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Background

The UN is struggling to collect funds for the Haiti relief appeal which will go towards the reconstruction efforts. A revised appeal was released in February which was less successful than the first initial 'flash' appeal. This means that there is only 49% of the money needed for the year.

Key Messages

General Overview of the Humanitarian Situation

Shelter is still an ongoing issue with overcrowding and general living conditions being a concern with the spread of disease still also a prominent issue.

Official figures

UN figures

External Assessment

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Response

Through February 17, ARCH had treated more than 1,600 animals, mostly dogs. Other animals helped include cats, goats, sheep, pigs and cattle. ARCH is covering different areas or neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince and surrounding cities in an organized manner. While treating animals, we are taking note of the owner's name, dog name, age, and more. All of this information helps us monitor the overall efforts and avoid any repetition in treatments. In addition, we've supplied a batch of collars that are given to each dog and cat. The new collars not only provide a good replacement for old or inappropriate materials that are sometimes harmful to animals, but also allows for an easy and visible record of an ARCH-treated animal.

Animals treated in Haiti are not taken to a shelter for various reasons. The most important reason for this is that the animals have owners or a group of people in the community that look after them as pets or farm animals. In addition, there are no suitable shelters or capacity in Haiti to shelter stray animals. ARCH teams are therefore setting up mobile clinics to treat animals in place and educating the community on proper responsible pet ownership and farm animal husbandry.
