

HAITI

EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

NATURAL DISASTERS IN HAITI

- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis
- Floodings
- Landslides
- Hurricanes and tropical storms

ROLE OF ICT IN EMERGENCIES

- Reports of a disaster to governments/partners from anywhere in the country
- Photos and videos from anywhere in the country to relief organizations
- Coordinate assistance and relief work
- **More importantly; Communicating with people affected.**

CURRENT STATUS OF EMERGENCY TELECOMS

- UHF Radio network used by Civil Protection Directorate
- Use of Mobile Networks
- Use of Radio and TV stations
- Deployment of ITU equipment (Sat phones and BGAN)
- Use of NGO's emergency telecoms equipment (sat phones, BGAN, Vsat, etc.)

PROJECTS

- Implementation of an Early Warning System
- Implementation of EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTORAL COMMITTEE :COSTU
- COSTU : multi-stakeholder team made up of representatives of public authorities, the private sector, civil society and international organizations. Chaired by the Director General of CONATEL assisted by the Director of Civil Protection as Vice President.
- Missions: Use telecommunications and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to strengthen the coordination of activities of prevention, preparedness and response in the event of a disaster
- Members: representatives of the following institutions MTPTC and PNH for the public authorities; DIGICEL, NATCOM for cell phone operators, ANMH, AMIH and SAKS for broadcasters, and the World Food Program (WFP), the Haitian Red Cross, Radio Club d'Haïti and AGERCA for NGOs, international organizations and civil society. The President, in consultation with the Members, may invite other institutions to join COSTU.