

UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Haiti

SUMMARY FOR 2005

Critical Issues for Children and Women

Following the recent Haitian political crisis and natural disasters in 2004, the unfolding humanitarian crisis has led to violence, insecurity, complete breakdown of law and order and collapse of the nations' physical and human infrastructure. The South West and the North of Haiti have been particularly hit by the floods with the loss of over 3,000 lives and some 350,000 people affected, many of them being children and women.

Surveys indicate that 200,000 under-five children suffer from chronic malnutrition, 42,000 from acute malnutrition, and 160,000 are underweight. Only 37% of children below one have been vaccinated. Half a million school age children are excluded from basic education. Only 53% of the population have access to basic health services and 46% to potable water. 6% of the population is estimated to be sero positive.

Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF closely cooperates with UN agencies, NGO partners and Line Ministries. UNICEF has been the focal point on education and protection during the humanitarian crisis, and chairs the working group on Human Rights. UNICEF also took active part in the elaboration of the Interim Cooperation Framework.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will reinstall the cold chain, reinforce routine immunization activities and specific measles and tetanus campaigns will be conducted in low coverage areas. UNICEF will deliver essential drugs, medical supplies and equipment, vitamin A and worm treatment drugs to health partners. UNICEF will also support therapeutic and supplementary feeding centres especially in Gonaives.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will procure and distribute water purifier, water bladders and jerry cans to affected households. Rehabilitation of schools and health centres' sanitary facilities will also be implemented.

Education: UNICEF will provide temporary school shelters, rehabilitate and build additional latrines. UNICEF will also distribute education and recreational kits and train teachers in psychosocial support.

Child Protection: UNICEF will carry out specific psychosocial programme in favour of the most vulnerable and affected children. Tracing of lost children and family reunification will also be supported. UNICEF will ensure that all families will have birth certificates for their children, and distribute emergency non food items to displaced families enabling them to return home.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005	
Sector	US\$
Health and Nutrition	2,526,000
Water and Environmental Sanitation	2,074,000
Education	3,102,000
Child Protection	672,000
Total¹	8,374,000

¹ The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12%. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.