

UN Allocates Funds for Haiti



United Nations, January 20 (RHC-UN-CMC) -- The United Nations has announced the allocation of US\$6 million for emergency aid operations for the “neglected crisis” in Haiti.

In a statement over the weekend, the UN said it released US\$86 million to “some of the world’s worst, yet most neglected crises, allowing life-saving relief work to continue in 10 countries where needs are high but financial support is low.”

“People living through some of the most critical humanitarian crises do not always receive the attention that they need,” said UN humanitarian chief and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Guyanese-born Valerie Amos.

“These allocations will go to help millions of people who are caught in crises that have been forgotten or overshadowed by other emergencies,” she added.

Amos said the money comes from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) that was set up in 2006 with an annual target of US\$500 million to fund relief operations for both sudden-onset crises, such as those caused by a natural disasters or the outbreak of fighting, and chronic crises that have slipped below the humanitarian radar, like lingering refugee and hunger needs.

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