

## **Devastating earthquake / Haiti January 12, 2010**

### **Crisis: "World Heritage in Danger"**

#### **Sites affected:**

- Heritage public buildings partially or totally destroyed by the earthquake and of archival, administrative documents, photographs, books, documents in various formats (cassette, cd, dvd, etc..), Art objects and other incorporation of cultural heritage and history of Haiti;
- The local cultural institutions of public utility and guardians of historical memory and cultural heritage elements of Haiti;
- Private residences with important collections and archives constitute the cultural heritage and history of Haiti.

#### **Operation Rescue of Movable Cultural Heritage:**

- Archives and private;
- Public Libraries and private, artistic and archaeological objects;
- Documents · Audio Visual;
- Movable cultural objects.

#### **Emergency response:**

- 1.1 Short term:
  - 1.1.1. Substantiation of damaged buildings;
  - 1.1.2. Training staff in handling and transport of cultural property;
  - 1.1.3. Recover, identify and briefly to Box archives, documents, books, household objects and works of art;
  - 1.1.4 .. Transporter cultural property in a safe place and ensure that minimum standards of conservation are met.
- 1.2 A medium term up a national inventory system and proceed with the digitization of such cultural property.
- 1.3 A long-term reconstruction of areas damaged by ensuring compliance with minimum standards for preservation.

#### **2. Urgent needs:**

##### **a) Human resources:**

- Specialists in shoring of damaged buildings;
- Archivists restaurateurs experienced in rescue in the event of natural disasters;
- Specialists in restoration of murals;
- Teachers in archival handling and transport of administrative documents;
- Records managers, practitioners specializing in applied software for archiving;
- Techies mastering software applied to archival;

- Specialists in digitization and management of databases that will conduct visits short and long durations (supported in whole or in part by their institutions);
- 40 archivists Haitian and foreign volunteers (group leaders) including computer scientists and specialists in restoration and digitization;
- 10 to 15 collectors Archives bulk group, are 200 to 300 volunteers (historians, archivists, artists, numismatists, sculptors, lawyers, students, associations and friends of Heritage);
- 40 operators and computer operators;
- Specialists and technicians in conservation of paper, paints, etc.. ;
- Specialist assembling inventory system movable cultural heritage expert photographer

**b) Physical resources:**

- 60,000 boxes of archives antacids dimensions: length: 0,35 m / width: 0,35 m / Height: 0,35 m.
- 150,000 plastic gloves;
- 150,000 cache-nez;
- 30,000 tape (sticky neutral);
- Pencils, pens, labels, wrapping paper, neutral, neutral glue, twine, galvanized clips, staplers, needles, paper 8 ½ x 11, 8 ½ x 14;
- 20 laptops;
- 3 central servers;
- 100 tents for temporary shelters for documents and stakeholders;
- 20 mobile radio communication;
- 20 cellular phones;
- 15 semi-professional digital cameras;
- 8 GPS;
- 200 yards helmets equipped with lamps (type helmets minors);
- 30 flashlights heavy duty;
- 10 type vehicles pick up;
- 5 trucks;
- Interim storage area: 10,000 square meters. A space is proposed to us by officials of the Historical Park Cane to Sugar, but it is far from enough;
- 2000 were metal cylinders with;

- 2000 scaffolds with tubular joints;
- 30 containers 20 x 40 feet;
- 100 canteens metal or hard plastic.

**c) Financial resources:**

We also need money for:

- Ensure logistics (fuel, food, miscellaneous transportation, communication costs, etc.).
- Make the leasing of space for filing;
- Rent or buy second hand containers, the granting of incentives for participants not voluntary;
- Acquire holdings, photographs and audio video before the earthquake;
- Prepare a written report and photographs of damage;
- Acquire software inventory and assemble a database;
- Etc.

Your cash donations may be sent to the bank account number as follows: National Archives of Haiti BRH 111 00 60 38 or by check made payable to "National Archives of Haiti whose address is:

22 Angle Street Borgella and Geffrard

Port-au-Prince, Haiti (WI)

**3. Conditions for participation in Operation Rescue:**

- Foreign volunteers must be supported by their governments through their respective institutions or by national and international organizations or NGOs, including arrangements for their travel, stay and comprehensive insurance.
- National Archives of Haiti take care of their home, their installation, division and coordination tasks.

**4. Contacts:**

Contact us as soon as the archives, libraries or historical reference, works of art especially paintings are under the rubble. If it rains, which is quite likely because the rainy season promises, risks are much greater.

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