

**Statement of Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos on the Cholera Situation in Haiti**

(New York, 10 December 2010): Recent violence is severely impeding access to the life-saving medical assistance people need to combat cholera. The civil unrest has also hampered health promotion work and water distribution, which is critical to reducing infection and mortality rates. It is essential that those responding to the cholera outbreak are allowed to work and that people needing help are able to get to medical facilities.

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