

Joint Inter-American Mission in Support of Haiti Relief



2ND INTER-AMERICAN MISSION
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Objectives of the Mission



- Reinforce Inter-American collaboration and coordination
- Witness relief operations and identify needs
- Facilitate face to face contact with counterpart
- Take note of the priorities of the Haitian authorities

Composition



- Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin
- Executive Director of IICA, Dr David Hatch
- Executive Director of PADF, John Sanbrailo
- Director-General of the IADB, Brigadier General Ancil W. Antoine, accompanied by Capitan Jose Nicolas Aguayo and Coronel Ysidro Lopez
- Jean Ricot Dormeus and Ian Edwards







Mission Support



- Government of the Republic of Haiti, especially Prime Minister Jean Max Bellerive and Foreign Minister Michele Rey
- Government of the Dominican Republic
- Special UN Representative, Ambassador Edmond Mulet
- Head of Minustah, Major General Floriano Peixoto Vieira Neto

Operación Dominicana “Mano Amiga”



Haitians helping one another



Program



- Santo Domingo – Port au Prince – Jimani
- Visit to PADF distribution center and HQ
- Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mrs Michele Rey
- Meeting with SRSG/UN and Head of Minustah
- Flyover Port au Prince
- Meeting with Military Head DR in Jimani and WHO Representative

OAS/PADF aid ready for distribution



ENTRAISON



Meeting with Foreign Minister Marie-Michèle Rey



Meeting at MINUSTAH





Fly-over of Port-au-Prince





At Jimaní, Dom. Rep.





Assistance OAS



- Governance
- Civil Registry
- Assistance to electoral process and CEP
- Development Cooperation:
 - Capacity building
 - Trade and Tourism
 - Investment promotion
- Education opportunities
 - Scholarships
 - Collaboration with UWI
 - Re-establishing State University with private sector and diaspora

Assistance PADF



- Provide emergency disaster relief supplies:
 - ✦ 50 + tons of commodities
 - ✦ Logistics capability in Port au Prince, Pedernales, Jacmel, Santo Domingo and Miami
- Provide relief efforts to:
 - ✦ Port au Prince: Bel Air, Delmas, Citi Soleil, Carrefour, Feuilles-Martissant and Simmond-Pele
 - ✦ South East Department of Jacmel, Cayes-Jacmel and Marigot
- Develop “cash for work programs”

Assistance PADF



- Technical Assistance
 - ✦ Office of Civil Protection
 - ✦ Private Sector Disaster Management Group (AGERCA)
 - ✦ Damage assessment and rapid building evaluation
 - ✦ Psycho-social counseling to relief workers
 - ✦ Team of former US Army medics providing medical assistance to areas designated to PADF
- Redefine with Haitian and Dominican authorities PADF Border Program to support relief efforts, incorporating especially displaced Haitians

Assistance IICA



- Damage assessment of agricultural sector
- Work with FAO on post earthquake action plan
- Promote rural development to support 1.5 million people to the rural sector
- Agreement with World Bank for funding to strengthen the Ministry of Agriculture and agricultural sector
- Identified 14 specific projects with the Ministries of Agriculture of Haiti and the Dominican Republic



Role IADB



- Strengthen direct relationship with the UN/Minustah for early information to assist with coordination and support
- Work with CARICOM to establish a sea bridge between Jamaica and Jacmel
- Provide analysis and direct technical assistance in risk mitigation strategies

Meeting with PM Haiti



- Support to Governance
- Temporary Headquarters Government of Haiti
- Need for experts on urban planning post earthquake
- Allocation of OAS resources for specific needs



Situation Analysis and Forward Planning



- Geological and seismic activity analysis
- Reconstruction plan and review of building codes
- Urban planning: review best practices and lessons learned from recovery/reconstruction planning from other earthquakes, e.g. in El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, Nicaragua, etc.
- Psycho-social counseling
- Health issues: infectious diseases, flu contagions, malaria, cholera
- Focus on vulnerable groups, especially in the tent camps, risk of abuse and human trafficking

Situation Analysis and Forward Planning



- Upcoming rain season (March/April) with risk of floods, landslides and mudslides
- Hurricane season (July-November) and the level of preparedness, especially regarding those living in tents and other temporary housing
- Short term job creation/Cash for Work programs: cleaning up drainage channels, ditches and remove rubble from the street
- Food security

Next steps OAS



- Support to the Government of Haiti
- Strengthen OAS office in Haiti and the Dominican Republic
- Inter-American coordination
- Collaboration with UN on the ground
- Haitian Diaspora Conference
- Private Sector Conference on Haiti
 - Private Sector Forum of the Americas and others

Final Comments



- Government and people appreciative of strong support, especially those who arrived early Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, USA, Venezuela and many others
- Joint mission seen by Haitian authorities as clear demonstration of commitment for long haul
- Joint visit underscored need to focus capacities, resource allocation
- Institutions recommitted to working together
- Plan to launch e-platform, with user-access for all inter-American institutions to facilitate information exchange, coordination