

Actalliance

CWS is responding in Haiti through its global network – **ACT Alliance**.

CWS is a founding member of ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance, the second largest aid and development organisation in the world. Based in Geneva, it has an annual income of \$US\$1.5 billion, 30,000 staff worldwide and is involved in over 125 countries.

A total of 16 ACT organisations were on the ground in Haiti in the days and weeks following the January 12 earthquake. ACT assisted more than 150,000 people in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake with water, sanitation, shelter, regular food supplies/meals, cash, household goods, hygiene sets and medical assistance.

Now they are entering the post crisis phase – this will continue into next year and beyond. It includes the rebuilding of homes, schools and livelihoods; improving access to safe and reliable water, sanitation and hygiene; offering trauma counselling and increasing the resilience of communities for when future natural disasters hit.

A Haitian Survivor



For many women the first concern was survival – just how to care for their families in the tent cities. Longer term, without houses or spouses to return to, they will need assistance to gain the skills and resources they need to rebuild their lives.