

SMALL GROUP SESSION **HAITI**

Supporting Evaluations of the Haiti Disaster Response

This note was prepared by the secretariat to serve as background information during the small group session on Haiti evaluation work at the 12th meeting of the Evaluation Network.

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The DAC Network on Development Evaluation (EVALNET) has been working to promote a more coherent and collaborative approach to evaluations of the international response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti on 12 January 2010. A joint Haiti Evaluation Task Force was launched in May 2010 at a meeting in London, bringing together EVALNET, the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), and the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP).

In 2010/2011, the Haiti Evaluation Task Force carried out a number of joint initiatives and produced a shared context analysis to inform evaluations, an online learning and accountability platform (hosted by ALNAP) and a synthesis of emerging lessons from evaluation (written by DFID). Various elements of this work are continuing and will be discussed during this small group session.

Emerging evaluation lessons

DFID has lead work on a light synthesis of emerging lessons from evaluations completed during the first year after the earthquake. This note is available on the EVALNET website.

Context analysis

This joint [Context Analysis and Evaluation Framework](#) synthesizes background material, research and evaluations for those involved in assessing the earthquake response. A shared context analysis and evaluation framework can help support joint thinking and work. Using a common basis for analysis will also make it easier to share and compare findings from evaluations carried out by different agencies. You are welcome to use this paper in designing, planning and implementing evaluations or other learning and accountability mechanisms in Haiti, and it may also be of value for briefing staff joining the operational response.

Joint impact evaluation

Norway and the United States are interested in participating in a joint evaluation of the overall emergency response and its impact on beneficiaries. A lead for this joint work is needed.

Evaluation Support Office in Haiti

The Task Force is looking at how best to support evaluation in Haiti. The group agreed that it was necessary to engage with stakeholders in Port-au-Prince and a team visited Haiti from 18 to 22 October 2010 to undertake these consultations. The mission team confirmed that there is an existing demand and likely increasing pressure for evaluation in Haiti. Further, a large majority of stakeholders in Haiti are supportive of the idea of providing support services on evaluation and that this should entail a physical presence of some sort. However, given the complex and evolving institutional context, the team recommended that a progressive approach. The approach should be highly participatory with respect to key Haitian stakeholders, be responsive to the context and itself be about building evaluation capacity. Building on the task force's concept note and mission report, a working draft proposal was put forth by the French organisation URD. The proposal will be available for discussion and members are invited to express interest or make proposals for support. Ireland has been in the lead on this work for the network.

Links to key documents and resources

- [Evaluation Insights: Emerging lessons](#)
- [Haiti Earthquake Response: Context Analysis and Evaluation Framework](#)
- [Haiti Learning and Accountability Portal](#) (ALNAP)
- The Secretariat blog post for *OECD Insights: Haiti Earthquake: Independent Evaluations Needed*
- [Achievements, Challenges and Lessons To Be Learned](#) (July 2010)
- *En français* : [Définir une méthode cohérente pour évaluer l'aide](#)