

# Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Disaster Response Report

## February 18, 2010

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is on the ground in Haiti providing much needed services to those in need. Here are some programs currently being implemented:



*Catholic Relief Services delivered tons of World Food Program rice—supplied by the U.S. Agency for International Development—to Haitians at a camp for displaced people in Port-au-Prince. Photo by Lane Hartill/CRS*

- CRS has provided food and water to 597,649 people in camps and settlements in Port Au Prince, Leogane, and outside areas. hygiene kits, emergency shelter kits, and kitchen sets are continuously being distributed.
- A comprehensive sanitation plan that involves a series of activities at St. Francois de Sales Hospital has been implemented; Completed projects include waste management, drainage, latrines, janitorial services, showers, and hand washing stations.
- CRS is currently coordinating with the USCCB and Catholic Charities on advocacy, encouraging legislation to provide trade preferences and debt relief for Haiti, child protection, unaccompanied minors, and orphan issues.

### Archdiocese of New Orleans Updates:

- A total of \$819,446.54 was collected during the second collection designated for Haiti Relief in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This is the largest special collection in the history of the Archdiocese.
- In partnership with the Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership (GNODRP), we have coordinated a Community Outreach event on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 11am at O. Perry Walker School. This event will provide information to the local Haitian community on stages of disaster, free mental health services, discounted immigration services and other resources available to them.
- Catholic Charities received a large donation from WindStar Cruise lines of clothing, bedding, and dish ware which will be given to the LA Haiti Sustainable Village Project to be sent to Haiti.
- Temporary Protected Status application assistance is being offered through individual and group interviews as this is a great need in the local Haitian Community. A phone line (504-310-6933) has been established for outreach in the Haitian community.

### Donate to Haiti Through Religious Communities

In addition to Catholic Relief Services, there are a number of Catholic religious communities working with people affected by the Port-Au-Prince earthquake in Haiti. Please contact either Catholic Relief Services or one of the religious communities listed on the Catholic Charities website <http://www.ccano.org> if you would like to donate to a Haiti relief fund.

Monetary donations can be given to CRS through the website ([www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)), by calling 1-877-HELP-CRS, or by texting RELIEF to 30644 and following the instructions. Please continue to pray with us for the victims of this earthquake and all those affected by this terrible disaster.