

Haiti Earthquake

Global ETC Teleconference #4

Date: 26/08/21 Time: 14:00 UTC

Attendance

Chair: Brent Carbno (Global ETC team)

Organisation	Name	Organisation	Name
CCC/Intelsat	Peter Davidson	UNHCR	Alexander Thomas
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	Matt Altman	UNICEF	Maurice Cooper
	Matt Runyan		Junior Riliere Alexandre
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Gov't of Luxembourg	Roland Nurenberg		Runar Holen
ICRC	Alfredo Bermudez Salazar		Phyza Jameel
IFRC	Gaspar Lopez		Antonio Guevara
Internews	Stijn Aelbers		Ozdzan Hadziemin
ITDRC	Dustin Li		Carlos Hilarion
	Paul Hamilton		Katherine Gagnon
ITU	Sylvester Cadette		Prakash Muniandy
	Jake Spinnler		Caroline Teyssier
	Rodrigo Robles		Claire Roach
MSB	John Isaksson		Lasse Axelsson
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US Department of State	Joe Burton		

Teleconference / Meeting started at 14:05 UTC

Agenda

1. Situation Update
2. Partner Update
3. AOB

Minutes

1. Situation update

- 11 sectors, including the Emergency Telecommunications Sector, are providing support to the Government in Haiti in responding to the emergency response following the earthquake. They all submitted their initial plan and requirements into the Flash Appeal that was officially launched on 25 August.
- Runar Holen, the ETS coordinator, is in Port-au-Prince and will be travelling to Les Cayes tomorrow where he will hold an ICT Working group meeting. Partners on the ground are invited to contact Runar to join the meeting and join the Haiti ICT Response Group on WhatsApp for local information sharing and coordination.
- Data connectivity services are provided at the Sub-On-site Security Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC) in Les Cayes. This service is in the process of being extended to the Les Cayes COUD, awaiting delivery of key equipment (incl. a generator for COUD power, to be provided under the WFP/Civil Protection collaboration). Data connectivity is also provided at the Port-au-Prince Logistics Base ("Logbase") where the COUN and UNDAC OSOCC are operating from. Connectivity issues earlier reported at the Port-au-Prince OSOCC have been resolved.
- The WFP team identified a site for the installation of a VHF repeater to provide security communications services in Les Cayes and are awaiting confirmation from the owner to use the site and tower identified. The plan is to use Channel 1 (same as in Port-au-Prince) without any changes to the existing code plug. Channels have been identified for the UN and NGO communities, both duplex (for repeater operation) and simplex frequencies. Following an upcoming joint UNDSS/WFP assessment of UNDSS-stored repeater and related equipment in Port-au-Prince, these channels will be implemented as per in-field needs, and with priority to Jeremie, where to a joint UNDSS and WFP mission is being scheduled for the first days of September.

2. Partner Updates

- The arrival of the Emergency.lu and Ericsson Response teams in Les Cayes is confirmed.
- MSB has ICT staff in Port-au-Prince and plans to deploy replacements within the week.
- Help.NGO has installed a VSAT to provide temporary connectivity at UNICEF's new premises in Les Cayes until local ISP connections are in place. The office will host other UN agencies, including WHO, UNDSS, UNFPA, and WFP.



- ITDRC has a team supporting responders going into difficult to access rural areas. The team can support with Wi-Fi, satellite communications and solar energy and battery solutions.
- ITU continues to update the [Disaster Connectivity Map](#) for Haiti. A [slide deck](#) providing analysis of the data on average download speed, upload speed, latency, and data points collected per day from 16-25 August has been posted to the ETC Haiti web page. Partners on the ground are encouraged to provide feedback on the accuracy of the map and download the SpeedChecker App (available for [android](#) or [iOS](#)) to anonymously upload data to the DCM data gathering platform.

Assessments & Information Gathering

- Four community radios that had been rehabilitated by the ETC after Hurricane Matthew have suffered damages to their buildings and/or their transmitting equipment, with reduced or no services being offered at this time. The team will explore ways to support them as part of the response.
- Global ETC team suggested to look at existing early warning systems and / or measures in place. Initial reports show there are some community-based announcement systems, but no country-wide early warning system. Partners with such information are encouraged to forward this to Haiti.ETS@wfp.org.
- ETC is liaising with REACH, Internews and OCHA's Accountability to Affected Populations' Advisor to identify if any joint assessments are planned and to include questions on connectivity, access to radios, and early warning systems.
- Internews and Fondation Hirondelle are planning to conduct an assessment on local media capacity.
- IFRC is working to ensure the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) includes questions and measures on accountability.

Teleconference / Meeting ended at 14:40 UTC

Next Teleconference/ Meeting will be held on 31 August at: 14:00 UTC

09:00 Panama
10:00 Port-au-Prince / New York
14:00 UTC
16:00 Rome
18:00 Dubai

Acronyms

ACF	Action Contre la Faim
BGAN	Broadband Global Area Network
CDEMA	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency
COUN	National Emergency Operations Centre, Haiti
COUD	Departmental Emergency Operations Centre, Haiti
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
EUCPT	European Union Civil Protection Team



FITTEST	WFP Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team
GSMA	Global System for Mobile Communications Association
GVF	Global VSAT Forum
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IFRC	International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
ISP	Internet Service Provider
IT	Information Technology
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
MSB	Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency
MSNA	Multi-Sector Needs Assessment
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OSOCC	On-site Security Operations Coordination Centre
TSF	Télécoms Sans Frontières
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination
UNDSS	United Nations Department for Safety and Security
UNHAS	United Nations Humanitarian Air Service
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WFP	World Food Programme
WVI	World Vision International

All information related to ETC operations can be found on the website:
<https://www.etcluster.org/emergency/haiti-earthquake-2021>. For more information, or to be added or deleted from the mailing list, please contact: Haiti.ETS@wfp.org

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