

SUCCESS STORY

Helping Families in Fort National and Avenue Poupelard

USAID-funded programs reach those in areas that had not yet received aid

In Port-au-Prince's Fort National neighborhood, the January 12, 2010, earthquake destroyed all six health clinics, severely damaged 78 percent of schools, and left an estimated 80 percent of residences structurally unsafe for habitation. Yet, the area had not received relief services until USAID implementing partner Project Concern International (PCI) began providing assistance.



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With USAID support, PCI worked with the community to establish programs in emergency shelter, cash-for-work, protection, health, risk management, and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Using the help of the community, cash-for-work teams soon began clearing rubble, a PCI team set up a temporary health clinic, and others helped establish a child-friendly space. The clinic now provides services to an average of 50 patients each day, and an average of 90 children daily take part in activities at the child-friendly space.

In partnership with IDEJEN, a local Haitian non-governmental organization focusing on youth empowerment and education, PCI operates youth brigades that reach hundreds of families in the area with sanitation and hygiene promotion information. Teams also provide hand-washing stations and latrines.

USAID's partner PCI has expanded its programs into nearby Avenue Poupelard, establishing an additional health clinic and child-friendly space, adding shelter brigades, and providing water, sanitation, and hygiene programs.

As of July 6, USAID had provided more than \$654 million in assistance to those affected by the January 12 earthquake.