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## **Angell Foundation Contributes \$100,000 to Haitian Relief Efforts**

In response to the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti, The Angell Foundation has made a grant of \$100,000 to Oxfam America for Haitian Relief Efforts.

Oxfam affiliates have been working in Haiti since 1978 and at the time of the quake had over 220 staff on the ground, —including a team of 15 emergency response personnel. Together with additional international efforts, they are working with Haitian officials, the UN and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to respond quickly and efficiently to Haitian needs. The scale of this disaster will require years of recovery and rebuilding.

Oxfam is well-positioned to provide a rapid, efficient, and coordinated response. Prior to this earthquake, public health, water/sanitation, improved livelihoods and food security were Oxfam's main areas of ongoing humanitarian work in Haiti. As a result, Oxfam was asked to be lead for INGOs in coordinating water and sanitation activities for the first two weeks after the quake struck as they have been operating emergency and emergency preparedness programs over the past six years. Specifically, Oxfam's emergency and emergency preparedness programs implemented over the past six years sought to mitigate the impact of a lack of social services and sanitary conditions, and focused on revitalizing the local economy in the aftermath of paralyzes caused by repeated major disasters (natural and man-made).

In addition, Disaster and Risk Management projects in Haiti have enabled Oxfam to become a strategic partner in that field in Haiti. The ongoing relationship they have with the National System for Disaster and Risk Management will help to coordinate departmental, communal and local committees which have already been created and trained.

Since the relief phase can last up to 6 months, Oxfam will continue to manage the provisioning of water, the maintenance of latrines and sanitation activities, and the promotion of good hygiene. In addition, a cash for work program will also be implemented during this time frame. After the earthquake in Peru (2007) Oxfam had great success with such programs because 1) people were motivated to work to improve and rebuild their own communities 2) Oxfam paid people for their work, which enabled them to provide for their family. 3) Earned income was spent in the local community, which helps to stimulate the local economy.

Oxfam America is one of 14 affiliate organizations that make up Oxfam International – an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice. Oxfam partners with local and national level organizations to build sustainable programs that can continue to provide the highest quality relief response and ensure inclusion, voice and human dignity to the people they serve.

Oxfam was a natural choice for The Foundation to contribute to Haitian relief efforts due to their excellent track record and our existing relationship with their leadership as a result of past grants made for Recovery and Rebuilding efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2007. Over 90% of every dollar raised for the 2010 Haiti Earthquake Effort will go to the Haiti program.

If you are interested in following Oxfam's relief efforts more closely, please visit <http://blogs.oxfamamerica.org/index.php/tag/coco-in-haiti/>