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Community Resources Center at Nerette – Photo Courtesy of the HRF

#### **SUMMARY**

Welcome to the ninth issue of the HRF Quarterly Update.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE**

- The HRF Steering Committee set aside US\$17.58 *million for budget support to the Government (p. 2)*
- Eight emerging and non-conventional donors have contributed US\$72 million to the HRF (p. 2)
- Over 60% of allocated funds (US\$182 million) have gone to improve housing, upgrade neighborhoods, manage debris, and reduce risks (pp. 3-6)
- Five camps in the Jean-Marie Vincent and Pétion-Ville/Cite Maxo areas have been closed with over 12,450 households relocated (p. 8)
- Of the US\$272.8 million of funds that have been transferred to Partner Entities, US\$189.4 million(69%)has been disbursed (p. 9)



### **HRF GOVERNANCE**

During the first quarter of 2014, decisions were made concerning HRF financing for budget support as well as the preparation of the next meeting of the Steering Committee. In addition, Partner Entities advanced with preparation of new activities for HRF financing.

On February 17, the Steering Committee decided to set aside US\$17.58 million from the HRF financial reserve for a budget support operation requested by the Government of Haiti with the World Bank as the Partner Entity. A decision to allocate the resources will be made once the Government has fulfilled the necessary prior actions and a final project document has been submitted for review by the Steering Committee.

The HRF welcomed a new chairperson of its Steering Committee with the appointment of Ms. Marie-Carmelle Jean-Marie as the new Minister of Economy and Finance. During a briefing with Minister Jean-Marie, it was decided to hold the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the HRF Steering Committee which is tentatively scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>. The meeting would cover: a) new allocation decisions; b) discussion of a note on the future of the HRF; c) review of the proposed budgets for the Secretariat and Trustee for the coming fiscal year; and d) presentations by the Partner Entities on the status of activities that are being implemented and/or prepared. Two Partner Entities are preparing several activities for HRF financing. The Inter-American Development Bank is preparing a project to rehabilitate the power transmission line between the Peligre hydropower dam and Port-au-Prince (US\$16 million in HRF financing) and two budget support operations (US\$21 million in HRF financing). The World Bank is preparing the budget support operation mentioned above as well as an extension of the "Education for All" project to support the country's school feeding program (US\$15 million in HRF financing).



Students of the EFACAP school in Jacmel, beneficiaries of the Education Reform Project (IDB) – Photo Courtesy of HRF



### DONOR SPOTLIGHT : EMERGING AND NON CONVENTIONAL DONORS

Following the devastating 2010 earthquake, there was an outpouring of support from the international community, including pledges from emerging and non-conventional bilateral donors. Several of these donors decided to channel some or all of their support through the Haiti Reconstruction Fund. These included the governments of Brazil, Colombia, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Nigeria, Oman, and Thailand. Contributions from these eight emerging and non-conventional sources totaled \$72 million or over 18%

of the HRF's agreed contributions from a total of 19 donors. Brazil accounts for the majority of this figure (\$55 million); it was also the first country to sign an agreement to contribute to the HRF as well as the first donor to transfer its contribution to the Fund. Brazil, Estonia and Latvia committed additional contributions to the reconstruction beyond the HRF; the governments of Colombia, Cyprus, Nigeria, Oman, and Thailand exclusively channeled their support through the Fund.



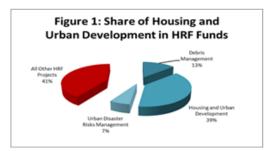
HRF was instrumental in helping the government of Haiti to address the challenges of relocating persons displaced by the 2010 earthquake and building resilience in a disaster prone country. Through a combination of projects implemented by UN Agencies, The World Bank and national institutions, HRF has assisted the Government to remove and recycle over 900,000 tons of debris, rehabilitate the most affected neighborhoods, free up more than 50 camps and relocate thousands of people in newly reconstructed housing while building its collective and individual capacity to manage disaster risks.

#### A. Context

- Four years after the devastating earthquake that struck 4. Haiti on January 12, 2010, much progress has been made in rebuilding the country's infrastructure, reviving economic activities and rehabilitating national institutions. On the fourth anniversary of the earthquake, the government noted that more than 90 percent of displaced people (more than a million) who were housed in makeshift camps after the quake had been relocated in neighborhoods rebuilt and rehabilitated through programs implemented by the government with support from the international community.
- 5. The Haiti Reconstruction Fund (HRF) was at the heart of this significant recovery effort and fully contributed through various programs to assist the return of people in more decent and more earthquake-resistant housing and in the rehabilitation or improvement of public infrastructure and quality of life in the most stricken areas.
- 6. The HRF has devoted over half of its allocated resources to activities focusing on rehabilitation and reconstruction of neighborhoods, the relocation of residents who had suffered significant losses due to the effects of the earthquake and building resilient communities (see Figure 1 below).
- B. HRF Programs and Projects Overall Results.
- 7. HRF supported eight programs and projects totaling approximately US\$182 million (60 percent of its allocated funds) to improve housing and urban development and manage disaster risks. As described in detail in the table below, these projects helped in achieving impressive results in removing displaced people from temporary camps, rebuilding and improving neighborhoods affected by the quake and promoting more resilient communities.

- 1. A first wave of HRF activities was for debris removal and management in order to facilitate the return to urban mobility and the revival of economic activities following the devastation. Two projects received US\$42 million of HRF financing representing around 14% of the HRF portfolio at the end of March 2014 -- Debris Management and the Demolition and Debris Removal with Heavy Equipment. Both were undertaken with the UN serving as the Partner Agency and were completed on June 30, 2013 and on March 31, 2013 respectively.
- 2. **Despite initial challenges, these projects have been particularly successful** as reflected in sizable quantities of debris removed and recycled, and the impact of capacity building (see Table below). The activities achieved by these projects consisted of debris clearing, transporting, crushing, sorting, and recycling. In addition, recycled debris has been used to produce paving and gabions for paving streets and facilitating mobility in neighborhoods deemed difficult to access. They were also used for construction of quake resistant housing and protection against the damage usually caused by tornadoes and rainwater.
- 3. **Ongoing HRF-financed projects assist with the relocation of displaced people living in temporary camps.** Approximately 39% of HRF allowances at end March 2014 representing US\$120 million were allocated for the relocation of displaced persons through implementation of the Housing and Neighborhood Reconstruction Support Program and 16 Camps/6 Districts Project (both in partnership with UN agencies) and the Port-au-Prince Neighborhood Housing Reconstruction Project (in partnership with the World Bank). These three projects have also helped leverage US\$28 million in additional funding from other donors and the Haitian government.

These activities have been implemented through rental 8. subsidies and grants to households to move to and/or rehabilitate houses that meet seismic standards; and through funding evacuation and rehabilitation of key public spaces of downtown Port au Prince and its surroundings (e.g., Place Saint Pierre, Parc Jean Marie Vincent, Place Canapé Vert) which housed thousands of displaced people. These programs have also successfully undertaken the improvement of neighborhoods once considered very difficult to access (e.g., Jalousie, Morne Hercule, Carrefour Feuilles, Morne Hedo) including the building and repair of street lighting, playgrounds, community centers, and other public infrastructure to ensure better living conditions, as well as services such as sanitation and drinking water to areas that were not served prior to the earthquake.



**9.** The HRF has also supported projects focusing on the prevention and management of disaster risks to build resiliency capacity. US\$20 million was granted to three activities managed in partnership with UN agencies: two projects for the prevention and reduction of disaster risks in the North and South Departments and a smaller capacity building project for disaster risk management. These pro-

grams were designed to address capacity building needs of (i) **the central government** in areas related to reconstruction and rehabilitation of destructed neighborhoods, urban management and reduction of risks related to natural disasters and cataclysms and (ii) **the local authorities and communities** to better manage local response to disaster and development through training, communication and public awareness of environmental risks, establishment and effective functioning of representative community organizations, promoting participatory planning and management of neighborhood affairs.

10. This set of HRF-financed projects mutually reinforced each other. They benefited greatly from sharing experience and lessons learned in a very difficult environment characterized by irregular neighborhoods and housing built in hazardous areas. They also sometimes promoted and strengthened project management through institutional arrangements owned by the government (especially the Unité de Construction des Logements et des Bâtiments Publics - UCLBP). They similarly supported training and development activities for key businesses, communities and individuals involved in construction sector, including collective capacity of the Haitian public and private sector to manage risks associated with natural hazards that the country is often confronted with. Finally, they all incorporated employment generation, especially for women, through rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.



Inside view of a new multi-units house in Nerette - 16/6 Project (UN) - Photo Courtesy of HRF

### Table: Results of HRF-supported Projects in Housing and Urban Development

A. DEBRIS REMOVAL AN	ID RECYCLING
Debris Management Project	378,358m3 of debris removed
	<ul> <li>26,585m3 of recycled debris used by reconstruction partners and stakeholders</li> </ul>
US\$17 million, UN Agencies	
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Demolition and Debris	• 536,179 m <sup>3</sup> of debris removed
Removal with Heavy	• 8613 m <sup>3</sup> were recycled in situ by and 770m <sup>3</sup> was brought to Truman dumpsite or reused as raw
Equipment	material for land reclamation. In situ recycling is continuing at the macro-recycling site at
	Turgeau.
US\$25 million, UN Agencies	
Port-au-Prince Neighborhood	6420m3 of debris removed from neighborhoods
Housing Reconstruction	
Project, US\$65 million, WB	
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US\$17 million, UN Agencies	
Port-au-Prince Neighborhood	1198 houses built/rehabilitated
Housing Reconstruction	• 160 latrines built
Project, US\$65 million, WB	
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16 Neighborhoods, 6 Camps,	• 108 houses rebuilt.
	1400 houses fixed
US\$30 million, UN Agencies	4307 house technical assessment completed
C. RENTAL AND HOUSIN	
Port-au-Prince Neighborhood	12,765 household rental subsidies provided
Housing Reconstruction	<ul> <li>1251 households benefiting from rebuilt houses</li> </ul>
Project, US\$65 million, WB	
16 Neighborhoods, 6 Camps,	• 5411 households received rental subsidies and 84% still living in houses after relocation.
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Port-au-Prince Neighborhood Housing Reconstruction Project, US\$65 million, WB	Two community centers established
Housing and Neighborhood	1. Micro-zoning and Risk Management
Reconstruction Support	Mapping and inventory completed in 2505 micro-zones
Program, US\$25 million, UN	• Housing and Neighborhood Information System (SILQ) Platform establishment and gradually
Agencies	used by different actors (especially UCLBP)
	<ul> <li>Capacity building for risk management and development planning:</li> <li>Creation of Local Technical Associations which are operational in ten neighborhoods and have</li> </ul>
	the preparation of Local Development Plans
	<ul> <li>11 Community Resource Centers have been established in the municipalities of Port au Prince</li> </ul>
L	3. Haitian Institute of Statistics Building repaired, renovated and equipped
16 Neighborhoods, 6 Camps,	1. A total of 50 camps were closed:
	• 18 major and 32 smaller camps were demobilized in total
US\$30 million, UN Agencies	Al released public areas were rehabilitated
	2. Community Platforms
	<ul> <li>Eight community platforms were created</li> </ul>
	Nine small community projects were implemented
	Three plots were identified for the construction of community centers
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	<ol> <li>Services:</li> <li>Rehabilitation of 11 kiosks for community water and sanitation in five districts</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>515 street lights and 18 electricity transformers were installed</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>12 management committees were established</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>4. Roads</li> <li>3.6km rehabilitated roads and 3.2km of sidewalk were constructed</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>4.2km of gutters and 0.5km of drainage were built</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>1km of paths were built</li> </ul>
Disaster Risk Reduction in the	• 730 linear meters of drainage canals were built(430m in Torbeck and 300m in Coteaux)
South Department, US\$8	• 1300 hectares of land was planted with tree species and 1320 linear meters of shoreline was
million, UN Agencies	protected by gabions to reduce disaster risk in riparian communities
	<ul> <li>13,949 linear meters of ravines and water retention dams were built</li> <li>30,550 meters of irrigation and drainage canals were cleaned</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>144,000 banana suckers banana were distributed to farmers to improve food security</li> </ul>
Earthquake Prevention Plan	<ul> <li>Micro-zoning of Cap-Haitien and Ouanaminthe is being finalized</li> <li>Tosting and goatschnical work is in progress at Fort Libert's and Port do Poix</li> </ul>
for the North of Haiti, US\$10 million, UN Agencies	Testing and geotechnical work is in progress at Fort-Liberté and Port-de-Paix
minion, on Agencies	
E. TRAINING/JOBS	
Debris Management Project	A. A total of 588 entrepreneurs received technical training in business management to improve
	their capacity for implementation and monitoring of projects
US\$17 million, UN Agencies	B. Training and capacity building was provided for community leaders
Demolition and Debris	C. 16,163 people were employed through labor-intensive activities of which 6106 (38%) were
Removal with Heavy	women
Equipment	D. 807 people were employed in the recycling of debris and other initiatives
US\$25 million UN Agencies	
Housing and Neighborhood	E. Training of Local Technical Associations (LTA) and Community Resources Center (CRC) members
Reconstruction Support	and the Ministry of Interior staff on risk management, local planning, etc
Program, US\$25 million, UN	,
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16 Neighborhoods, 6 Camps, US\$30 million, UN Agencies	<ul> <li>63 trainers were trained in earthquake-resistant construction</li> <li>480 workers were trained and certified</li> <li>279 jobs were created</li> <li>156 contractors received training</li> <li>1,341 jobs or strengthened</li> <li>4473 temporary jobs were created through public works</li> <li>358 companies received loans</li> </ul>
Disaster Risk Reduction in the South Department, US\$17 million, UN Agencies	3600 temporary jobs were generated per month in areas of intervention
Earthquake Prevention Plan for the North of Haiti, US\$10 million, UN Agencies	<ul> <li>Training and education of 200 students in first aid</li> <li>Training in construction is in progress</li> <li>Workshops to strengthen local management capacity in contingency plans in progress in four cities (Cap-Haitien, Fort-Liberté, Port-de-Paix, Ouanaminthe.</li> </ul>



A proud recipient from Nerette neighborhood, receiving his state recognized training certificate, 16/6 Project (UN) - Photo Courtesy of the HRF



New access road Nord Alexis connecting John Brown Avenue to Poupelard Avenue, PREKAD Project (World Bank) – Photo Courtesy of the HRF



#### Education Reform Project

- Construction of the schools funded by HRF in Bois Laurence, Laguamithe (Mombin-Crochu), Lafleur (Ouanaminthe), Sans-Souci (Milot) and Ravine Pompette (Pilate) will be launched in April 2014
- 920 teachers are currently receiving in-service teacher training

# Port-au-Prince Neighborhood Housing and reconstruction Project (Prekad)

- Two Community Resource Centers have been staffed and are operating in Simmond Pele and Nazon
- Five camps in the Jean-Marie Vincent and Pétion-Ville/Cite Maxo areas have been closed with over 12,450 households relocated. Several hundred more people from smaller camps approved by the Government will be relocated with money saved from this effort.
- 52% of beneficiaries from the component to return people from camps to neighborhoods are female

#### Earthquake prevention in the North Project

- In Cap-Haitien and Ouanaminthe, geotechnical trials, samplings and measurements are being done on 16 priority sites
- More than 200 students were trained in first aid
- The study assessing the vulnerability of nine public buildings was published
- Three seminars linked to the second phase of the project were held in Cap-Haitien, Fort Liberté and Port-de-Paix

#### Sustainable Energy for Haiti

• The terms of reference to hire a rural coordinator and a project manager were sent to the Haitian government and the team is waiting to hear back from the government.

#### Production and Transformation of Milk Project

- A promotional campaign has been prepared for the launching of three dairies that should take place April 2014
- A second mission of International consultants on dairy technologies has been completed
- The installation of dairy equipment and materials is ongoing for Thomazeau, Cotes-de-Fer and Torbeck

#### 16 Neighborhoods and 6 Camps Project

- The construction of a multi-unit building for five families started in Morne Lazarre
- Four houses were built on individual sites in Nerette
- Eight community platforms were created and validated by the mayors' offices and the Ministry of Social Affairs: Morne Hercule, Morne Lazarre, Nerette, Jalousie, Villa Rosa, Jean-Baptiste, Bois Patate, and Nerette.
- Three community centers were built in Morne Hercule, Nerette and Jalousie
- A plot of land has been identified in Morne Hercule to build a Community Resource Center and the process to acquire the land is in progress



Premises of the Local Technical Association in Pétion-Ville - Photo Courtesy of



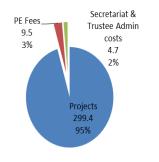
A women's organization celebrate International Women's Day in the new Community Resource Center in Canaan – Photo Courtesy of HRF



- Very few changes occurred to the HRF financial situation during this quarter. With respect to *receipts*, only a small increment in investment income (+US\$0.070 million) was noted while cash received from donors (US\$381.05 million) did not register any new pledge or disbursement. On the *spending side*, no new transfer was made from the Trustee account. Therefore, from one quarter to another, funds held in trust<sup>1</sup> remain almost unaffected with a slight increase due to the additional investment income (from US\$105.28 million to US\$105.35 million).
- 2. Otherwise, some variations were noted on the following items:

#### A. Allocation of Funds and HRF balance

3. A new allocation of funds was proposed during the quarter for a World Bank budget support operation totaling US\$17.58 million and partially reflecting preferences of Spain (US\$13 million) and France (U\$4.58 million). As a result, overall approvals and requests since inception of the HRF to end of March 2014 increased from US\$296 million in December 2013 to US\$ 313.6 million, reflecting the following distribution by activities: (i) US**\$299.4 million or 95.6%** of projects activities approvals; (ii) **US\$9.5 million or 3%** paid out to Partner Entities as project management fees; and (iii) US**\$4.7 million or 1.4%** for administrative costs.



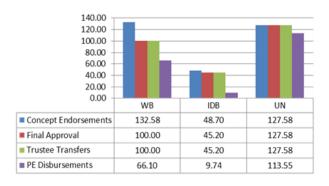
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Which represent the difference between cash received from donors, and earned investment income on one hand, and effective transfers to Partners Entities on another hand.

4. Anticipating confirmation of this allocation, the HRF funds balance at end of March 2014 would be US\$69.07 million (US\$381.05 million of cumulative receipts + US\$1.62 million of earned interest -US\$313.6 million of approved allocations). This balance consists of US\$68.5 million<sup>2</sup> reserved by the Steering Committee for future allocations, leaving US\$0.6 million of resources free for allocation.

#### **B.** Partners Entities

- 5. Allocations to Partners Entities (US\$308.9 million = US\$299.4 million for project activities + US\$9.5 million in fees) were provided to (i) UN agencies for US\$127.6 million (or 41 % of overall approved financing); (ii) the World Bank (WB) for US\$132.6 million (or 43% of combined approvals); and (iii) the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), for a total of US\$48.7 million (or 16% of apportioned funds).
- 6. No variation was noted in transfers from the Trustee to Partners Entities which remain at US**\$273 million** leaving undisbursed balance for projects already approved by the HRF Steering Committee amounting to **US\$36 million**.

Disbursements now total by Partner Entities US\$\$189.4 million of which the UN accounts for US\$113.6 million, the World Bank for US\$66.1 million and the IDB for US\$9.7 million. Disbursements by the Partner Entities now account for 69% of funds that have been transferred to date.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This amount represents operations under preparation with IDB (budget support operation of US\$21 million and Péligre Energy project for US\$7.5 million) and the amount of US\$40 million reserved for the Artibonite 4C.



## **HRF FAMILY : THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

The HRF Steering Committee is responsible for setting the Fund's policy, making decisions about the allocation of all HRF resources in response to requests from the Government of Haiti and monitoring the progress made by Partner Entities and implementing agencies in the use of HRF resources. The Steering Committee is chaired by the Minister of Economy and Finance and consists of representatives of the Government of Haiti (represented by the Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation as well as the Chairperson), major donors (those that have contributed at least US\$30 million each to the HRF), the Partner Entities (the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Finance Corporation, the United Nations, and the World Bank), and the Trustee. The Steering Committee also benefits from the participation of observers who represent Haitian civil society, the private sector, local government, the Diaspora, and international NGOs. The major donors are (in order of contribution): the United States, Brazil, Canada, Norway, France, Japan, and Spain). Photos of select members of the Steering Committee are provided below.



MarieCarmelleJEAN-MARIE,ChairpersonoftheSteeringCommittee, Minister of Finance



LaurentSalvadorLAMOTHE,MemberoftheSteeringCommittee,PrimeMinister ofHaiti andMinister ofPlanning



Thomas C. Adams, Member of the Steering Committee, US Haïti Special Coordinator



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### ABOUT THE HRF

The Haiti Reconstruction Fund (HRF) is a partnership between the international community and the Government of Haiti to help finance post-earthquake reconstruction. The HRF mobilizes, coordinates and allocates contributions from bilateral and other donors to finance high-priority reconstruction projects, programs and budget support. The advantages of this multi-donor approach are that it:

- Increases harmonization by pooling resources from many donors in support of the Government of Haiti's reconstruction priorities;
- Draws on the comparative advantages of proven international and locally-active partners;
- Reduces transaction costs for the Government and donors by working through one funding facility;
- Avoids overlapping initiatives and duplication of efforts; and
- Helps to meet strategic financing needs in the reconstruction process as identified by the Government of Haiti.

#### The HRF is the largest source of unprogrammed funding for reconstruction.

As of March 30, 2014, nineteen donors have committed US\$396 million to the Fund. This money is unprogrammed and can be used flexibly to meet the Government of Haiti's strategic reconstruction needs.

#### The HRF is chaired by the Government of Haiti, which also sets its priorities.

The HRF Steering Committee is chaired by the Minister of Finance. Every reconstruction activity financed by the HRF must be requested and approved by the entity designated by the Haitian Government as the HRF counterpart.

# The HRF provides the largest amount of money for some of Haiti's top reconstruction priorities in the housing, debris removal, disaster risk management and budget support sectors.

#### The HRF is a low-cost, efficient mechanism for financing reconstruction.

Less than 5 percent of committed resources are being used to cover the administrative costs of the HRF Secretariat, Trustee and Partner Entities. The HRF can approve fast track financing for small projects of up to US\$1 million in one week and larger amounts in as little as two weeks after receiving a request from the HRF government counterpart.

#### The HRF is a long-term partner for Haiti's rebuilding.

The HRF will continue to support the reconstruction until December 2017.

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