



Viva Rio in Haiti

Actions on the Emergencies

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Assumptions

- Viva Rio was in Haiti before Jan 12 and plans to be there ways in the future. We need therefore to make a clear distinction between the Emergencies and the Regular programs of Viva Rio in Haiti. This plan addresses the former dimension only.
- Emergency is distinguished here by the following features:
 - Reconstruction of facilities and equipments damaged by the quake – building new facilities for new services will be considered part of the Regular program
 - Recovery of working conditions that have been damaged by the quake
 - Assistance and services to the victims of the quake, particularly those that have been displaced (living now in Camps, in the streets or in the Provinces)
 - Special programs of intensive labor, such as the cleaning of public spaces, be it on garbage, rubble or sanitation
- The last items above (intensive labor programs) deserve special attention to avoid overlapping with the regular program. One option is to limit their inclusion in the emergency category pending on two criteria:
 - The source of funding and the rules of action are clearly defined as emergency by the funder and are recognized as such by Viva Rio. For instance, the cash for work submitted in the flash appeals to cover street cleaning should be counted under “emergency”
 - The time line of these programs should be limited to a maximum of 18 months (ACT Alliance’s definition), unless new events interfere and provoke a revision generally recognized (for instance, in case of hurricanes or new earthquakes)
- It is considered that some activities initiated in the emergency period may be later assimilated by the regular program – recycling rubble may be an example
- Specific numbers and locations are described in the table attached as an Annex to this document

Geographic Area

- Great Bel Air – Viva Rio has focused its work in Haiti in the sub region around Bel Air, centre Port au Prince and it will continue to do so. It includes the zones of Solino (parts of it), Corridor Bastia & Fort National, Bel Air proper, Delmas 2, La Saline & Fortouron, Pont Rouge, Warf Jeremie, Fort Dimanche. While mostly in Port au Prince, the last three localities (Pont Rouge, Warf Jeremie and Fort Dimanche) belong to the neighboring Municipality of Cité Soleil.
 - The immediate response to the quake provoked a certain dispersion beyond these limits, particularly in regard to latrines. The Plan assumes the responsibility for completing all the works initiated in the aftermath of the quake, but it concentrates further actions in “Great Bel Air”
 - The spontaneous response to demands in the days following the quake should be adjusted now by a more balanced distribution of emergency assistance and services through out the region. This is important to avoid conflict among leaders from the different localities.
- Bon Repos – Football Academy – The Academy belongs to the regular program, but the site may give support to emergency actions in the Bon Repos region and vicinities, which have hosted a large number of displaced families. This will be particularly so in regard to cash for work for plant nursery in partnership with the Cluster on Agriculture.
- Cabaret – Region being explored by Viva Rio to become a second base, in the spirit of Decentralization, to be included in the Regular Program. However, it may become the object of tree planting activities in partnership with the Cluster on Agriculture.
- Ware House - SONAPI
- See annex with specification of planned services per camp and per site

Numbers in Brief

- Sites attended to : 70, of which 24 camps, with a population of over 100.000 people (population estimate does not cover all the sites)
- Although having services in all sites, Viva Rio will concentrate its emergency work in 14 camps, with an estimated population of 35.450.
- The Emergency services by Viva Rio include
 - Distribution of 1.000 tents to an average of 10 people each
 - the supply of 250m³ of water per day for drinking and other uses
 - recover the capacity to rain harvest over 57.000 liters per day
 - build 500 latrines
 - hygiene care and garbage collection in 10 camps

- building 650m³ of bio digestors to process human excreta and produce methane gas for community kitchens in 17 sites, serving over 22.000 people
- a field clinic for primary care in Kay Nou, with an average attendance of 200 people per day
- psychosocial care to an average of 300 children and 100 youth per day with Capoeira, Football, Music, Dance and Plastic Arts
- special care to about 1.250 very vulnerable people (babies up to 2 years of age and so called “child soldiers”)
- food distribution to about 90.000 people in all the areas of Great Bel Air

Actions

1. Management

- Recover the coordination capacity that has suffered from the consequences of the Quake
- Reinforce the Logistics of Viva Rio to cope with the emergency demands
- Reinforce the Financial Capacity on documentation and reporting, in view of the multiplication of funders and the short term nature of contracts
- Reinforce the Communication Capacity, in view of the emergency rhythm in institutional relations (Clusters) and reporting
- Specific actions:
 - i. Contract new General Manager, to replace Daniela Bercovitch (Done, with Pedro Penna)
 - ii. Contract new Communication person (Done, with Berdine)
 - iii. Contract new Logistics coordinator (Done, with Antonio Gonzales)
 - iv. Contract new finance assistant (Done, with Evens Daudier)
 - v. Contract new IT person, to substitute former manager deceased in the quake (Done, with Marcelin Paul Feguns)
 - vi. Expand work period of qualitative researcher to work on identification of beneficiaries (Done, with Pedro Silveira)
 - vii. Contract consultant on Management (Done, with James Shyne)
 - viii. Contract new office for Management activities, outside of Kay Nou, no longer appropriate for management activities (In process)
 - ix. Negotiate new Storage Space to absorb new demands posed by emergency assistance (Done, with ware house in SONAPI)
 - x. Expand transportation capacity of management (Partially Done, with the purchase of one pick up)

2. Security

- Recover security conditions of Kay Nou
- Reestablish communication with new Military Contingents (two Brazilian Battalions) and with the National Police
- Reestablish interaction between Law Enforcement institutions and community leaders in Great Bel Air

- Define guidelines for extreme cases, such as the eventuality of Kidnapping of a Viva Rio member or the need for evacuation
- Specific actions:
 - i. Contract Security Consultant to manage security matters during emergency period (Done, with Cel Ubiratan Angelo)
 - ii. Open channels of communication with new staff in Force Commander and new Commanders of two Brazilian Battalions in charge of Minustah security in Center Port au Prince and Cité Soleil (Done, by Rubem Cesar and Cel Ubiratan)
 - iii. Establish new terms of cooperation between Viva Rio, Community Leaders and National Police (Done, with Daniel Levas and Cel Ubiratan)
 - iv. Request Guidelines on cases of eventual kidnapping, evacuation or health hazard. (request made to Cel Ubiratan)
 - v. Plan & implement moving out of families today living in Kay Nou (In process, after planning with Brigade)
 - vi. Train Community Brigade to cope with the new emergency circumstances (In process)
 - vii. Plan reorganization of Brigade, to adjust to new expanded demands and challenges (In process, with workshops in Haiti and in NY). However, long term Brigade work belongs to the REGULAR program.

3. Distribution of Food and other items

- Participate in the distribution of food, water, shelter and other emergency items in coordination with ACT Alliance, with the following specific actions:
 - (i) Coordinate with WFP to operate distribution in Great Bel Air, with the support of the MINUSTAH Military, the National Police and the local Community Leaders
 - (ii) Continue to animate the solidarity campaign in Brazil
 - (iii) Coordinate with the Brazilian Embassy to channel distributions in Great Bel Air
 - (iv) Promote repair of Ware House 19 in SONAPI, in exchange for the right to one year use free of charges
 - (v) Distribute food and other items to a population of about 90.000 people on a bi weekly basis

4. Water Supply

- Contribute to the joint effort to supply water for drinking and for other purposes to the local population, with a priority to displaced persons, with the following specific actions and goals:
 - (i) Distribute between 200m³ and 250m³ of water per day, using 4 trucks by Viva Rio (up to 3 trips per day) and 7 rented trucks (up to 2 trips per day), with a total average of 20 to 25 trips per day

- (ii) Distribution is accomplished in 20 sites with Bladders (reservoir capacity of 170m³) brought to Haiti by NCA/Act Alliance and installed after the quake
 - (iii) Distribution is accomplished in 27 Cisterns from the Rain Water Harvesting System (operational reservoir capacity of 4.157m³) built by Viva Rio before the quake with the support of the Norwegian and the Canadian Governments
 - (iv) Distribution is accomplished in 10 Kiosks (operational reservoir capacity of 100m³), built by Viva Rio prior to the quake, with the support of MINUSTAH, the Norwegian and the Canadian governments
- Recover the rain harvesting capacity of up to 5.600m² of roof surface in Kay Nou
 - Recover the rain harvesting capacity of up to 11.000m² of roof surface in the school network constituted by Viva Rio prior to the Quake
 - Considering the recovery of 16.600m², and the average precipitation of 3,4 litters per square meter in centre Port au Prince, we should recover the capacity to harvest, in average, 57.178 litters per day.

5. Sanitation

- Counting the work already initiated, with the TA and the materials supplied by NCA/Act Alliance, Viva Rio aims to build 500 latrines
- Engage workers to clean all latrines in the region (both inside camps and in the community)
- Equip Viva Rio to respond properly to latrine cleaning challenge
- Build 15 biodigestors of 20m³ capacity distributed among the 8 zones of Great Bel Air, to serve the displaced populations in the region
- Hygiene program in 10 camps in the region, which includes.
 - Hand wash facilities
 - Cleaning program
 - Garbage collection
 - Education

6. Labor and Income

- Join in general effort at supplying work opportunities under emergency regime, with the following specific actions:
 - Cash for Work – in garbage and rubble collection, sanitation work and the distribution of food and other items to displaced populations (in Process, with UNDP support for 3 months, starting in February 23. Before and after that, we count on ACT Alliance Resources, as well as Brazilian donations and eventual other sources, as the time goes)
 - Equip Viva Rio to cope with new emergency demands, particularly in regard to rubble and sanitation (In process, with resources from NCA, Act Alliance and Brazilian Donations)

7. Health

- Recover the focus on the health of children and teen agers
- Plan and implement the recovery of the Health in Schools Program
- Sustain the emergency work at Kay Nou, with a focus on Primary Care, with the following specific actions:
 - Organize a proper Pharmacy
 - Train a group of six Brigade members to act as community health agents
 - Define and implement proactive protocol for Tent Visiting to identify needs and to disseminate preventive campaigns
 - Improve the coordination with reference health units in PaP
 - Serve an average of 200 people per day

8. Psychosocial Work

- Includes assistance to the vulnerable and protection to groups at risk
- Vulnerability is very broad in the present circumstances – it includes even Viva Rio's personnel, the Police or the Community Brigade.
- Among the groups at risk, Viva Rio will prioritize (i) babies up to 2 years of age and their mothers and (ii) children with a history of personnel involvement in violence. The following specific actions will be implemented:
 - Special care to about 1.200 babies and their mothers in 10 camps
 - Intensive assistance to about 40 children involved in violence (from about 10 to 18 years of age) in all areas of Great Bel Air
 - Capoeira practices with children and young adults with a Base in Kay Nou and a mobile program reaching out to all the areas of Great Bel Air
 - Football practices with children and young adults, with a Base in Kay Nou and a mobile program reaching out to all the areas of Great Bel Air
 - Dance practices with teenagers and young adults, with a Base in Kay Nou, reaching out to all the areas of Great Bel Air
 - Classic music practices, with five performances in Kay Nou and three in other major camps, adding up to 8 events in 2010
 - Plastic arts practices, to engage the artists from the community in psychosocial work
 - Engage a segment from the Brigade to support work with the vulnerable groups