Blue Shield

Haiti 2010 – Solidarity Action Plan
An international network of professionals

The Blue Shield organization includes professionals from several fields of competence:

- Cultural heritage: Archives, Libraries, Museums, Monuments and Sites, Audiovisual Archives;
- Civil Protection
- Defense

They are all working in common for the protection of the cultural heritage in cases of conflict or major disaster: prevention, intervention and help to recovery. The Blue Shield network enables professionals with different competencies and expertise to join forces, to coordinate and to propose help that best meets the requirements of particular situations.
Gathering information on damages

http://haiti2010.blueshield-international.org

1 - Online repertory of damaged cultural properties
http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=247281734340

2 - Sharing information within a community through a Facebook Group
Blue Shields to protect Haitian heritage

We will send blue shield notices to our Haitian colleagues so that they can hang them on the buildings that need to be preserved from destructions or clearing operations. They will look like this:

![Blue Shield Notice](image)

**BIEN CULTUREL**
**CULTURAL PROPERTY**
**PWOPRIYETE KILTIREL**

Sous la protection de la Convention de La Haye du 14 mai 1954
Protected by the Convention of The Hague, dated 14 May 1954
Anba pwoteksyon a konvansyon a La Haye, 14 me 1954

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Treatment center for damaged cultural heritage properties

After our experience of the Köln disaster in 2009, the Blue Shield decided to propose to the Haitian authorities and our local colleagues the construction of a treatment center to meet the initial requirements for the protection of vulnerable cultural property. As there is the infrastructure of the country has not survived, we are planning to establish and test the functioning of this first mobile structure dedicated for this purpose.

We have many contacts on the spot, thanks to the mission of Bibliothèque sans frontières. Contacts have been made with the local authorities and organizations like FOKAL who are willing to cooperate with the Blue Shield in this way.

This project is a very good way to bring together international volunteers and Haitian colleagues: they will share their knowledge, colleagues will be trained in the emergency rescue operations and they will increase their resilience against risks. They will learn how to face new disasters and be reactive.
3 - Site where we want to build the center, near from the airport

4 - Virtual representation of the center
Who is willing to help us?

International Council on Archives

International Council of Museums

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Prins Claus Fund

Cosadoca

Bibliothèques sans frontières

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