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THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S WORK IN HAITI

- ➔ **TRANSPORTING & PROVIDING CLEAN WATER:** To date, USAID has contributed 116,000 water containers to benefit approximately 291,500 earthquake-affected individuals. Daily water distributions from USAID and other partners reach 1.2 million people.
- ➔ **EVALUATING SAFETY, RETURNING HOME:** The U.N. Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the Government of Haiti Ministry of Public Works has assessed 12,000 houses in Port-au-Prince, identifying approximately 40 percent of assessed houses as suitable for habitation. The Government of Haiti and UNOPS, with the support of USAID are also training approximately 200 engineers to assess houses.
- ➔ **DISTRIBUTING SHELTER FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE:** Relief agencies distributed shelter materials more rapidly following the Haiti earthquake than after other recent disasters, including the 2006 and 2009 Indonesia earthquakes and the 2008 Burma cyclone. The rate of shelter material distribution following the initial phase reached between 22 and 62 percent more people per week than distributions in the previous emergencies.