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## Haiti Earthquake — June 6, 2011

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**The money Americans donated to the Red Cross provided life-saving relief to hundreds of thousands of Haitians and is now helping them rebuild their lives for the future.**

- The American Red Cross has received approximately \$484 million for Haiti, and has spent and signed contracts to spend about \$315 million (as of early May 2011).

**The Red Cross is moving to shelter and other long-term recovery efforts. We are building semi-permanent homes now, and in the years ahead, we plan to spend much of the remaining money on permanent homes.**

- The American Red Cross is spending \$28 million with partners to build semi-permanent homes. More than 1,750 have already been built, and families are now moving into new residences in Port-au-Prince and in other communities that were affected by the earthquake.
- Many of these homes are being built by Haitians from affected communities. This approach not only gets people out of tent camps but also teaches them skills and bolsters the economy.
- We are also budgeting approximately \$100 million for repair and/or construction of permanent homes as well as affiliated services in the settlements where they are built and repaired, to ensure safe structures in a safe environment.

**As part of its ‘camp to community’ strategy, the Red Cross is helping Haitians return to their prior neighborhoods, where it is providing programs such as disaster-risk reduction, health, shelter, water/sanitation and livelihoods.**

- Programs focus on responsiveness to beneficiary needs and greater efficiency in delivery.

**Even as the Red Cross works on long-term plans to help Haitians, we are preparing for and responding to new developments, such as a surge in cholera cases in late May.**

- In response to the recent spike in cases, the global Red Cross network has reopened a cholera treatment facility in the Port au Prince area, one of several it is operating. The Red Cross network is distributing information about how to prevent and treat cholera through a text messaging campaign and a weekly radio show, which is broadcast nationwide.
- The American Red Cross has spent and signed agreements to spend more than \$16 million on the cholera response since late last year. This money has been

used to purchase medical supplies and relief items in support of treatment centers, expand the American Red Cross team trained in cholera prevention and hygiene promotion, establish distribution points for oral rehydration salts that help rehydrate cholera sufferers, and train volunteers to manage these posts.

- With the arrival of the 2011 hurricane season, the Red Cross is also working to ready vulnerable populations by expanding its disaster preparedness programs and launching a public information campaign.
- The Red Cross has already provided 285,000 people in camps and other communities with life-saving preparedness information since last year's earthquake. The Red Cross has also invested in a disaster operations center in Hinche that will be used to direct a coordinated emergency response. It has also pre-positioned relief supplies for 25,000 families around the country that will be used during future disasters in Haiti.

**We are grateful to all our donors – large and small – who gave so generously, and we want you to know that your dollars are making a difference.**

- The Red Cross is committed to spending donations wisely to alleviate the suffering of the Haitian people, and will be there until the last dollar donated has been spent.