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MIFH ASSISTS IN DISASTER RELIEF

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The Multinational Interim Force – Haiti (MIFH) today flew more than 12 helicopter missions in support of humanitarian relief efforts to the village of Fond Verrettes, approximately 50 kilometers southeast of Port-au-Prince. The village was devastated by flash floods that destroyed roads, homes and other structures two days ago. More than 50 people are reported missing.

The MIFH plans to deliver 18,000 liters of bottled water as well as 500 boxes of fresh fruit and 500 boxes of bread to residents of Fond Verrettes. It also provided transportation to members of the Haitian government, to include the president and prime minister, as well as to representatives of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), so that they may assess the longer-term needs of the community. There will be a number of helicopter flights throughout the day to provide a limited amount of relief supplies and to transport the leaders of the interim government as well as agency officials.

On Monday afternoon, the MIFH used its helicopters to conduct an initial assessment of the village and surrounding area. The only road into the village is impassable due to numerous landslides.

The MIFH is working closely with the U.S. Embassy, United Nations, Interim Government of Haiti and NGOs to provide immediate disaster assistance and to assess future needs.