

	J/P Haitian Relief Organization		
Strategy/Project/Activity Name(s)	Food, WASH, and Agriculture Assistance to Promote Food Security Outcomes and Prevent the Spread of Cholera in Nippes Department, Haiti		
Call for Tenders	Consultant for a final evaluation		
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Country of implementation	<i>Haiti</i>		
Area(s) of implementation	<i>Nippes (Petit trou de Nippes, Plaisance, Fonds des Negres, Arnaud et Grand Boucan)</i>		

## Introduction

J/PHRO-CORE is a non-governmental organization dedicated to development and emergency assistance, founded following the 2010 earthquake. Its approach prioritizes participatory and sustainable development in synergy with communities, institutions, and local authorities, with the aim of fostering safer and more prosperous communities. To achieve this, it implements programs in the areas of education, health, community development, food security, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and agriculture.

Since immediately after the 2021 earthquake, CORE has been working closely with the communities of Nippes. Through ongoing BHA grants, CORE and its partner ACCESO are active in five of the eleven communes of the department (Petit Trou de Nippes, Plaisance, Fonds des Nègres, Arnaud, and Grand Boucan). It is essential to conduct a final evaluation of the "Food Assistance, Water, Sanitation, and Agriculture" project, which aims to promote food security and prevent the spread of cholera in Nippes. This evaluation will measure the impact of the actions taken, identify successes and challenges encountered, and draw lessons learned. It will also ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of interventions, while ensuring transparency with donors and partners.

## Description of the Intervention

The 18-month BHA-funded project, titled "Food Assistance, WASH, and Agriculture to Promote Food Security Outcomes and Prevent the Spread of Cholera in the Nippes Department," aims to address immediate needs while strengthening long-term resilience to food insecurity and cholera. The project, implemented by CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort) and its partner Acceso, began on September 8, 2023, and is set to conclude on March 7, 2024. It operates in the Nippes department, located along the northern coast of Haiti's southern peninsula. To promote food security and prevent the spread of cholera, the project focuses on four key sectors: food security, WASH, agriculture, and shelters and facilities. It aims to provide assistance to vulnerable households by strengthening their resilience through a more holistic approach to early recovery with the following objectives:

1. **Address urgent food security needs** by providing food assistance through unconditional and conditional cash transfers.
2. **Improve access to potable water** by rehabilitating existing community water supply systems, providing cholera kits for households, and conducting community hygiene promotion activities to limit the spread of cholera through behavioral changes.
3. **Enhance food security and agricultural value chain production** by providing in-kind agricultural inputs, training to increase production, and helping farmers improve their supply chain systems to market access.
4. **Unlock the main road axis between Les Cayes and Jérémie** (resulting from the 2021 earthquake) for regional trade and transit, thus improving access to markets and humanitarian aid.

## Target Population

This project targets vulnerable households, aiming to reach 25,725 individuals (including 15,564 women, or 61%) in five communes of the Nippes department: Arnaud, Fonds des Nègres, Grand Boucan, Petit Trou des Nippes, and Plaisance du Sud. Nippes is one of the poorest departments in the country, with nearly two-thirds of its population living in poverty and being at a higher risk of natural disasters compared to other regions. CORE has been working closely with the communities in Nippes since immediately after the 2021 earthquake. Our ongoing BHA grants already target five of the eleven communes in Nippes. This project builds on lessons learned from a previous BHA grant targeting five communes and extends its reach to five additional communes to enhance their resilience to further economic and social challenges, aiming to provide a more holistic approach to early recovery. CORE prioritizes beneficiary selection by focusing on households with:

- Individuals living with a disability
- Elderly individuals
- Pregnant or breastfeeding women

- Single-parent households
- Those facing IPC 4 (Emergency) food insecurity levels

### **Theory of Change**

This project operates based on a theory of change, which outlines the plan to achieve its desired outcome. If vulnerable Haitians in Nippes:

- Receive unconditional food assistance
- Increase access to potable water and benefit from hygiene promotion
- Livelihood opportunities are created
- Inter-departmental roads for trade and humanitarian response are accessible

Then:

- Food security will increase, food markets in Nippes will stabilize, inter-departmental access between Grand'Anse and Sud will improve, and the negative impact of cholera and food insecurity will be mitigated in the southern regions of Haiti.

### **Stakeholders:**

The project design process involved collaboration between CORE, its local partner Acceso, government authorities (e.g., the Nippes Departmental Rural Unit, the Ministry of Public Works, the South Departmental Directorate), local churches (community points), and community leaders. This collaborative approach ensured that the project addressed the most urgent needs identified by the target population and was aligned with local priorities.

### **Outcomes and Activities:**

The project translates its theory of change into outcomes and activities by sector:

#### **Food Security:**

**Outcome:** Address urgent food security needs through food assistance via unconditional and conditional cash transfers.

#### **Activities:**

- Unconditional cash transfers to 2,370 households (1,659 women-headed households) to increase purchasing power and improve food security outcomes for highly vulnerable households.
- Conditional cash transfers (cash-for-work) to 2,145 households (1,287 women-headed households) to provide income-generating opportunities, improve household food consumption, and support post-earthquake rehabilitation efforts.

#### **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):**

**Outcome:** Increase access to potable water in Nippes by rehabilitating existing community water supply systems and providing cholera kits at the household level.

**Activities:**

**Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):**

- Rehabilitate 5 community water supply systems to improve access to potable water.
- Distribute 4,000 cholera kits at the household level.
- Strengthen the capacities of local water management groups.

**Agriculture:**

**Outcome:** Improve food security and agricultural value chain production.

**Activities:**

- Distribute in-kind agricultural inputs (seeds, tools, etc.) to enhance agricultural production.
- Provide training sessions to farmers on improved agricultural practices.
- Support farmers with improved connections to market value chain systems.

**Shelter and Facilities:**

**Outcome:** Increase accessibility between Les Cayes, Sud, and Jérémie, Grand'Anse.

**Activities:**

- Clear a major road blockage (resulting from the 2021 earthquake) on the main axis for regional trade and transit between Les Cayes and Jérémie, thereby improving access to markets and humanitarian aid.

The activities can be summarized in the following table:

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Food Security	Respond to urgent food security need	Unconditional cash transfers (vouchers) Conditional cash transfers (cash-for-work)
WASH	Increase access to clean water and hygiene	Rehabilitate water systems Distribute household water treatment kits Implement hygiene promotion activities
Agriculture	Improve food security and agricultural production	Distribute agricultural inputs (seeds, tools) Provide training on improved agricultural practices

		Support connections to market chain systems
Shelter & Settlements	Increase accessibility between Les Cayes, sud and Jeremie, Grand'anse	Clear major road blockage

**Food Security**

The activities related to the unconditional cash distribution have been completed. As a result of this operation, 2,169 women (72%) and 838 men (28%) directly benefited from the program, marking a significant milestone in achieving our support goals. Additionally, a remaining balance of funds was reallocated to address specific requests from local authorities regarding individuals deemed particularly vulnerable. This initiative provided additional support, expanding the number of beneficiaries to 1,461 women (71%) and 608 men (29%). This flexibility allowed the scope of assistance to be broadened, addressing the urgent needs identified on the ground. In total, 3,630 women (71%) and 1,446 men (29%) out of 5,076 people, across the different intervention municipalities, were supported by this action.

The activities related to conditional cash distribution have also been completed. Through this program, we were able to assist a total of 1,255 women and 957 men as primary beneficiaries. These interventions significantly improved the living conditions of the targeted communities by addressing the essential needs identified.

However, a remaining balance of funds was used to respond to specific requests from local authorities. This additional allocation enabled the completion of essential works, such as the repair of certain sections of roads that had become impassable, as well as the connection of two important roads to facilitate mobility in the region.

Thanks to these efforts, a total of 2,520 individuals, including 1,385 women (55%) and 1,135 men (45%), benefited from this initiative, further enhancing the overall impact of the program on local communities.

**Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)**

The hygiene awareness activities and cholera prevention kit distribution have progressed well. A total of 8,133 beneficiary households received hygiene awareness actions, exceeding the distribution goal. Furthermore, the distribution of cholera prevention kits reached 100% of the target population (5,000 beneficiaries), with a particular focus on women (65% of the

beneficiaries). Each kit contained a bucket, water purification tablets (Aquatabs), soap, and hygiene promotion brochures.

Currently, three service providers have nearly completed the rehabilitation works for water supply networks in the municipalities of Petit Trou de Nippes (SAEP Batardeau), Plaisance du Sud (SAEP Ventifel), and Arnaud (SAEP Baquet), thus addressing the urgent needs of the affected communities. Additionally, two other service providers have recently begun improvement works on a rainwater catchment system in Grand Boucan and the rehabilitation of a SAEP in Fonds des Nègres.

### **Agriculture**

The project has made significant progress in agricultural activities. Land has been secured for a nursery and seed production, and crops were selected based on farmer preferences and market demand (beans, rice, corn, vegetables, and peanuts). Mobilization efforts reached 1,838 farmers during 17 events organized in the five areas. As a result, 600 farmers signed contracts to participate in the program for the first year of cultivation. Training sessions on soil preparation and crop planting have also started, with three technicians leading ten sessions based on farmer proximity. The procurement and distribution of agricultural inputs have also been completed, providing 600 farmers with over 4,500 kilograms of seeds.

### **Shelter and Facilities**

On National Road No. 7, clearing works were carried out with teams for manual labor and heavy equipment for mechanical work. We completed a number of tasks, including with the CFW team that cleared:

- 900 linear meters of canals.
- 280 cubic meters of dust removed from National Road No. 7.
- 325 linear meters of edges were weeded. We mobilized heavy equipment such as an excavator, 4 trucks, and a bulldozer. With this equipment, we removed 5,715 cubic meters of debris from National Road No. 7.

These works have been suspended as a company contracted by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has been hired to carry out the same work in the same area as ours.

### **Timeline**

The final evaluation will take place over a period of 4 weeks, starting from the date the evaluation begins until its completion. The tentative schedule is as follows:

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Framing meeting</b> to define the objectives and methods, followed by a <b>document review</b> and <b>logistical preparation</b> for the evaluation.
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<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Data collection</b> for the necessary information.
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Analysis of the collected data</b> and the development of a preliminary report, highlighting initial results and observations.
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Drafting of the report</b> and submission of the final report.

## Management and Logistics

The MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning) officer will provide technical guidance to ensure the smooth running of the mission. Furthermore, the Administrative and Financial Department will ensure the efficient management of the contract, ensuring adherence to agreed deadlines and monitoring payments.

## Profile of the Consultant(s) or Firm

The consultant responsible for the final evaluation of this project should possess a set of technical and practical skills in evaluating humanitarian programs, food security, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), agriculture, and project management in emergency contexts.

- A Master's degree or equivalent in Agronomy, Management, Project Management, Environmental Studies, or a relevant field.
- Proven experience in conducting final evaluations of projects funded by international donors (e.g., USAID, UN, ECHO, etc.).
- Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative evaluation methodologies (field surveys, statistical analysis, interviews, focus groups, etc.).
- Understanding of issues related to sanitation, drinking water, and hygiene promotion (WASH), including cholera management and waterborne disease prevention.
- Strong skills in project management, monitoring, and evaluation, including the ability to measure and analyze the impact of interventions.
- Ability to work with local stakeholders, governments, and partners to ensure effective collaboration.
- Experience working in Haiti or in similar contexts (crisis countries, areas affected by natural disasters, or prolonged violence).
- Excellent report writing skills, including the ability to synthesize complex information and formulate practical recommendations.
- Proficiency in French and English (oral and written). Knowledge of Haitian Creole would be an asset.

## Technical Offer

- **Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae** of the lead consultant and accompanying team members, highlighting their training and expertise.
- **A detailed proposal outlining** the methodology and necessary resources. A timeline detailing the stages of the evaluation, the duration of each phase, and the submission deadlines for deliverables (preliminary reports, final reports, etc.).
- **References** (institutions and contacts) for each consultancy, including a list of completed studies.
- **Identification of the lead consultant.**
- **Financial Proposal:** A detailed quote specifying the costs related to the final evaluation (fees, travel expenses, etc.).
- **Certifications and Qualifications:** Copies of relevant diplomas and certifications.
- **Proof of Experience in Haiti (if applicable):** If available, documents proving experience working or collaborating in the Haitian context or in a similar context.

**For a Firm:** An up-to-date administrative file (Business license, Tax Identification Number (NIF), must be submitted).

### Send the Submission to

Tenders will be accepted only in a sealed envelope or via this e-mail address:

[receptionist@jphro.org](mailto:receptionist@jphro.org) , no later than January 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at the office of J/P HRO-CORE, 10 Rue Icart, Impasse Maxo, Paillant, Nippes, Haiti.