

UNDP HAITI– 2011 FAST FACTS

50% of debris removed, 20% recycled

500 red houses demolished

Having people return safely to their neighbourhoods to resume their everyday life and supporting the development of the private sector are at the heart of UNDP's approach to reconstruction. Debris management is a gateway that has so far made it possible to clear more than five million cubic meters from the streets of the capital and Léogâne, through a joint effort of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications (MTPTC), the municipalities, UNDP, UNOPS, UN-Habitat, ILO and 50 national and international partners. Over 20% of this debris has been recycled in the manufacture of non-structural building materials and a part is also used in small urban developments such as squares, sidewalks, stairs or gabion walls. In parallel, 500 severely damaged houses (red houses) were demolished to prevent them from collapsing and to ensure the safety of the population living in the surrounding area.

2,700 Haitian professionals trained

70 experts deployed to support the government

As part of capacity building of the government and the communities, UNDP has contributed to the professionalisation of 2,700 people in areas critical for recovery and development in Haiti. This involves vocational training for all judicial actors, training in the building and construction trades, as well as training in the field of disaster risk reduction, such as protection of riverbanks and watersheds, reducing the vulnerability of riverside populations and environmental conservation. In parallel, UNDP has put over 70 national and international experts at the disposal of Haitian Government officials to assist in the recovery and public reforms processes. More than 20 experts were mobilised to support the presidency in formulating policies in various fields including public administration, judicial reform, environment, finances, health or education. In the field of disaster risk management, 50 officers were deployed at the central level and in the 10 departments to strengthen coordination mechanisms between the various national, departmental and communal levels, thereby strengthening the communication and alert systems in emergency situations.

300,000 jobs created

40% of women employed

The job market in Haiti is experiencing a deep and long-standing crisis, which was further worsened after the earthquake of 12 January 2010. Unemployment affects more than 60% of the labour force in the country. Nearly 80% of Haitians live below the poverty line. With the support of UNDP and the International Labour Office (ILO), the Haitian Government plans for economic recovery schemes that focus particularly on the development of small businesses in Port-au-Prince and in the rest of the country. UNDP gives its support to community-based organisations and small businesses through micro-credits to enable them to recover and resume their businesses.

UNDP systematically privileges local employment and purchasing: over 90% of the labour force employed in the execution of UNDP projects in 2011 is Haitian and 40% are women. Since the earthquake, more than 300,000 temporary jobs have been created as part of high labour intensive initiatives. These initiatives have allowed more than 60,000 families increased access to income as well as opportunities to receive specialised training.