

## Haiti Earthquake

### Global ETC Teleconference #8

Date: 29/09/21 Time: 14:00 UTC

## Attendance

Chair: Prakash Muniandy (Global ETC team)

| Organisation        | Name               |               |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| CCC/Intelsat        | Peter Davidson     | United States |
| Gov't of Luxembourg | Gilles Hoffmann    | Luxembourg    |
|                     | Philippe Hein      | Luxembourg    |
|                     | Roland Nurenberg   | Luxembourg    |
| IFRC                | Jeangarino Pierre  | Haiti         |
| ITDRC               | Dustin Li          | United States |
| UNICEF              | Ike Uzoegwu        | United States |
| WFP                 | Aleksander Dulovic | Haiti         |
|                     | Runar Holen        | Haiti         |
|                     | Ozdzan Hadziemin   | UAE           |
|                     | Carlos Hilarion    | Panama        |
|                     | Patricia Facultad  | Italy         |
|                     | Claire Roach       | UAE           |

Teleconference / Meeting started at 14:05 UTC

## Agenda

1. Situation Update
2. Partners' Updates
3. AOB

## Minutes

### 1. Situation update

- The security situation in Haiti remains volatile. WFP continues to run a barge service from Port-au-Prince when convoys are not able to travel from the capital to the affected areas due to security concerns.



- Access to the area around Jérémie is hampered by the ongoing inaccessibility of the Grand Anse bridge.

## 2. ETS Update

- The VHF networks established by the ETS in Jérémie and Les Cayes with support from emergency.lu, Ericsson Response, WFP Haiti, and the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) remain operational. Both repeaters have been installed temporarily and will be moved to different locations for better coverage when they become available.
- The last emergency.lu staff member on the ground completed his mission in Haiti last week. Before departing, he established VSAT connectivity at a field hospital in L'Asile set up by the Norwegian Emergency Medical Team (NEMT) and conducted further maintenance on the VSAT providing connectivity for the French Civil Protection Unit at the water treatment plant in Cavaillon. Emergency.lu will continue to support these teams with VSAT connectivity for as long as required. The NEMT field hospital is expected to remain operational until at least the end of October.
- ETS partners Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF), Ericsson Response, and Information Technology Disaster Resource Centre (ITDRC) have all completed their missions in Haiti and continue to provide remote support for the solutions they have deployed.
- Help.NGO has been activated as a WFP standby partner to support WFP Country Office and remains on the ground in Haiti.
- In light of the reduced activity for the Emergency Telecommunications Sector, it has been agreed with partners on the ground to phase out ETS coordination and activities as of beginning of next week.
- The ETS is working on a transition plan to establish how remaining activities such the relocation of the repeaters in Jérémie and Les Cayes will be managed.
- A final report from the ETS will summarize the activities of the ETS and partners and the support that has been provided for the Haiti emergency response, including both security communications and programmatic support.
- A final update on the Haiti ETS response will be given at the next Global ETC Joint Teleconference on 13 October.

Teleconference / Meeting ended at 14:16 UTC

## Acronyms

|       |   |
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| 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            |



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| FITTEST | WFP Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team        |
| GSMA    | Global System for Mobile Communications Association                  |
| GVF     | Global VSAT Forum  |
| ICT     | Information and Communications Technology                            |
| IFRC    | International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies |
| ISP     | Internet Service Provider  |
| IT      | Information Technology   |
| ITDRC   | Information Technology Disaster Resource Center                      |
| ITU     | International Telecommunications Union                               |
| MSB     | Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency                                   |
| 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](mailto:Haiti.ETS@wfp.org)

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