

## Haiti

### ETC2020 Pilot Project Update

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## Overview

The ETC2020 Haiti project was launched in December 2015 to look at supporting the ETC2020 strategic priorities “improved and decentralized response readiness and increased communications resilience to disasters” by:

- 1) Developing a country ICT profile to be used as a template for consideration of the Preparedness Working Group for other high risk priority countries
- 2) Identifying any potential gaps where support might be required in communications resilience.

It focuses on building a country information and communications technology profile and working with the Government of Haiti to build communications resilience. This includes mapping policies, regulations, actors, contacts, capacities, networks and initiatives. The pilot aims at developing re-usable framework/model for mapping and updating country profiles that could be applied in other high risk countries and to develop a platform to store, share, publicize and update data, including data access and attribution. Gaps identified from the country profile mapping exercise will be addressed, in partnership with the government and other key stakeholders, in support of building better communications resilience.

## Key Achievements

### PHASE I

- The ETC2020 Haiti project group has developed a country ICT profile template that is being finalized and tested with information collected for the country of Haiti. This template will be adopted for roll out in all ETC identified High Risk countries.

### PHASE II

- The Haiti Project group is now moving to Phase II which will validate country profile information with the Government of Haiti and other key actors and assessing potential gaps in country ICT resilience.
- Since there have been several projects and activities in the area of preparedness in Haiti since the 2010 earthquake, the group will collect information from partner organizations to map ongoing initiatives and avoid duplication.
- This will be finalized by a short mission in Haiti to start engaging with local partners and government stakeholders, by introducing the Cluster, gauging partner and stakeholder commitment to owning or supporting resilience efforts then identifying any gaps or already

existing areas that could be further supported by the ETC. A plan for this mission will be shared at the coming ETC Plenary meeting (3 May 2016) for member input and implementation support.

- Outcomes and recommendations will be shared with the ETC members to decide on next steps and potential additional activities to be implemented. This can form the basis of a template that can be used for approaching a country to build resilience.

## Challenges

- Low participation and engagement teleconferences – *Leads will try to engage individuals rather than through meetings, and welcome the participation of all interested members.*
- Country context and ongoing political changes which might hinder the government's ability to commit and be responsible for communications resilience efforts (elections postponed to April 2016).
- Proliferation of preparedness activities since the Earthquake in 2010 – the project is mapping current and past initiatives to avoid duplication and complement or filling gaps in some activities related to ICT preparedness and communications resilience.

## Gaps

- Funding not identified beyond the assessment mission.

## Participating Organisations

ORGANISATION	ROLE
U.S. Department of State	Co-Lead
NetHope	Co-Lead
Global ETC Cell	Support
World Vision International	Participant
GSM Association	Participant
IFRC	Participant
Plan International	Participant
WFP	Participant

## Information

<https://www.etcluster.org/project/etc2020-project-haiti>

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