



# International Federation of Environmental Health

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## Haitian Call for assistance from the IFEH community

Two weeks ago the IFEH and the IFEH Americas Regional Group through NEHA and CIPHI received a message from Jean-Claude Dorsainvil, Executive Director, Haitian Institute of Health and Environment (HIHE) sent on behalf of the Board of Directors of HIHE. HIHE is a full member of the IFEH and member of the IFEH Americas Regional Group.

In the message HIHE is making a plea for assistance from the IFEH community in order to assist them in combating on-going Zika as well as cholera epidemic. Help is needed both in rural as well as urban areas of Haiti. Particularly in some remote areas of Haiti the spread of the epidemic Zika is very worrying.

Afterwards there has been a dialogue between HIHE, IFEH, NEHA and CIPHI. Based on that dialogue there is set up three IFEH contact points: through IFEH Secretary and through NEHA and CIPHI being members of the IFEH Americas Regional Group. Contact details etc. can be found in the Haitian Call – published on [www.ifeh.org](http://www.ifeh.org)

Any member organisation and associated who should wish to assist Haiti should make contact through one of these 3 contact points. Afterwards HIHE will be notified. It is intended that then HIHE in communication directly with the assisting party will finalize how the assistance is to be provided and what should be the nature of the assistance.

As President of the IFEH I endorse that all IFEH member organisations and associates respond to this call if they find themselves capable of assisting and make this call for assistance known to the broader community of Environmental Health professionals and aid organisations etc. in your country.

Finally, this is an example of how we can utilize the great pool of experience represented through out the whole Federation in order to facilitate assistance to members in great need. Maybe this way forward in the future may also be utilized towards other countries and member organisations facing great difficulties and challenges.

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