



**UN Haiti Cholera Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund**  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE REPORT**  
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<b>Project Number and Title:</b> CLH2 Community assistance to Mirebalais: new UN approach to cholera in Haiti– Phase I <b>Project ID:</b> 00105932 (Gateway ID)	<b>PROJECT START DATE<sup>1</sup>:</b> June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	<b>AMOUNT ALLOCATED by MPTF</b>  <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ 1,172,876.22</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNDP Tranche 1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tranche 2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 672,876.22</td> </tr> </table> <b>Other Sources:</b> N/A <b>Government Input:</b> N/A	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,172,876.22</b>	UNDP Tranche 1	\$ 500,000.00	Tranche 2	\$ 672,876.22	<b>RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION</b>  UNDP Haiti												
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<b>Proposal Location (Departments):</b> Centre, Haiti  Mirebalais	<b>PROJECTED END DATE:</b> December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	<b>EXPENDITURES as of Mars 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020</b> <b>US \$ 1,134,935.37</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTING PARTNER(S):</b>  Local Authorities, Community Leaders																		
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OUTPUT INDICATORS					
Indicator	Geographic Area	Projected Target (as per results matrix)	Quantitative results for this current reporting period	Cumulative results since project commencement (quantitative)	Delivery Rate (cumulative % of projected total) as of date
<i>Description of the quantifiable indicator as set out in the approved project proposal</i>					
Database and mapping of key actors active in cholera response are elaborated for the 18 cholera priority communes	18 cholera priority communes	Updated database and visual maps	N/A	Completed	100%
Commune and 4 communal sections of Mirebalais have produced their Local Development Plans	Mirebalais	5 Community Development Plans for 1 Commune and 4 Communal Sections	5	5	100%
Selected micro-projects are implemented by local partners	Mirebalais	5 Micro-project fully executed	4	4	95%
EFFECT INDICATORS (if available for the reporting period)					
Market Construction	Crête Brûlée	1	1 (More than 120 merchants sell their products inside the market)	1	100%



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Construction of a water supply system	Gascogne	1	1 (3 beneficiary's localities: Anba Lam, Bake, Devarieux)	1	100%
Construction of a water supply system	Sarazin	1	1 (4 beneficiary's localities: St-Jean, Wanny, Devarieux, part of the departmental road)	1	100%
Construction of two water supply systems	Grand Boucan	1	1 (3 tanks of 20 m <sup>3</sup> in 3 different localities for the first phase. Construction of a water supply system in Fonds Cheval)	1	100%
Construction of a road	Centre-ville	1	1 (250 linear meters long and 7 linear meters wide with a thickness of 0.20 linear meters, gutters on both sides of the road)	1	95%



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**ANNUAL PROGRAMME REPORT FORMAT**

- **Current Situation and Trend**

The Mirebalais Community Assistance Project is a United Nations project under Track 2 of the Secretary General's New Approach to cholera, executed by UNDP. The UN interventions under this project focus on a community approach promoting the implementation on projects based on priorities established in consultation with cholera victims, their families and communities. The project aims to improve the living conditions of communities using a community-based approach to comprise all its members – involving the most vulnerable – in the identification and implementation of priority projects. Five community platforms have been launched at the level of the municipality through the city center and its 4 communal sections, and they are comprised of victims of cholera and representative of all sectors and layers of the community.

The targeted groups of this intervention are the communities of Mirebalais, where cholera was first identified in Haiti, as well as the families most directly affected by cholera. Victims of cholera and key stakeholders from the communal and local sections were identified to participate in the local consultations and led in the identification, selection of priority actions and implementation of projects. The project ensured that women have the same access to information and the same level of participation as men in consultations and that specific needs of women are considered in the decision-making process on priority projects.

- **Cumulative key achievements since 2018:**

- **Crête Brulée: 100% completed.**

- The construction of the Mina Market in Crête Brulée has been successfully completed in 2018. As of today, more than 120 merchants sell their products inside the market.

- **Gascogne: 100% completed.**

- The rehabilitation of a water supply system in Gascogne (DIMENSION?) and the installation of the hypochlorator have been successfully completed.

- **Key achievements in 2019:**

- **Sarazin: 100% completed.**

- The project identified by the victim's platform in the community of Sarazin dealt with the extension of the existent potable water network by 4,000 linear meters. Therefore, the project built a new water supply system connected to the existent one. In addition, in order to ensure the project's sustainability, UNDP accepted to respond the beneficiaries' request to assess and repair the main existent water system as well.

- **Grand Boucan (phase 1 and 2): 100% completed.**

- The construction of water collection systems in three localities of Grand Boucan (20 m<sup>3</sup> each) has been successfully completed. The planning hand-over of construction work by the firm and validation by UNDP is in progress. DINEPA should install a water treatment system but due to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the activities are blocked. UNDP will continue to followup with DINEPA to ensure this work is completed.



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- **Mirebalais (Downtown): in progress, around 95% has been completed. Additional work required.**

The construction of Rue Merline in Mirebalais is still in progress. Additional work, as mentioned below, was requested by the Mirebalais Town Hall to ensure the sustainability of the project.

The following activities were scheduled for the first quarter of 2020 and the project was committed to finalized them by April 30<sup>th</sup>: Nevertheless, the ongoing global emergency will certainly delay the activities.

Initial activities: 95% completed.

- Repairing of 250 linear meters of gutters;
- Repairing of 250 linear meters of canals;
- Repairing of 250 meters of concrete paving.

Additional work required: ongoing.

- Cleaning of 300 ml of the canal at the entrance of Rue Merline

- **Delays or Deviations**

- The socio-political instability in 2019 caused delays in project activities: progress was negatively affected by the volatile security situation in Haiti. The political turmoil in February, June and September led to violence in the project areas leading to the delay of the project activities and the construction processes that have been repeatedly postponed. Considering the implementation of the community projects is critical to the project, those delays affected the schedule which was originally planned to end in September 2019.

Due to political unrest and the presence of gangs in certain targeted communities, the project was already six months behind schedule. Now, because of the preventive measures taken to contain the spread of COVID-19, most of the activities have been delayed and will significantly affect the project implementation schedule.

- The restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic affected the completion of works in the Mirebalais downtown and the installation of the DINEPA's water system in Grand Boucan. The project estimates a delay of at least two additional months.
- Due to the departures of the Project Manager in November 2019 and of the Senior Social Mobilizer in January 2020, the project supervision has been rearranged and assured by the International Consultant and the other Social Mobilizer. This new organigram will allow the project team to finalize UNDP activities.

- **Best Practice and Summary Evaluation**

- To build and maintain relationships of trust, the project prioritized victims of cholera directly in the platform who also engaged with the wider communities of victims, and included both in decision-making processes from the start. This ensured the sustainability of the projects and a major level of infrastructure protection. In addition, being transparent and clear about the strengths and limitations of the project with victims up front is imperative so as not to create false expectations that cannot be met.



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- Staying in touch with the communities regularly made it possible to maintain a direct link with their members. This helped building and gradually strengthen a better communication channel with the project. Indeed, the project team learned how to always be ready to explain concepts in different ways to make it easier for the beneficiaries to understand, while taking into account all their education levels. This also made it possible to include them more in decision-making processes, respecting their dignity and opinions.
- By putting in place all the principles listed above, the project encouraged the active participation of citizens.

### **Lessons learned**

The communication strategy implemented, which planned to keep a low profile, prevented the visibility of the victims and created misunderstandings with them. It is essential, in the future phases, to design a more intensive communication strategy to promote the project and its results, as well as the implication of the community members with their success stories.

The encouragement of collaboration between victim platforms and local authorities has been fundamental and allowed a better joint work and, consequently, a better implementation of the selected projects. However, empowerment of platforms must remain the priority, and political influence was be mitigated.

The built infrastructures have contributed to the improvement of the living conditions of the population of the beneficiary communities. Nevertheless, it is essential to provide more funding for the sustainability of the infrastructures.

### **• Story from the Communities**

People from Grand Boucan, mostly women, proposed to build reservoirs within the community because the sources were very far away and crossed insecure areas, where there had been several cases of rape. By securing the water system and constructing distribution points in much safer and closer areas, this has reduced the risk of rape and pregnancy for young girls who had walk long distances to get water.

Platform members are very engaged in the communities and, through their strong leadership, they managed to raise public awareness both during the political unrests and the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In general, participation of the population contributed greatly to the success of the project. Once, during the political unrests, people from another community tried to sabotage the construction of the Mina Market in Crête Brulée. Thanks to the vigilance of the community, the saboteur's plan was abandoned.





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Water system at Gascogne – January 2019



Water System at Sarazin – January 2019





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Market at Crête Brulée – January 2019



Water system at Grand Boucan: Phase 1 – March 2019



Water system Grand Boucan: Phase 2 – December 2019





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Construction Road at Mirebalais Downtown – December 2019