

SPECIAL EDITION LISTSERV ON CARE FOR CHILDREN IN HAITI

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To the Better Care Network:

As the situation continues to unfold in Haiti, we would like to ensure that our partners both on the ground in Haiti and around the world continue to receive the tools, resources, and information necessary to appropriately respond. Due to continued interest from our membership, we are dedicating a second listserv to the provision of care and protection for children in Haiti.

PREVIOUS UPDATES

- 22 January 2010 BCN Special Listserv on Care for Children in Haiti
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/docs/Haiti%20Listservek.pdf>

CALL FOR FEEDBACK

- Keep us updated on how your organization is supporting children in Haiti. Contact us with updates on work on the ground at contact@bettercarenetwork.org.

TOOLS FOR SEPARATED and UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

- **The Lost Ones. Emergency Care and Family Tracing for Separated Children from Birth to Five Years:** Guidance on how to care for the children under five who are separated from their families in emergencies. Includes chapters on tracing, registering, verification, reunification, and the provision of care to meet developmental needs.
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21727&themeID=1005&topicID=1033>
- **Action for the Rights of the Child (ARC): Separated Children:** A training resource pack on preventing the separation of children from their caregivers, assessing and locating separated children, care arrangements, family tracing and reunification, and monitoring and supporting separated children.
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21728&themeID=1005&topicID=1033>
- **Working with Separated Children - Field Guide and Training Manual:** Comprehensive guide to programming for separated children. Includes chapters on agency co-ordination, prevention, documentation, tracing, reunification and emergency and interim care placements.
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21729&themeID=1005&topicID=1033>
- **Mobility Mapping and Flow Diagrams: Tools for Family Tracing and Social Reintegration Work with Separated Children:** Detailed guidance on using drawing with children to facilitate documentation and tracing efforts, as well as a tool for reintegrating separated children into families.
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21730&themeID=1005&topicID=1033>
- **Issue Brief Number Three. Child Care: An essential Service for Disaster Recovery:** A short paper on the importance of child care provision as a critical service in helping local communities recover post disaster. It gives 4 policy recommendations for protecting and restoring child care infrastructure.
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21731&themeID=1005&topicID=1033>

OTHER TOOLS:

- **Persons with Disabilities and the Humanitarian Response in Haiti**
Key messages and guidance for action
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21734&themeID=1004&topicID=1028>
- **Guidance Note for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support: Haiti Earthquake Emergency Response:** Provides guidance to organisations working in Haiti about how they can most appropriately communicate with communities, their own personnel and the media. The Guidance Note focuses mainly on the acute phase of the response (including early recovery) and provides basic guidance for action.
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21733&themeID=1005&topicID=1033>
- **IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings**
Guidelines for a multi-sectoral response to the most urgent mental health and psychosocial issues in emergency situations.
<http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details.asp?id=21732&themeID=1005&topicID=1033>

STATEMENTS

- **Daily Haiti Earthquake Fact Sheets from USAID's Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance**
http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/countries/haiti/template/index.html
- **UNICEF Statement on Child Protection in Haiti notes that** "It is essential that all unaccompanied and/or separated children are registered, traced and reunited with family where possible and appropriate. This includes children who were in alternative care, such as in crèches and "orphanages", prior to the earthquake. It is imperative that inappropriate and/or illegal removal of children from Haiti is prevented.
http://bettercarenetwork.org/bcn/details_news.asp?ID=21735&themeID=1005&topicID=1033

NEWS

- **Protecting Haiti's Children from 'Cowboy Adoptions'**, BBC Online
Includes comments from BCN Advisory Group member and Save UK Care Adviser, Louise Melville-Fulford.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/8491981.stm>
- **Parents Reclaim Children in Haiti Abduction-Adoption Row**
The 33 infants and children that an American Christian group tried to smuggle out of quake-hit Haiti are being reunited with their families, the US-based aid group now caring for them said Tuesday http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100202/ts_alt_afp/haitiquakechildrenuscrime
- **How to Protect Haiti's Orphans**, America's Quarterly by Karen Smith Rotabi
<http://www.americasquarterly.org/node/1197/>
- **Experts: Out of Country Adoptions are a Last Resort**, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10027/1031277-82.stm>
- **Case Stokes Haiti's Fear for Children, and Itself**, New York Times
10 Americans illegally removed 33 Haitian children from their country. Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive angrily denounced them as "kidnappers" who "knew what they were doing was wrong."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/02/world/americas/02orphans.html?ref=world>

MEDIA MONITOR

- BCN is tracking media coverage on the issues of children in Haiti with particular eye to emergency care arrangements, family separation and disputes over the role of inter-country adoption in emergencies. To receive our media monitor, email us at contact@bettercarenetwork.org.

COORDINATED HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN HAITI

- The Child Protection Working Group (CPWG), which is one of the sub-working groups of the global Protection Cluster Working Group (PCWG), takes responsibility for coordinating the work of the Cluster in the area of child protection. This includes ensuring a more predictable, accountable and effective child protection response in emergency situations, including by leading global-level advocacy, standard and policy-setting, capacity building and development of tools.

To learn more about the Child Protection Working Group and the One Response in Haiti, visit the links below : <http://www.humanitarianreform.org/Default.aspx?tabid=720> and <http://oneresponse.info/GlobalClusters/Protection/CP/Pages/Resources.aspx>

JOBS

- IMMEDIATE OPENING: Team Leader for Operation Protect Children in Haiti (Child Protection/Orphans and Vulnerable Children Lead with the USAID mission in Haiti) <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/res.nsf/db900SID/OCHA-826S3G?OpenDocument>

RFA

- Deadline Extension for **Request for Applications for Displaced Children and Orphans Fund Programs** (<http://www.worldlearning.org/aidsplansgsm.cfm>)

General Information

The purpose of the listserv is to enable members to exchange information on matters of mutual concern. If you would like to share a document, raise a specific issue, or reach out in any other way to the Network, please send the information to us at kriordan@unicef.org. In the interest of keeping messages consolidated, we will manage announcements on the listserv and send out a few messages each month.

We would like to involve as many people as possible who are concerned with better care issues in the Network. Please advise anyone who would like to be added to the listserv to send us a message at kriordan@unicef.org with "listserv request" in the subject line.

Alternatively, visit the homepage of the Better Care Network website, and click on the upper right box where it says "click here to sign up for our email announcements".

<http://www.bettercarenetwork.org>

Best,

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