



EMERGENCY UPDATE, 90 DAYS OUT

## Haiti's needs will be great for months, years to come

### Please help World Vision provide assistance and services to families

Silvina Francois never expected to be the primary wage earner in her family prior to the January 12 earthquake that rocked Port-au-Prince, Haiti. But after her home in the city was destroyed, she found herself fending for six members of her extended family—including grandchildren—in a makeshift home in the Enaf 2 displacement camp.

With jobs scarce and resources often scarcer, hunger was not uncommon in Silvena's home made from scrap lumber and metal sheeting scavenged from her old house. Even her 26-year-old grandson has not been able to find work.

Then World Vision offered Silvina a job cleaning newly built latrines in her area of the camp. The jobs program provides the grandmother with cash that is now helping support her family. "We can now say we have hope," she said, smiling. "Before, we didn't know where we would get any money."

The jobs program is just one way World Vision is helping survivors of the earthquake get by and begin to build new lives in and around Port-au-Prince, where as many as 3 million people were affected by the disaster, and 1.3 million were displaced because their homes were destroyed or heavily damaged. U.N. assessments show that more than 600,000 people are living in camps like Enaf 2. World Vision is working in 17 of these camps in and around the city.

Three months after the quake, conditions remain harsh for children and families. Here is what World Vision is doing to ease these families' burdens, with the help of generous donors:

#### Shelter

Nearly 90,000 people have received emergency shelter items such as blankets, tarps, and mosquito nets. World Vision is part of the United Nations Shelter Cluster, working to determine where transitional housing should be built, how the infrastructure can be provided to those areas, and which materials and structures are durable enough to withstand hurricane season. World Vision will continue to provide shelter materials to those who remain in the displacement camps, and work to make living conditions safe for children.

#### Food

While food is available on the streets of Port-au-Prince, most families can't afford to shop. World Vision has partnered with the World Food Program and the U.S. Agency for International Development to distribute more



*Silvina Francois is working for World Vision to keep the latrines spic and span at the Enaf 2 displacement camp in Port-au-Prince. She takes great pride in keeping the latrines clean, and is thankful for the income that is helping support her family.*

*Plenty of opportunities exist for World Vision to provide work to families in need. Jobs include those like Silvina's and clearing rubble, constructing water and sanitation systems, building homes, and disaster-proofing camps. Many small business owners are eligible for business training microloans to restart their ventures. Vocational training will help unskilled laborers find work in areas such as carpentry, masonry, sewing, handicrafts, or car repair. Assessments will determine which fields are most appropriate for the people we are helping.*





*Monique holds 6-week-old Jefferson outside of a Mother's Club tent, where nursing mothers can come to find a safe, female-only environment in which to breast-feed their babies. On average, 50 women use the centers daily.*

## How you can help

World Vision has worked in Haiti for 31 years, and operates 20 established community development program areas. We have the “boots on the ground” to continue to provide services and assistance to earthquake victims in the months and years ahead. Please consider how you can assist us as we provide help and hope to people who are hurting.

- \$10,000 can help provide 560 containers to carry and store water for household use.
- \$16,500 can help provide a tent and supplies for a mobile health clinic.
- \$52,000 can help provide four water storage tanks to hold safe, clean water.
- \$100,000 can provide the staffing for Child-Friendly Spaces for three months.

than 5,000 tons of food. We have provided nearly 13,000 families with cooking sets, which include pots, storage containers, and utensils.

Food distributions will continue as long as needed. Distributions now are becoming more targeted, focusing on the most vulnerable households, such as those headed by women and children, and where children face malnutrition.

## Water and sanitation

Haiti's infrastructure was inadequate prior to the earthquake, and ensuing damage put added strain on already stressed water and sanitation systems.

World Vision has hired water tankers to supply treated water to the camps where we work, and we are seeking to provide this service in other areas. To date, we have provided a clean water supply for approximately 120,000 people—or more than 78,000 gallons a day. More than 5,000 people have received 10- and 20-liter containers to store safe water. We have built 255 toilets and 126 showers, and in 16 camps, cleaning teams like Silvina's are working.

World Vision will continue to provide water and sanitation services to new communities being created on government-provided land. Here, and in the longer-term camps, we will provide a reliable source of safe drinking water as well as water for household use (bathing, washing, and cleaning). World Vision will continue jobs programs that will construct toilets, hand-washing stations, showers, and water supply systems, with priority given to camps with high numbers of children and few existing services.

## Healthcare

All of Haiti is a malaria and dengue zone, and the lack of sanitation only increases the risk of disease. The April and May rainy season could exacerbate conditions.

World Vision has set up fixed or mobile health clinics in 13 camps, providing a variety of health services, nutrition monitoring, and vaccinations for all ages. We also have negotiated with government garbage collection units to ensure areas around the camps and food distribution sites have regular garbage removal. World Vision is providing 10 public hospitals and clinics with medical supplies on the condition that they are made available to patients for free.

## Activities for children

World Vision has opened 19 Child-Friendly Spaces in camps, providing children with a safe place to play and take part in structured recreational and educational activities. Some centers offer early childhood development curriculum. A partnership with the Global University of Lifelong Learning is putting high school students to work as community educators in camps and temporary settlements.



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