

**The National Baptist Convention, USA Inc.
Status Report on Haiti Activity**

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The National Baptist Convention USA Inc. in partnering with Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; National Baptist Convention of America; National Missionary Baptist Convention of America; and Progressive National Baptist Convention, formed the AAMBC (African American Missionary Baptist Collaboration) in February 2010 in response to the suffering of our sisters and brothers in the Republic of Haiti following the 12 January 2010 earthquake. The purpose of the AAMBC was to link resources to achieve the following:

- To create synergies by collaborating with financial support and technical assistance in responses of relief and recovery;
- To advocate for just and humane policies toward Haiti in the United States and the international community; and
- To engage in ongoing programs of service delivery and sustainable development

DELIVERABLES

- 1) To create synergies by collaborating with financial support and technical assistance in responses of relief and recovery;
 - a) The Collaboration adopted a budget of \$250,000 to provide infrastructure support for one year to ensure the work of the collaboration. This budget supports core personnel, project design, and promotional activities. The following staff is in place effective 1 January 2011:
 - i) Coordinator – Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley
 - ii) Project Manager – Vacant (search in-process)
 - iii) Development Liaison – Mr. Ronald Harvey

- iv) Advocacy Envoy – Mr. Johnny Anderson
- b) The Collaboration pledged and paid-in-full \$1 million to Habitat for Humanity International to support housing solutions in Cabaret and Leogane.
 - i) NBC USA Inc. as of this date, we have paid \$300 Thousand of this \$1 million dollar pledge.
- 2) To advocate for just and humane policies toward Haiti in the United States and the international community
 - a) The Collaboration has set a tentative date in March to facilitate a Summit on Advocacy for Haiti to convene in Miami. In addition to delegates appointed by members of The Collaboration, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church have committed to join the Summit with delegates. This robust African American Christian community will work with Haitian and Haitian American advocacy and service communities to craft a coherent and concise advocacy agenda to advance with the United States government and the international community.
- 3) To engage in ongoing programs of service delivery and sustainable development
 - a) Transitional Housing Solutions in Cabaret, Haiti – In June 2010, the AABMC provided Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) a grant of \$500,000 from the African-American Baptist Mission Collaboration (AABMC) to support the Habitat Resource Center (HRC) in Cabaret in providing site preparation, transitional shelters and latrines to 630 families affected by the January 2010 earthquake. This grant included match funding for 440 t-shelters and latrines in partnership with USAID/CHFInternational and 190 shelters and latrines fully funded by AABMC. Due to lower than expected costs for site preparation, HFHI was also able to leverage AABMC funds as a match to 1,000 additional t-shelters in Cabaret in partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The total impact of this project with HFHI is 1,630 t-shelters and 630 VIP latrines.

- b) Permanent Housing Solutions in Leogane, Haiti – In December 2010, the AABMC provided Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) a grant of \$500,000 from the African-American Baptist Mission Collaboration (AABMC) to support the Habitat Resource Center in Leogane in providing site preparation, community infrastructure and services, and permanent home construction for 80 families affected by the January 2010 earthquake. These funds are leveraged with resources from the Municipality of Leogane, Inter-American Development Bank, Samenwerkende Hulporganisaties (SHO – a non-profit based in the Netherlands), SAP, Urban Zen Foundation/New York Cooperative Housing Foundation, and Minuto de Dios (Columbia). The total impact of this project with HFHI is housing units for 80 families at a cost of \$12,575 per housing unit (which includes materials, construction, training, water, sanitation, site preparation, community engagement and access to basic infrastructure such as roads, schools, and churches). The project is scheduled to launch early in 2011.
- c) Pastoral Visitation Teams – Two Pastoral Visitation Teams have made short-term missions assignments to Haiti in June and October 2010. Eight persons were on each team. Visits were made to Port-au-Prince, Cabaret, and Leogane.