

Our History with the People of Haiti

Global Aid Network (GAiN) has been involved in Haiti since the summer 2004 when it mobilized relief efforts in response to the devastating flooding that occurred in the regions of Mapou and Fonds Verrettes. During this crisis, GAiN distributed food, clothing, tents, and sanitary supplies to hundreds of families.

In 2006, GAiN also sent containers to Haiti carrying hospital beds, seeds for planting, school supplies, clothing and food.

The hurricane in 2008 devastated a number of towns in Haiti. Through our in-country partners, GAiN was once again involved in responding to the need, focusing on the town of Carbaret and its surrounding areas. Emergency response packages were distributed to hundreds of families containing rice, beans, pasta, canned fish, cooking oil, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other hygiene items. The packages contained enough supplies to feed a family of five for a week. Through our ongoing involvement in Haiti, we have found that distribution of this aid is a significant step in increasing the momentum of local Haitians towards improving their community. Then in 2009, GAiN and in their in-country partner's timely arrival provided the second wave of aid to this area where care packages consisting of food and non-perishable items.

Esperandieu Pierre, a Haitian and resident of Port-au-Prince, has been GAiN's partner in Haiti. Pierre and his network has worked together with GAiN to respond to the crisis in 2004, the hurricane in 2008 as well as an ongoing project of establishing a school and a medical clinic in Chambrun.

This most recent earthquake impacts GAiN as the team has been involved first-hand for the past six years and cares for the country of Haiti. GAiN's knowledge of the country, the relationship that has built with GAiN's in-country partners as well as Esperandieu's understanding of the culture and city will prove to be invaluable in the relief for the devastating disaster.