HCiD DISSEMINATION WITHIN COMMUNITY FIRST AID TRAININGS

ICRC Haiti Mission
OBJECTIVES

• To train community health workers (86 out of 150 trained)
  • 3 days on casualty assessment and trauma response
  • Donation of individual first aid bags

• To understand pre-hospital challenges in violence-affected neighborhoods
  • Focus group discussions, group presentations, informal post-training follow-up

• To disseminate messages on the respect of health care workers, facilities and vehicles
  • Distribution of Communications material

• To create a network of feedback loops in a community where access is problematic
DISCUSSION ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTH CARE

What hinders each step within the chain of care?
OUTPUT OF DISCUSSIONS

• Physical and psychological barriers limit the freedom of movement across communities controlled by rivalled weapon bearers, particularly for men of fighting age.

• The inability - and unwillingness - of state bodies and many humanitarian actors to access violence affected neighbourhoods of Port-au-Prince.

• Armed clashes have led to the closure of several health facilities in part due to the fact medical staff are unable or fearful to travel.

• Accumulation of trash as well as flooding and poor road conditions limit the functionality of ambulances.
ICRC ACTIVITIES

• Radio campaign in partnership with the National Society on respect for healthcare workers and vehicles (Broadcast on 9 radio stations)

• Preliminary HCiD dialogue with weapon-bearers

Upcoming:

• Murals and billboards in vulnerable areas

• Improved ‘no weapons’ signage in affected hospitals
WHAT'S NEXT?
2023 PROJECTS …

• Improved access to ambulance services through the support of motorbike-ambulances for violence-affected communities
• In parallel, community sensibilization activities
• MHPSS “help the helpers” response
• Follow-up with a refresh first aid training “2.0”
¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

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