



Port-au-Prince, April 7, 2010

To: Mr. Giovanni Cassani  
Cluster Coordinator for Camp Management Camp Coordination

Re: Closing Camp 'Kay Nou': Resumption of our activities

Immediately after the earthquake of January 12th, 2010, Viva Rio's community center - called "Kay Nou and located in Bel Air, 67 Boulevard Jean Jacques Dessalines - spontaneously turned into a camp, sheltering 365 families i.e. about 1752 people.

Viva Rio took the responsibility of managing the camp, providing the following services: latrines, water, food, waste collection, security, health clinic, special care for the most vulnerable, psychosocial activities as well as population assessment.

Viva Rio would like to inform the cluster that, after negotiations led by community leaders and Viva Rio's Community Protection Brigade, the camp has been closed. The departures began Monday, March 29.

We have signed a contract with each family. The conditions agreed upon are the following:

- Provide a tent per family;
- Provide three months of food;
- Provide a one year scholarship to one child per family, worth about US\$ 130;
- Special care for vulnerable groups, primarily children from 0 to 2 years and their mothers.
- On request, collect debris from families' dwellings
- Monitor families' living conditions.

A sample of families has already been contacted by phone to check on their general conditions: 83% of families returned to their old address or have found another home address. Only 6% have moved to another camp (see table below).

	Destination of the Families that left Kay Nou					
	Previous Address	New Address	Another Camp	Homeless	No Response	Total
Family Numbers	60	36	7	3	10	116
	52 %	31 %	6 %	3 %	9 %	100 %
Total	365 Families	100 %				
Sample	116 Families	32 %				

We attribute these positive results to two factors:

- Friendly negotiations conducted by local community leaders
- The long-term commitment of Viva Rio with these families

Viva Rio's community center will reopen from April 15 and will continue to provide services to the people of Bel-Air and in particular to internally displaced persons in 10 camps for a total of around 30,000 people.



**VIVA RIO**  
Rubem Cesar Fernandes, Director

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