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TaiwanICDF Maintains Relief Effort in Haiti

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A TaiwanICDF Mobile Medical Mission (MMM) arrived in Haiti on February 7 as part of Taiwan's uninterrupted medical assistance to the disaster-stricken country since the earthquake on January 12. Members of this MMM have over 10 years of experience in the field, particularly in Africa. Led by Dr. Chen Chi-fu, the 15-member team includes an infectious disease specialist, pediatricians and surgeons; and in total comprises nine doctors, three nurses, two pharmacists and a medical support specialist. The mission is carrying 39 cartons of medicine and medical supplies.

Given the essential need for international organizations to coordinate their response – so as to limit outbreaks of disease, and to rebuild Haiti’s crippled health care systems effectively – the mission is working closely with WHO/PAHO in order to arrange priorities and coordinate its assignments. In addition to providing immediate medical coverage to the sick and injured, the mission is also due to make an assessment of Haiti’s health care infrastructure and gain a better understanding of the long-term medical commitments that Taiwan needs to make to assist survivors.

- Further shipment of 200 tons of rice

The TaiwanICDF is currently arranging to ship a further 200 tons of rice to Haiti for distribution via international non-governmental organizations working with the United Nations’ World Food Programme. This shipment is being made in addition to an earlier shipment of 200 tons which arrived in Haiti today.

- Technical Mission in Haiti assists in the release of 50 tons of rice for immediate distribution

Technicians from the Technical Mission in Haiti have finished milling and packing their reserve stocks of rice. The rice was sourced from extension farmers from the Technical Mission branch in Artibonite département, which was largely unaffected by the earthquake. On February 4, the rice was released for distribution by Food For The Poor, a long-term partner of the TaiwanICDF in the Caribbean.
Haiti Reconstruction Planning Group established to coordinate Taiwan’s long-term response to the disaster

A mission headed by Tao Wen-lung, Secretary General of the TaiwanICDF, arrived in Haiti over the past weekend to conduct a rapid assessment of the current situation, prior to the launch of Taiwan’s long-term response to the earthquake.

With the reconstruction effort now beginning to take priority, this mission represents the first response of the newly established Haiti Reconstruction Planning Group (HRPG). The group’s objective is to gather first-hand information so as to clarify specific details on local conditions, then maximize the benefits of future work that Taiwan conducts in its disaster-stricken partner country.

Secretary General Tao returns to Taiwan from Haiti on February 12, when he will brief TaiwanICDF staff and government officials. The HRPG will then formulate Taiwan’s long-term plan for boosting the post-disaster reconstruction effort.
Photo:
Doctors from the latest TaiwanICDF Mobile Medical Mission to Haiti attend to a survivor of the recent earthquake, as part of Taiwan's uninterrupted medical assistance to the country since January 12.

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