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PRESS RELEASE

Successful Shelters for Families a Collaborative Effort *World Vision Canada President Visits Camp Today*

PORT AU PRINCE – Dave Toycen, president of World Vision Canada, visits Corail today, a camp located outside Port-au-Prince, where he will meet with children and families to discuss their concerns and hopes for the future. Since the earthquake in January, World Vision has supported displaced Haitians by providing emergency shelter. Now small houses, known as transitional shelters, are being built to accommodate families still living in camps.

World Vision's transitional shelters were designed in partnership with Haitian families, taking into account their specific needs and concerns – back doors were included to give a sense of security and porches were added as a place for cooking and socializing.

CHALLENGES

- Land issues and the removal of rubble continue complicating efforts to build transitional shelters and move families to their permanent homes
- Most camps are on privately owned land and permission must be granted by landowners before any work can commence on site
- The government still has not allocated enough public land for relocating displaced people with a chronic scarcity of land available for resettlement

FACTS

- World Vision provided transitional shelters for an initial 620 families
- World Vision remains committed to the construction of semi-permanent homes for 3,500 families in the coming year

BACKGROUND

Corail was chosen by the Haitian government as one of three sites for relocating people from the overcrowded camps in the capital. World Vision's ongoing programs in Corail include the construction of more than 1,000 transitional shelters, a school, a supplementary food program and cash-for-work to enable families to provide for themselves.

For more information on Haiti response and reconstruction efforts, visit Worldvision.ca/newsroom.

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“There is no quick fix when it comes to meeting the need for proper shelter in Haiti. Thousands of children and their families are waiting to move from a tent to a home, but it's a complicated and lengthy process. We want to make this happen for them as quickly as possible; we also want to make sure it's done right. These families deserve no less than the best possible quality of life.”

—Dave Toycen,
President & CEO,
World Vision Canada,
currently in Haiti.

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