

Haiti to Completely Eradicate Cholera



Port au Prince, June 14 (PL-RHC) -- A high-level commission from the UN and Haiti is targeting the elimination of cholera in Haiti where the disease has killed more than 8,300 people.

The group will also seek to accompany communities and those affected and will mobilize the necessary resources to make the process efficient.

Last September at the UN General Assembly plenary, Laurent Lamothe, Haitian prime minister, suggested that this initiative be established. The proposal came to fruition recently through the creation of a mandate and precise powers, Lamothe posted in his Twitter account.

He commented that the Haitian government is convinced that this commission is the real way to eradicate cholera, which reappeared in the Caribbean country in October 2010. According to scientific research, a camp of Nepalese soldiers who were in Haiti as part of the UN Stabilization Mission was the source of the outbreak of this disease.

Of the 10 million inhabitants of Haiti, only 2 percent have access to drinking water and most physiological needs are met in open places, by rivers or near homes.

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