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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 9:01 AM
To: H
Subject: RE: Situation Report on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Haiti (02/10/I)

I am on a budget call but I have to say - it does make all our carping about things being overblown seem a bit trite . . .

-----Original Message-----

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
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Subject: Re: Situation Report on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Haiti (02/10/I)

Let's discuss this whenever you can call. I am transfixed by the view from my window

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By the way--I just mistakenly sent the above message to John Emerson so had to explain to him I am blizzarded. (Is that a word?)

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Subject: Fw: Situation Report on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Haiti (02/10/I)

This is a pretty grim report.

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From: OpsAlert
Sent: Tue Feb 09 23:49:41 2010
Subject: Situation Report on Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Haiti (02/10/I)

U.S. Government Internal Situation report on orphans and vulnerable children in haiti

February 10, 2010

Haitian Children Affected by the Earthquake

The following information is organized by: 1) Immediate Care and Protection Responses, 2) Orphanages, Tracing and Family Reunification, 3) Safety and Security Threats, 4) Adoption Issues, 5) Coordination on Child Protection Issues.

1) Immediate Care and Protection Responses

§ Sanitation and vector control are becoming a major concern: with increasing reports of children suffering from diarrhea in temporary sites. [1]

§ The Miami Herald followed Herald reporter Kathleen McGrory to 2 survivor camps where she was greeted with desperate pleas from first 10 and then up to 50 Haitian parents begging: "Take my child away. Take my child to America." On Kathleen's visit to a second camp, "in pursuit of a story about parents begging orphanages to take their children, she encountered more parents begging her to take their child away from Haiti". "This is Haiti, where parents are willing to endure unimaginable heartbreak if only some stranger would deliver their children to America." [2]

2) Orphanages, Tracing and Family Reunification

§ USAID/DART staff is coordinating with UNICEF to distribute 245 tents to earthquake-affected orphanages and schools and to establish child-friendly spaces. [3]

§ UNICEF reports that the Child Protection Sub-Cluster/WG (CPWG) conducted rapid assessments on 195 residential care centers for children as of 5 Feb; 32 Child Friendly Spaces have been established by Sub Cluster members, country-wide, with the majority in the Port-au-Prince area. [4]

§ UNICEF reports that the IRC and Save the Children, through the CPWG, conducted the first training on registration of separated and unaccompanied children on 5 Feb for 30 CPWG members. The second training on basic structure and principles of child friendly spaces was conducted for 30 participants of CBO's managing safe spaces or expanding facilities in the near future. [5]

3) Safety and Security Threats

§ At a Feb. 6 GBV sub-cluster meeting, NGOs highlighted difficulties in ensuring appropriate clinical management for survivors of sexual violence, noting ill-equipped mobile clinics. Although USAID/OFDA partner, UNFPA, is developing a referral list of local organizations offering psychosocial, health, and other services for survivors, the USAID/DART notes that additional assistance may be necessary to address current needs. [6]

§ CA/OCS is arranging with SOUTHCOM for an Embassy Port-au-Prince consular officer to accompany Amcitt minors from Haiti to Charleston on Feb 10. [7]

§ OFDA reports that, in response to protection concerns, NGOs at 12 of 16 fixed food distribution sites provided an area on-site for beneficiaries to divide 50 kg bags of rice into two 25 kg rations for easier handling. [8]

§ A Feb 9th NPR story covered a Haitian-American mechanical engineer from DOD and an American structural engineer as they assessed Port-au-Prince school structures for damage. One classroom in a church annex was so seriously damaged that the engineer would not go in, despite urging from the Pastor. U.N. officials say perhaps 80 percent of

structures still standing, in P-au-P, suffered serious damage. The engineers' assessment and those from other volunteer engineers will go to the GoH for Haitian inspectors to condemn buildings or approve their usage.[9]

4) Adoption Issues

§ The Prime Minister has requested a consolidated list of all potential adoptees, which he will clear once per week. In addition to the master list, the PM wants to see all individual transportation letters. The PM is unwilling to delegate this task. Charge will raise the issue on Monday, and push for concessions.[10]

§ As of Feb 9th, The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) report a total of 684 Haitian adoptee evacuations.[11]

§ Feb 8, the Prime Minister approved two lists with 72 adoptees. Approximately 58 adoptees and 12 escorts were boarding for departure at 0800 EST Feb 9.[12]

§ HHS prefers for properly documented orphans to go to Miami ONLY. Currently adoptee/orphan requests for evacuation are re-routed to Miami since DOD no longer evacuates U.S. citizens to Miami, but to Orlando Sanford Intl Airport. DoD requires advance notification of adoptee/orphan travel and SOUTHCOM TF1 asks for a high level DOS rep to request this at the 1500 NORTHCOM/TRANSCOM Conference Call, if the adoptee group travels in the evening.[13]

5) Coordination on Child Protection Issues

§ The Protection Cluster has identified target locations for an assessment of protection conditions in earthquake-affected areas and non-affected areas hosting displaced populations. Despite commitments from several U.N. agencies and NGOs, the assessment requires additional participation to proceed.[14]

§ The Mental Health and Psychosocial WG are planning interagency training of local psychologists in coordination with the MoH, and NGO and Education partners. A mapping of mental health and psychosocial support, covering 16 organizations in 10 communities, was conducted, with initial results expected the week of Feb 8th.[15]

§ The Child Protection Sub Cluster is advocating inclusion of a mental health component in the minimum package of primary health care services.[16]

§ Project K.I.D reports it is collecting 500 amputee dolls for children in Haiti who have lost limbs.[17]

§ The Ministry of Youth and Sports, WHO, WFP, UNICEF and UNFPA, and six NGOs, are coordinating a blanket supplementary feeding in temporary settlement sites in the Port au Prince area. Training of youth volunteers began Feb. 5, and the first registration of children under-five, pregnant, and lactating women started Feb.6.[18]

§ The Nutrition Cluster reports that, over the next 3 weeks, WHO is training 33 teams to conduct supplementary feeding for 40,000 children under 5 and 17,000 pregnant and lactating women.[19]

§ The MoE aims to ensure re-opening of schools in all areas before the end of March, using temporary classrooms if needed. The MoE and Ministry of Public Works, facilitated by UNOPS, are scheduled to conduct an in-depth evaluation of school buildings in affected areas to determine reconstruction requirements. UNICEF estimates that 2.9 million children are cut off from access to schools and education.[20]

§ The Better Care Network recently added a special listserv on Care and Protection of Children in Haiti, in addition to its regular listserv and various tools to assist children in emergency settings. To join the listserv email kriordan [redacted] <mailto:kriordan [redacted]> with "listserv request" as the subject. <http://www.bettercarenetwork.org> <<http://www.bettercarenetwork.org/>> [21]

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