

Post-Quake Haiti: What's Being Done and Plans for the Future

Dialogue and Dessert with Phuoc Le, MD, MPH *Partners in Health*

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700 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park



"The news stories have tapered off, but as you can imagine the suffering continues. We're now seeing very few earthquake related injuries. What we're seeing enter the hospital doors are the common diseases that afflict the poor: malaria, untreated pneumonia, meningitis, poorly controlled asthma, bad heart failure, end stage kidney disease, and more. Finally, cleanup of the debris in Port au Prince has started increasing in visibility, and not a moment too soon. The rainy season will be upon us in the coming weeks, so everyone here is bracing for the flooding of tent cities, and for an increase in infectious disease caused by mosquitoes (namely malaria). Haiti is still in a state of emergency."

-- Dr. Phuoc Le, Partners in Health
March 25, 2010

Partners In Health (PIH) has been working in Haiti for over 20 years to address the joint burdens of poverty and disease. Together with its Haitian sister organization, Zanmi Lasante, PIH was among the first to mobilize relief services following the January 12th earthquake. Following the acute phase of response, PIH has embarked on long-term plans for rebuilding lives and livelihoods, communities, and the public health system.

Dr. Phuoc Le, a graduate of the Stanford School of Medicine and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, is a Global Health Equity resident with expertise in community-based research, health disparities and interventions in developing countries. He has spent much of the past three months in Haiti, leading PIH's medical transfers and medical volunteer coordination activities. He will be visiting the Bay Area immediately upon his return to the United States and will be speaking about his experiences in Haiti as well as PIH's longer term plans for recovery and rebuilding.

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