



MINUSTAH Fact Sheet: Cholera response November 2012

Since the onset of the cholera epidemic, MINUSTAH has provided the humanitarian community with air, land, and sea assets including five helicopters, 220 trucks and water-tanks, 20 boats and 28 medical teams to support the humanitarian response.

Since October 2010, over 6,000 **MINUSTAH soldiers** have built 4 Cholera Treatment Centers (CTC) and distributed over 23 million liters of drinking water to the population, including over 20,000 purification tablets, and a quantity of hygiene products. The peacekeepers also undertook important sanitation works, including the renovation of schools' latrines and the building of a water tank in camp Jean-Marie Vincent, the largest IDP site in the country. In addition, the blue helmets continue to carry out regular drainage and reinforcement works on the country's main rivers.

Since October 2010, through the **Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) Program**, the Mission has invested 3,525,626 USD in the fight against cholera in 100 projects in support of the Government of Haiti and civil society organizations, including improvements of health and sanitation facilities countrywide. These interventions are grouped as follows:

- Water: Rehabilitation of water networks, provision of water filters and water tanks, and well drilling. 56 projects totaling 1,880,448.80 USD
- Health: Construction of cholera treatment centers, rehabilitation and equipment of hospitals and health facilities. 16 projects totaling 760,974.90 USD
- Risk mitigation: Rehabilitation of canals, roads drainage systems and waste management, construction of latrines, and sensitization programs on the disease. 28 projects totaling 884,202.67 USD

The following are some of the main projects funded by MINUSTAH QIPs:

- 80 latrines in Anse à Pitres (South East)
- 33 potable water reservoirs in West department, including 1 in School Jean Marie Vincent, 15 in Gros Cheval, 16 in Crochu, and 1 in Bois Greffin in Petion Ville
- 18 water reservoirs in Thomassique and 1 water distribution kiosk in Maissade (Center), 1 water reservoir in Ennery (Artibonite)
- 12 fountains in Baie d'Oranges (South East) and 2 fountains in Plaisance (Nippes)
- 1 Cholera Treatment Center (CTC) at the Justinien University Hospital in Cap-Haitian (North) and another in Ouanaminthe (North East)
- 1 emergency room at the Fort Liberté Hospital (North East)
- The extension of the Fort Saint Michel Hospital (North)
- 1 rainwater collector and a spring water catchment area in Mussotte (Nippes)
- Sanitary facilities at the Marigot harbor (South)

The **Community Violence Reduction (CVR)** Section of MINUSTAH has also been mobilized to respond to the cholera outbreak, both in traditional CVR intervention zones and in other areas of the country that were severely affected. Over USD 9 million have been disbursed by CVR to support the improvement of sanitation and health conditions throughout the country. The section has sought to combat water-borne related diseases by providing access to clean water to about 3.370.000 people.

In this regard, as of October 2010, over 6,365 water filtration units, 870 gallons of chlorine and 500,000 Aquatabs have been distributed, and 10 large water filtration systems have been installed in Artibonite and Port-au-Prince. In support of the State body responsible for drinking water and sanitation(DINEPA), CVR distributed, soap and oral rehydration salts (ORS) to communities in Artibonite.

In the area of waste, sanitation, and watershed management, CVR has financed the rehabilitation of 33 drainage networks and 19 watersheds in Port-au-Prince, Gonaives and Cap Haitian.