Haiti – Hurricane Matthew

ETC Situation Report #3

Reporting period 22/10/16 to 10/02/17

The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) has not been activated in response to Hurricane Matthew. As global lead of the ETC, the World Food Programme (WFP) is convening the Haiti ICT Working Group, collaborating with government, private sector and humanitarian partners on the ground to ensure a coordinated response. The next SitRep will be issued on or around 30/03/17.

Highlights

- The Haiti Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Working Group is preparing to roll out the radio rehabilitation project in four sites together with Internews.

- The Haiti ICT Working Group has demobilized from all sites in line with its exit strategy. However, Internet connectivity services are still being provided to support the government in Jeremie and Les Cayes.

- The Haiti ICT Working Group Coordinator is scheduled to leave the operation on 7 March.

The Haiti ICT Working Group rebuilding Radyo Louvre Je in Petit-Trou de Nippes.
Photo: WFP Haiti

Situation Overview

Nearly four months since the start of the operation in Haiti, the Haiti ICT Working Group is demobilizing its services in Jeremie and Les Cayes. Local services providers have restored their services. The main project the Haiti ICT Working Group is working on is the establishment of community radio stations in four sites. This project will allow the community in the most-affected parts of Haiti to access information on the response through a medium that they are familiar with, community radio.

Response

- The Haiti ICT Working Group and Internews are preparing to roll out the ETC Services for Communities radio rehabilitation project in four sites in Jeremie and Les Cayes. The Haiti ICT Working Group is working with

Internews to rebuild the Radyo Louvre Je radio station in Petit Trou de Nippes which is a relevant source of information for the people in that area.

- As part of the exit strategy, the Haiti ICT Working Group has recovered 90% of its equipment. Ericsson Response equipment has been donated to the Regional Emergency Operations Centres (COUDs) to continue providing services there, with some spare equipment stored in Port au Prince. emergency.lu equipment is packed and ready to be shipped back to Luxembourg.

- The Haiti ICT Working Group's common Internet connectivity service to support the government in Jeremie and Les Cayes remains operational, as is the guest network at the Logistics hub.

Challenges

- Problems with procurement and equipment supply has delayed the start of the community radio project.

Funding

- The Haiti ICT Working Group had a budget of US$471,732 for a six-month operation. This also covers the community radio station rehabilitation project.

Meetings

- Haiti will now be included in the Global ETC Joint teleconferences. The next teleconference will be held on Wednesday 15 February.

Information

- ETC Hurricane Matthew emergency page: https://www.etcluster.org/emergencies/caribbean-hurricane-matthew

Status Matrix

CITY	LOCATION	ETC PARTNERS	SERVICES
Jeremie	• IHP camp • COUD • WFP Logistics base	WFP	• Internet connectivity
Les Cayes	• MINUSTAH • COUD • WFP Logistics base	Ericsson Response Government of Luxembourg	• Internet connectivity

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Acronyms

COUD	Regional Emergency Operations Centre
COUN	Centre d'Operations d'Urgence National
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IHP	International Humanitarian Partnership
MINUSTAH	UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti
WFP	UN World Food Programme

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