Integral Responds to Hurricane Matthew in Haiti – update

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Integral Alliance launched a Disaster Response for Hurricane Matthew on 6th October 2016. Seventeen Integral Members have now opted into the response, with a further one considering how they can be involved.

It is estimated that 1.4 million people have been affected by this Category 4 Hurricane which struck the southwest coast of Haiti 0700 local time (1200 GMT) on 4th October. According to the latest government figures, 1,410,900 people, including 592,600 children, are in need of humanitarian aid. So far, at least 1,000 people have been reported dead and more than 200,000 houses have been severely damaged or destroyed. [Source here].

Six of our Members have existing long term work in Haiti - Food for the Hungry (USA), Medical Teams International (USA), Tearfund (UK), World Concern (USA), World Relief (USA) and World Renew (USA and Canada). A further ten Members - CEDAR Fund (Hong Kong), International Health Partners (UK), MAP International (USA), SEL (France), Tear (Netherlands), Tearfund (Belgium), Tearfund (Ireland), Tearfund (New Zealand), Transform Aid (Australia) and World Relief Canada, work with Haitian Partners or are supporting other Integral Members.

Medair (Switzerland) have deployed a multisectoral team for this disaster. Coordinated assessment teams have been gathering information on the needs in nine of the most affected communities in the South West of the country. Field activities include the distribution of emergency supplies, including tents, metal roofing, food and clean water, and medical assistance. This month 510 cases of cholera have been reported and an estimated 60,000 people are in need of emergency health services.

Chris Sheach, World Concern’s Disaster Response Director, says, “The fact that this is an Integral joint response means that we are able to do simultaneous assessment across all our locations in the country. We are pooling our resources in order to move faster.”

Fiona Boshoff, Director of Integral Alliance, comments: “Haiti still needs so much help. I have been impacted by reading about all the communities assessed by our joint team now only able to eat one meal a day. With media interest in Hurricane Matthew dropping and the needs still being so desperate, it is imperative that we keep this situation in our hearts and prayers. I have been moved to see the level of coordination in this Integral joint response on the ground in Haiti, and how other Integral Members have been quick to share resources, launch campaigns and raise funds. I am also confident that through our joint action we have been more able to overcome some of the serious logistical challenges and reach more people with life-saving assistance.”

Integral Members will continue to use the Integral online platform to share photos and stories, information and plans with each other.
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On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral’s goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the Integral Disaster Response Process co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

Integral has 23 Members with headquarters in 14 countries.

Integral Members work in over 80 countries, with more than 650 local partners, in over 40 sectors and have a combined income of over $700m USDs.

All Members sign up to the Red Cross Code of Conduct and Sphere Standards, and have an agreed Quality Standards Statement.

Integral Members are:

CEDAR Fund – Hong Kong
Food for the Hungry – USA
Integra – Slovakia
International Health Partners – UK
MAP International – USA
Medical Teams International – USA
Medair – Switzerland
Missions Alliance – Norway
Mission East – Denmark
SEL France – France
TEAR Australia – Australia
Tear – Netherlands
Tearfund – Belgium
Tearfund – Ireland
TEAR Fund – New Zealand
Tear Fund – Switzerland
Tearfund – UK
Transform Aid International – Australia
World Concern – USA
World Relief Canada – Canada
World Relief – USA
World Renew – Canada & USA
ZOA – The Netherlands