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GFC Awards Emergency Grants to Partners in Haiti and Dominican Republic

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8, 2007 — The Global Fund for Children (GFC) this week awarded \$6,500 in emergency support to five of its grantee partners in Haiti and the Dominican Republic that are participating in recovery and renewal efforts following Hurricane Noel, which has caused massive flooding in both countries.

GFC grantee partners report that many homes, particularly in the poor neighborhoods they serve, were badly flooded or washed away entirely. Many families lost both their homes and all of their possessions. Many areas remain inaccessible due to road damage, making it difficult to survey the overall damage. Authorities in these two countries estimate that approximately 150 people have died and more than 100,000 have been left homeless.

“Our partners in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, being on the scene, are the best positioned and the most agile in addressing their communities’ needs following the devastation brought by Hurricane Noel,” said Victoria Dunning, GFC’s vice president of grantmaking. “We are committed to supporting our grantee partners in their efforts to rapidly help children and youth recover from the hurricane.”

The five GFC grantee partners who received emergency support are Light for All and Asanblé Vwazen Jakè in Haiti; and Sociedad Dominico-Haitiana de Apoyo Integral para el Desarrollo y la Salud (SODHAIDESA), Movimiento de Mujeres Dominico-Haitianas (MUDHA), and Niños con una Esperanza in the Dominican Republic.

The organizations will use the emergency support to respond to the urgent need for shelter, food, water, medicine, and clothing.

Since making its first three grants, totaling \$3,100, in 1997, The Global Fund for Children has awarded 1,656 grants valued at more than \$9.3 million to 304 grassroots organizations in 65 countries.

