Special Announcement - CRS Haiti Earthquake Response

January 12 marks the one-year commemoration of the terrible earthquake in Haiti. The nation is still reeling from the physical devastation, the current cholera outbreak, and the political turmoil. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti as they struggle to recover.

Thanks to the generosity of the American Catholic community, CRS has provided over 10 million meals to more than 900,000 people, 274,245 people have received temporary shelter, and 227 children who were separated from their families are now with their loved ones. Almost 1,400 transitional shelters have been built, with plans to build 8,000 by April 2011. Over 69,000 patients have received medical consultations, and staff and volunteers have distributed soap and vital information on cholera to over 10,000 people. CRS is working collaboratively to support 7 partner hospitals and diocesan Caritas cholera response efforts throughout Haiti.

As of October CRS has spent almost 60 million dollars meeting basic needs after the earthquake and is now providing tools for rebuilding communities. Over the next five years, as part of a comprehensive development plan, CRS anticipates spending an excess of $200 million on further relief and long-term reconstruction. Thank you for your generous support. For stories, financial updates, and resources for further engagement, please visit our website at www.crs.org.