise, stretching the people of Haiti into multiple crises including socio-political instability, volatile security context, economic precarity during the national-level response to COVID-19 pandemic.

WORLD VISION'S RELIEF RESPONSE

With the partnership of international and local donors and supporters, World Vision was able to reach **96,649 people** by providing the following support:

- **24,035 people reached through health and nutrition activities** such as communicable disease management, mental health and psychosocial support, nutrition monitoring and referral, provision of medical supplies, and clinic rehabilitation
- **7,879 people reached through water, sanitation, and hygiene activities** such as hygiene promotion, hygiene kits, water purification and storage, and water point rehabilitation
- **20,310 people reached through food security & livelihood activities** such as food vouchers, agricultural recovery, and savings groups
- **32,860 people reached with shelter and household item kits**
- **7,350 people reached through child protection activities** such as community-based child protection, child friendly spaces, and case management
- **6,302 children reached through Child Friendly Spaces**



Kitchen and shelter kits are reaching affected families in the Nippes



Malnutrition monitoring activities conducted in affected area



COVID-19 and hand washing sensitization activities



Child friendly spaces are reaching 4,977 children in the affected areas



IMPACT STORY

Gilmene lives in Petit-Trou de Nippes, (South of Haiti). The August 14-earthquake left her family in a state of unparalleled sadness - this destructive event not only destroyed their home and belongings, but, worst of all, it took the life of Chama, their last daughter of only two years of age.

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, World Vision organized distributions of food and essential items to address the most urgent needs to relieve the victims, including Gilmene, as quickly as possible.

“I am both happy and grateful to World Vision”, says Gilmene after receiving a food voucher – enabling them to buy US\$ 50 of food, Non Food Items (NFI), and hygiene kits. “I received kitchen utensils and hygiene items. In addition, I received a mattress that I needed so much and a tarpaulin of very good quality,” she added with great satisfaction. “I will be able to return the other tarp that I borrowed to cover the damaged part of the house.”



“What I like the most about World Vision is that when this organization selects beneficiaries to support, it never gives up on them until they are able to get back on their feet”. I am so grateful for the help provided to my family. Now I won't have to spend as much as I used to on food. My family and I will be able to eat better and at the same time have the opportunity to save a little more to pay off some debts and continue our construction project," said Gilmene.

MOVING FORWARD

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our appreciation for your gift of hope and help in this emergency.

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