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PROJECT REPORT

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Organisation Name: CBM Ireland

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Notes to Reporters:

A brief, concise, and to-the-point report of two three pages is what we require. Insert as much text as you feel is appropriate, but do not feel obliged to write a long report when a short one would suffice. The questions in Sections 1-5 must be clearly addressed.

A report must be sent within 12 months of funding – even if the project is incomplete. Failure to do so will disqualify you from consideration for further funding.

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1: Projects Outcomes – the results achieved.

On 4 October 2016, Haiti was hit by the most powerful Caribbean hurricane in nearly a decade. Hurricane Matthew, a category four storm, brought 230km/h (145mph) winds, heavy rain and dangerous storm surges. It devastated coastal areas in the north-west, south-west and south of the country, with the cities of Jérémie and Les Cayes experiencing extensive flooding, mudslides, and severely damaged roads and buildings. The storm also ravaged Cuba's eastern provinces before moving north.

Persons with disabilities are among the most affected by disaster, and are routinely excluded from relief efforts – both as recipients and participants. It is only recently that the specific knowledge of persons with disabilities have been recognised as an essential resource in ensuring an inclusive response.

After one year of successful implementation, CBM is in the final stages of its disability-inclusive emergency response project. The project is targeting persons with disabilities and their communities in the areas of Jeremie and Les Cayes. The project has reached 21,243 people of which more than 30 percent are persons with disabilities. Key achievements include:

- Livelihood activities have reached more than 5,000 people with seeds, livestock, training, cash for work, and with unconditional cash transfer ongoing (see Section 3).
- Eight schools and rehabilitation centres have been (or are still being) supported in reconstruction and restocking of equipment and materials.
- 6,537 persons with disabilities (54 percent of whom are female) have been identified for potential referral to providers of basic and specific services.
- 13 service providing organisations have been identified.
- 29 psychosocial support groups have been run, reaching 313 people with 133 of these referred for psychosocial counselling.
- More than 7,000 people in Cuba have been provided with access to potable water and 114 people trained in the use of water filters.

On 4 November 2016, ElectricAid granted CBM Ireland €6,384 for the purchase of so-called agri kits, an activity under the livelihoods component of the project. On 22 February 2017, upon receipt of an interim progress report, ElectricAid approved adjustments to the initial proposal. This was required as the initially chosen implementation partner for the livelihoods component had been replaced with Foundation Nouvelle Grand'Anse (FNGA), a local foundation working in livelihood, education, DRR and environment.

2: Financial Accountability – how the money was spent.

As implementation has not yet been completed, CBM will provide a financial report with the final report (see Section 3).

3: Project Process Narrative – how the project was implemented or progressed to date.

In the weeks following the hurricane, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that in some of the worst-affected areas, livelihood activities related to agriculture, livestock and fishing were almost completely destroyed. Likewise, during focus group discussions organised as part of the CBM rapid needs assessment, persons with disabilities reported that they had been unable to prepare and protect their assets before the landing of the hurricane. In February 2017, five months later, the UN estimated that 1.5 million people were ‘food insecure’ while 280,000 were ‘highly food insecure’.¹

CBM and Fondation Nouvelle Grande’Anse (FNGA) have throughout Year 1 been working together to kick-start essential livelihood activities in Grand’Anse and Sud departments. This intervention is restoring and improving agricultural production capacities of the most at-risk people, including persons with disabilities, female-headed households, older people, and people who have not received support from other agencies.

Clients have been selected for different types of support, depending on their needs, including seeds, tools, goats, poultry and appropriate trainings. As well as this, appropriate ‘cash for work’ opportunities have been carried out (for example, clearing fallen trees from arable ground) and an unconditional cash transfer scheme has been developed. This cash (delivered as vouchers) gives people the independence and flexibility to decide how to ensure they recover economically; for example, they may pay school fees for children, restart their small business, use for essential commodities or repay a debt burden.

ElectricAid’s financial contribution towards the livelihoods component was spent on agri kits and technical training. Seeds (corn, beans, vegetables, fruit trees) and farming tools were distributed in time for the March planting season. Basic training and guidance was given, and successful harvests have been reported. However, in April 2016 the project area in the Sud Department was affected by heavy rain falls and flooding. Some of the newly-planted fields were washed out, so CBM and FNGA have responded by extending the cash transfer programme to the affected families.

By the end of Year 1 in total;

- 326 families have received seeds, tools and training which is well beyond the planned target of 250 families.
- 418 people have benefitted from a ‘cash for work’ activities.
- 63 families’ land has been cleared of debris.
- 335 families have received livestock.
- 175 families have been identified and are in process of receiving unconditional cash transfers as compensation for flood damage.

¹ https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/hti_humanitarian_snapshot_7fev2017_-_en.pdf

The project was initially planned to finish by 15 August 2017 but, for various reasons, some project components have been extended. The CBM Haiti Country Office is also in the process of developing longer-term work. This is looking to increase access to livelihood for the most marginalised people, strengthen links between persons with disabilities and community services (using and building the capacity of disabled people organisations), and improve disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction (DRR) measures. These initiatives match the ongoing development strategy and maximises the impact of the emergency response and early recovery.

CBM will provide a final programmatic and financial report to ElectricAid as soon as the project has been finally reported upon (currently estimated to be by the end of December 2017).

4: Visual Report – photographs.



Jeanne lives in Laborde, just outside Les Cayes. She received corn seedlings to restart her garden after Hurricane Matthew. She plans to sell the harvest at her local market. ©CBM/Louissaint



Renee showing CBM Community Worker Homer Auguste what is left of his house in Torbeck near Les Cayes after Hurricane Matthew made landfall. ©CBM/Abraham



Clearing fallen trees in preparation for planting season, March 2017 ©CBM/Louissaint



Richie's mother, Martha, from Etant-Doit near Les Cayes, received livestock, and she thanks CBM wholeheartedly. "I was beginning to lose hope, but CBM has come and helped. I just want to be able to take care of Richie and give him what he needs CBM/Louissaint

5: Your Comments.

CBM Ireland wishes to once again express our gratitude to ElectricAid's supporters. We are pleased to have successfully translated your donations into long-term results for persons with disabilities and their communities in Haiti.

Read more about the emergency response project on CBM International's website:
<http://www.cbm.org/Hurricane-Matthew-One-year-later-531985.php>

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