



**« Disaster risk reduction projects  
in Haïti »**

**Red Cross**

**Port-au-Prince / Bas-Artibonite/ Nippes**

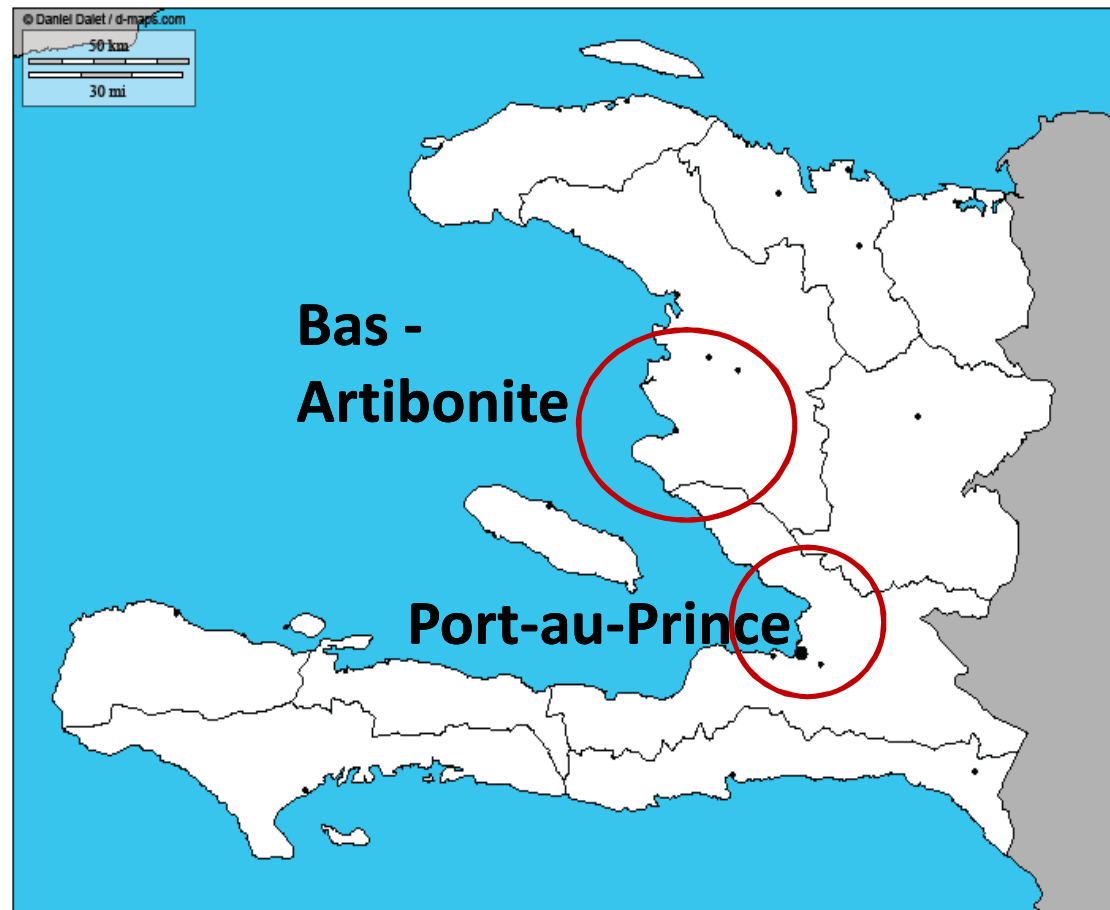
**2011 - 2012**

DRR project  
HRC / FRC Haiti

## Different areas of intervention

### Localization of DRR French Red Cross projects :

- **Urban an camps areas :**  
Port-au-Prince
- **Rural areas (DIPECHO) :**  
Grande Saline, Desdunes,  
Saint-Marc



DRR project  
HRC / GRC Haiti

## Different areas of intervention



DRR project  
HRC / FRC  
/GRC Haiti

## DRR context of intervention

### Context :

- Significant DRR experience in Haïti has been accumulated through the implementation of DIPECHO projects and in urban areas after the earthquake
- A large number of operators and methodologies used in the field
- Different contexts of intervention : camps, urban areas, rural areas
- A lack of capitalization/standardization on the different processes and methodologies used throughout the many different projects



DRR project  
HRC / FRC /  
GRC Haiti

## Main activities developed through our DRR programs in Haïti

- 1/ Community preparation and response capacity building (E.I.C)
- 2/ Risk and early warning knowledge
- 3/ DRR training sessions to enhance community knowledge and autonomy
- 4/ Preparation and mitigation activities

**DISASTER  
PREPARATION  
AND  
RESPONSE TO  
DISASTERS**

DRR project  
HRC / FRC/  
GRC Haiti

## 1. Community preparation and response capacity building (1/3)

### Creation of community disaster response teams:

- Elected by the community
- Composed of volunteers, committed and interested in DRR issues
- Between 10 and 15 persons per community

### Team training:

- Trainings on awareness and preparation to disasters, VCA evaluations, community first response, management of emergency community shelter, Early Warning System at community level

### Teams equipment:

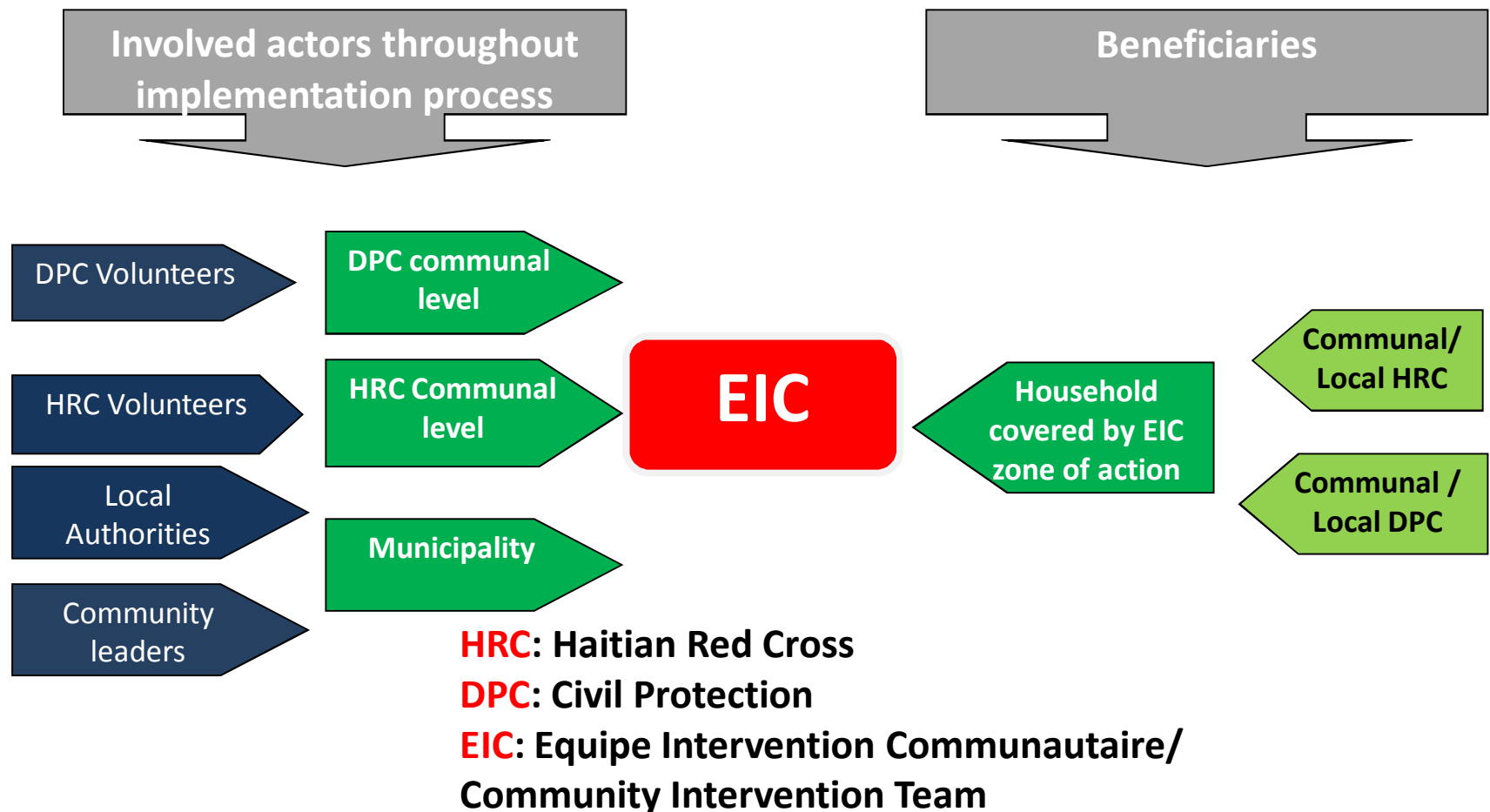
- Provision of equipment (first emergency, alert, response and mitigation tools) to Committees



DRR project  
HRC / FRC /  
GRC Haiti

## 1. Community preparation and response capacity building (2/3)

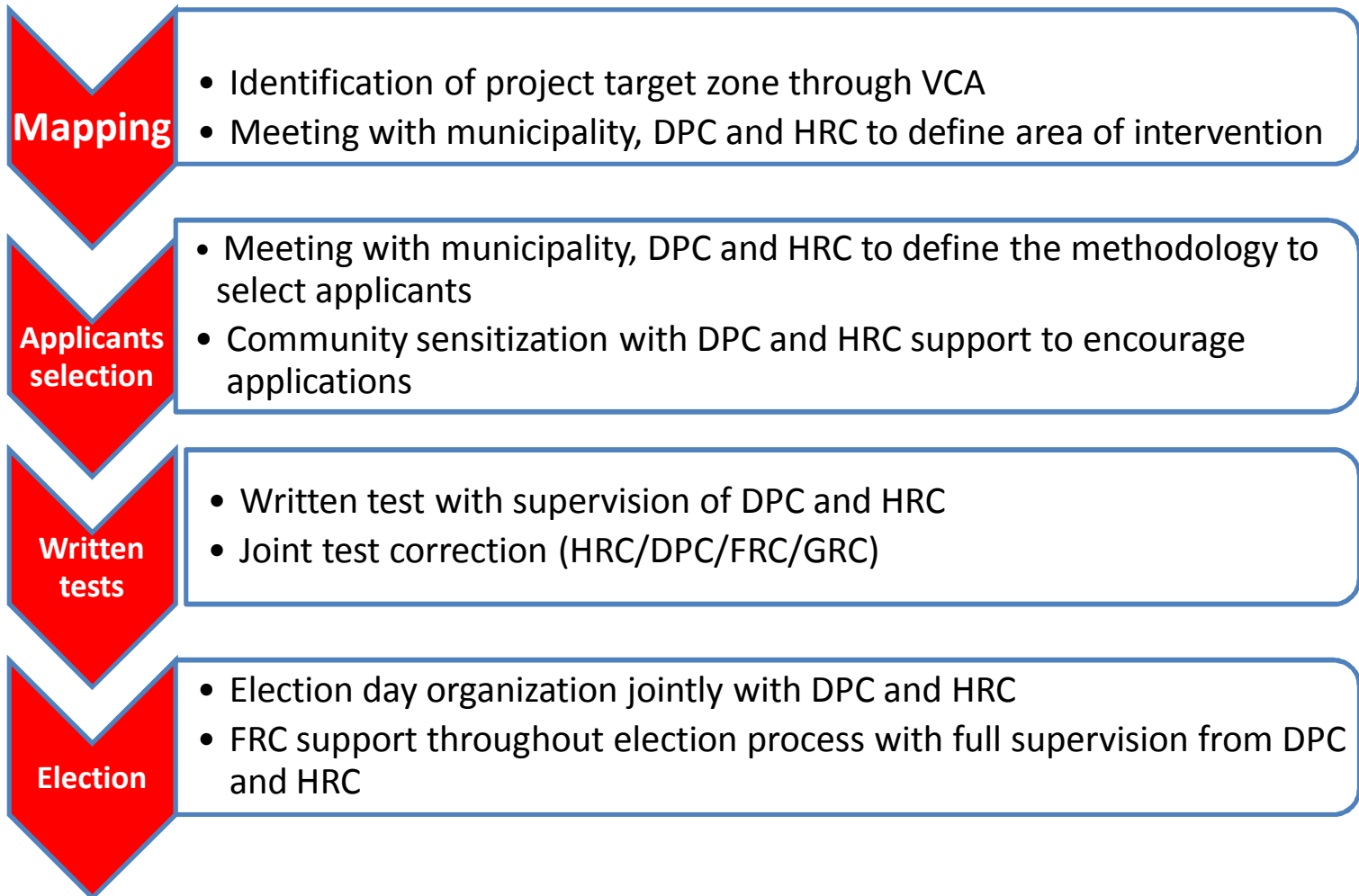
### Actors involved in EIC process



DRR project  
HRC / FRC /  
GRC Haiti

## 1. Community preparation and response capacity building (3/3)

### Process





DRR project  
HRC / FRC /  
GRC Haiti

## 2. Early warning system development and monitoring

### An early warning system for communities :

Link between national and community alert

### Different tools :

Colored flags, Whistle, Megaphone, bells, etc.

Ex :

GREEN FLAG : Vigilance

ORANGE FLAG : Preparation

RED FLAG : Protection / Evacuation

**Committees participation:** activate the warning system and help before and right after the disaster



DRR project  
HRC / FRC  
/GRC Haiti

### 3. DRR training sessions to enhance community knowledge and autonomy

#### Training of main community actors on:

- CBDRM
  - Early Warning System
  - Communitarian first response
  - Management of emergency community shelter
  - Post disaster rapid assessments
- In close collaboration with the HRC Training Center

#### Trainees target:

- E.I.C
- D.P.C and local authorities (Casec/Asec)
- H.R.C

#### Implementation and monitoring:

- SIMEX in community
- SIMEX in schools



## 4. Preparation and mitigation activities

### Action plan design at community and household levels:

#### → Community:

- The community identifies and prioritizes mitigation activities to be implemented by community members
- FRC / GRC provides a technical input for the implementation of identified mitigation activities (technical assessment, action plan, training, appropriate materials)

#### → Household:

- Implementation of Family Emergency Plan in order to identify the main tasks to be completed at family level in case of emergency and evacuation

#### Main objectives:

- To strengthen community capacities and knowledge on disaster preparation and mitigation
- To encourage the community to implement mitigation activities on their own



DRR project  
HRC / FRC  
Haiti

## Project status

### Main Achievements of the DIPECHO project :

#### → EIC

- 10 EICs set up within 3 communes and 30 localities
- 102 members elected, equipped and trained
- 10 VCAs achieved
- 10 Communities Action Plans designed
- 1541 households reached with an emergency plan

#### → HRC and DPC:

- 3 HRC committees equipped and trained
- 2 Communal DPC equipped and trained
- 2 Local DPC equipped and trained



DRR project  
HRC / GRC  
Haiti

## Project status

### Main Achievements of the DIPECHO project :

- EIC
  - 6 EICs set up within 5 communes and 9 localities
  - 80 members elected, equipped and trained
  - 6 VCAs achieved
- HRC and DPC:
  - 2 HRC committees equipped and trained
  - 2 Communal DPC equipped and trained
  - 2 Local DPC equipped and trained
  - 5 CLPC's formed and trained
- Schools:
  - 1500 Students participate in Te Male
  - Teachers in 30 schools trained and equipped in first aid
  - Directors of 16 schools trained in Ecole en Securite



## Lessons learned

- Mainstreaming and standardizing supports, tools and processes for community-based disaster risk management intervention is time consuming and hardly fits within DIPECHO timeframe, specially in Haitian context.
- A long-term DIPECHO project perspective is recommended to ensure sustainability and scalability.
- Work focus should be on emergency evacuation shelter issues (coverage, standards, creation and training of shelter management teams) at national, departmental and local levels.
- Linkages between national, departmental and local levels in terms of emergency preparation and response system should be strengthened.
- Coordination between humanitarian actors and donors should be enhanced.



- To propose a capitalization project of different CBDRM experiences in Haiti in order to share and promote standardized intervention processes adapted to different contexts of intervention (camps, urban and rural areas) with national system, humanitarian operators and international donors
- To strengthen local authorities and HRC at local level in order to built an efficient communication chain between national and community levels
- To facilitate the handover to the local authorities with regards to EIC management
- To increase the inclusion of DRR activities within humanitarian organizations programming as a cross cutting theme
- To extend the Community Response Team building process to urban contexts while ensuring an optimal scalability in rural areas
- To create EIC identity which is linked to roles and responsibilities





**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

**MESI ANPIL !**



**The target communities on local level have adapted structures and resources for disaster management.**

- 6 EIC's are formed by community election
- 5 CLPC's are formed by DPC selection
- EIC received – Tools for channel clearance, protective clothing and risk reduction equipment: first aid, EWS flags, megaphones etc
- Local Red Cross also received tools and risk reduction equipment
- DPC and Haitian Red Cross are strongly integrated at local level and monthly meetings are conducted at Departmental level with HRC president and DPC Technical Coordinator

