



International Scout Aid for Haiti



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The Response to an emergency situation

Haiti, January 12 2010, 12h53: A violent earthquake of magnitude 7.3 ravages the country and its population: 230'000 dead and 300'000 wounded. Over one million people are displaced...

Soon after the initial quake, Scouts mobilised to bring aid to the Haitians. Since then they have not stopped working. There is a visible will among the Scouts to come to the aid of the population that has fallen victim to the earthquake, that almost destroyed Port au Prince, Petit Goave, Leogane, Jacmel and Grand Goave. Even though they might not have the tools to properly assist, they have the experience.

In fact, during the previous natural disaster caused by the hurricanes in 2008, the Haitian scouts were present and active in assisting in three areas that were particularly hit hard by the catastrophe (Gonaïves, Cabaret et Chansolme). Lacking everything, they are however ready to act. Here are the actions that they have taken in response to the urgent situation:

- Relief operations
- Funerals
- Identification of victims and displaced people
- Food distribution
- Opening first aid centres
- Establishment of Internally Displaced Persons camps
- Transport of victims to the Dominican Republic
- Auxiliary roles with the security forces, etc...

The World Scout Bureau quickly made itself available to the NASH in order to coordinate the different aid proposals from National Scout Organisations and also to manage the international call for donations as well as to assist in managing the relationships with international relief organisations.



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Scouts active participants in Haitian society

The National Scout Association of Haiti (NASH) is an educational and youth association that is well implanted in all region and social levels of the country. It has about 45'000 members, which makes it the largest youth organisation of the country and one of the strongest in the Caribbean and Latin America.

NASH benefits from a good image and recognition in the country because it reacted rapidly and effectively during the recent natural disasters that have battered the country : Hurricanes in 2004-2008, earthquake in 2010. Its establishment in Haitian society and its capability make it a reliable partner for the country's authorities and those responsible for youth policies as well as the international humanitarian relief organisations.



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The francophone cooperation

A representative from the "Scouts et Guides de France" was already on site and was working with the Haitian Scouts in the context of the Franco-Haitian cooperation that was already in existence. Historical partners of the NASH, the "Scouts et Guides de France" sent in the mid-January a reconnaissance mission to assess the needs and help coordinate the international scout aid. They organised a call for donations in France in the weekly catholic magazine "La Vie" (660'000 USD donated to date).

Assessment missions allowed for the support to the NASH in elaborating its reconstruction project, especially thanks to Dominique Bénard, former assistant Secretary General of WOSM. Civil volunteers of the cooperation are once again present, to support the Haitian volunteers. Important financial contributions from Scouts Canada (30'000 USD) and the Catholic Guides of Belgium (12'700) have further increased the participation of the francophone cooperation.

The reconstruction project

The objective that NASH has set for itself is to « involve the Haitian youth in the reconstruction and development of the country ». To achieve this, they have elaborated a five-year plan that is based on five specific objectives. This project was elaborated based on the needs expressed by the Haitian youth, founded on the real capacity of Haitian Scouts to respond to these needs, according to their partners and the future resources that will be made available to them.

Objective 1

Contribute to improving the lives of disaster victims, particularly children and young people.

Action:

Child protection, psychological support, leisure activities.

Partners:

UNICEF, World Scouting, Scouts et Guides de France, Scouts Canada, Catholic Guides of Belgium.

Objective 2

Support the development of a civil protection plan at national level.

Action:

Train Rovers to become officers of the National Division of Emergency civil protection, at their sector levels.

Partners:

National Division of civil protection, Voila Foundation, European Union, Telecom Sans Frontières, Swiss Embassy.

Objective 3

Contribute to the social and professional integration of young people in vulnerable circumstances.

Action:

Vocational training, recreational, social and cultural activities.

Partners:

UNICEF, World Scouting, Scouts et Guides de France, Fondation de France.

Objective 4

Support children's schooling and contribute to the reform of the Haitian education system.

Action:

Design non-formal education programs (Scouting for All) in conjunction with the Ministry of Education.

Partners:

Ministry of Education, UNICEF.

Objective 5

Strengthen and establish the functioning of the National Association of Scouts of Haiti.

Action:

Good governance, a sense of accountability, transparency, capacity building.

Partners:

Scouts et Guides de France.

NASH Partners

The Haitian Scouts benefit from multiple partnerships that showcase their capacity to intervene in the different sectors of education and social action. Amongst these partnerships are:

- The Haitian government
- United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)
- Red Cross
- UNICEF
- UNESCO
- UNOCHA
- International Organization for Migration
- The French government
- UNAIDS
- CARE International



Dominican cooperation

Soon after the earthquake, the Dominican Scouts Association made available their national centre as a logistical base for the collection and the distribution of material to Haiti. Aside from its participation in the Scout reconnaissance mission in January, the Dominican Scouts have undertaken work for the benefit of youth in the refugee camps that have sprung up at the border of the two countries. They also facilitated the meeting of the two ministers in charge of youth. In the Dominican Republic, NASH also relied on the availability of Rafael Julia, a former member of Movimiento Scout Católico (Spain).



Total amount of funds received:

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International Scout Aid USD 315'000

Francophone Cooperation USD 702'700

UNICEF USD 485'000

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The Boy Scouts of America quickly sent a container carrying emergency material containing over 2000 tents and 1600 sleeping bags.