

Haiti Report

With the hope of rebuilding Haiti, Global Aid Network continues to respond to the disaster six months later.

Our mission is to demonstrate the love of God, in word and deed, to hurting and needy people around the world, through relief and development projects.



Six months have passed since Haiti's devastating earthquake and most of the world has moved on to other crises and priorities. However, what many have forgotten is that there are millions of people still struggling day to day.

Since January 12th, **Global Aid Network** (a joint effort between all of the **GAINs** - **GAIN Canada, GAIN USA, GAIN Germany, GAIN Australia, GAIN South Korea, GAIN Holland**) has tried to demonstrate the love of God, in word and deed, through their ongoing disaster relief efforts.

By the end of May, **GAIN** had mobilized 38 medical teams with 1,043 medical personnel to treat more than 20,154 people and had conducted 12 trauma training seminars for 2,242 people. **GAIN** and Campus Crusade for Christ Haiti had housed 271 volunteers and staff from **GAIN** offices and its partners. These volunteers and staff conducted 165 distribution events benefiting 363,000 Haitians affected by earthquake.

More than US \$6.5 million worth of aid has been shipped into Haiti. Over

40 shipments provided more than 4 million meals, 1,195 tents, 4,800 hygiene kits, and 1,338 mobility units including wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches. Additional food supplies imported from the Dominican Republic brought the total number of meals provided to 5.3 million.

Over 11,800 hollow fiber membrane water filters, designed to remove 99.9% of disease causing bacteria and capable of filtering 500 gallons of water a day were distributed to provide safe drinking water in a situation becoming increasingly ripe for disease and sickness. Water samples were collected from four wells and tested for safety while training in installation of the filters, and proper hygiene and sanitation was conducted by our **GAIN** water engineer and teams.

Stories pouring out of Haiti from **GAIN's** staff reported the tragedy of children eating dirt and being fed dirt just to make the pain go away. Many people suffered from serious malnutrition and vitamin deficiency. A **GAIN** team member reported, "I saw one man who hadn't eaten in at least four days. He appeared to be a walking

skeleton and he was barely able to walk. It is common to see babies very dehydrated and malnourished, appearing to have difficulty to move even their head."

Today, **GAIN** is currently involved in Phase II, Recovery Phase, of the overall plan. Over 650+ tents have been distributed and medical clinics are still being conducted. Current development and construction projects include the construction of a volunteer camp that will be phased into an orphanage, construction of a 5,000-square foot warehouse for the staging and distribution of aid, and the construction of kitchen facilities for the volunteer camp, which can later be the base for a micro-enterprise, trade schools, and an agricultural project to further develop the Chambrun community.

The relief provided by **GAIN** has only been possible through the generosity of compassionate people around the world. "Without your support, we would not know how it would be," shares a local Haitian leader.