



Haiti Earthquake – ESF 15 Update Summary # 1

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has pledged an initial \$200,000 to assist communities impacted by the earthquake in Haiti, and is prepared to take further action as local responders assess the situation. The American Red Cross has made available all of the relief supplies from its warehouse in Panama which would provide for basic needs for approximately 5,000 families. In addition, it is deploying a disaster management specialist to Haiti, and has additional disaster specialists on standby if needed. "Initial reports indicate widespread damage in Port au Prince, with continuing aftershocks," says Tracy Reines, director of international disaster response for the American Red Cross. "As with most earthquakes, we expect to see immediate needs for food, water, temporary shelter, medical services and emotional support."

Catholic Charities of Florida, Inc

Catholic Charities of Florida is mobilizing to respond to the situation in Haiti. The Archbishop has authorized an assessment team of four to travel and we are currently seeking emergency arrangements to travel to Haiti immediately - ASAP. The Team would be headed by Rev. Dr. Richard Turcotte, Catholic Charities of Miami.

Church of Scientology Disaster Relief Team

Definitely going to be sending people to help from here in Florida and from other areas as well.

Convoy of Hope

Already on the ground in Haiti feeding there through our warehouse; meeting in 5 minutes and should know more of our plans within the hour. We will need to get more people on the ground soon so any information on that you can get to me today would be good.

The Eagles Wings Foundation

EWf has a small team ready to deploy immediately to Haiti from WPB - access is the issue. I just met with two of the team, one of whom grew up in Haiti and has lots of family there plus has talked to one of them this morning. He is fluent in Creole and has bilingual relatives there. The other team member ready to go is fluent in Spanish and goes way back with me plus is a heavy equipment operator. A fourth is tied to leadership in major church organization. Given my own 9 weeks in Haiti plus this small unit, I might suggest we could assist as a point team for that which we have done on major disasters before. Self supporting. Need a way to access the area. We have all been trained and have been in major devastated areas before, including the reminder that our unit was named the Incident Commander by the Bahamian Prime Minister for the first 14 days following Cat 5 Floyd, maneuvering around tricky international issues. Humanitarian side - coordinating local volunteers down there in such a way which we have done many times -

relying upon our own team's local family connections already there. Please consider this request to work with you. Add in from our communications guru - our team has 10 portable HAM radios with a base station.

Recall also our 100 cell phones are designed to work with no cell towers at all and could have Creole questions programmed into them promptly - though clearly data collection is not the highest priority.

Feed The Children

Mission Harvest America, Inc. will begin collecting food and medical supplies for relief efforts in Haiti Wednesday in response to the Earthquake which occurred earlier today. Dry food, bags of rice or beans, powdered milk; first aid items are all needed. No box or package type foods please due to damage in handling. Donated materials will be placed in large fiber barrels and stage on a container for immediate shipment to Haiti. Due to the damages at Port au Prince we will ship relief supplies to St. Marc until we know Port au Prince Port is accessible and distribution can occur. St. Marc is only 60 miles from Port au Prince. Funds are needed to cover the cost of shipping, handling and sending relief personnel to Haiti. Donations can be made over the phone with credit cards or mailed to Mission Harvest America, Inc. 69 Copeland Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Call 904-356-9006 or 904-356-4819 for details. Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack donations.

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief

The Florida Baptist Convention conducts regular work in Haiti and will respond in some way yet to be determined. We have a mission house that is located about 17 miles from the epicenter. We have not been able to contact our staff (Haitian Nationals) at this time but will continue to do so. In past disasters (hurricanes & floods) we have helped by providing food (rice & beans) that is distributed to communities through our partner churches. We have also provided clothing and other supplies (2008 Ike we distributed over 50 tons of rice across the country). Distributing rice through our churches guarantees that the rice gets to the people and not the black market. Our response is coordinated through our Partnership department. My office will work with them. They are making plans to travel to Haiti as we type. We will also work with our partners: Baptist Global Response (Southern Baptist International Disaster NGO) and North American Mission Board.

Florida Crisis Response Team

The Florida Crisis Response Team would be able to assemble a Crisis Response Team to provide crisis intervention and emotional support. However, funding for this endeavor would be essential in order for us to provide needed assistance. Unfortunately, without a source to cover our costs, we would be unable to help.

Florida Goodwill Association

Goodwill will take donation of material items and convert them into cash or goods for the victims if you wish. To do so we will need to have a coordinated state wide effort. We would ask for donations, measure the donations and convert them into cash or goods. Let me know if this is wanted or needed.

Lutheran Services Florida

Our response will come from the National Lutheran Church Bodies.

Nightrunners

Night Runners is currently planning to ship a mobile medical unit equipped with examining tables and supplies to Haiti via the Dominican Republic. In the process of requesting financial assistance for shipping, purchasing 2 generators and batteries that will go with the mobile medical unit. If there is any assistance that anyone can provide please contact Rev. Gilbert at: 561-719-7882 or 352-418-1146. E-mail: crisishelp@nightrunners.net

The Salvation Army

Made contact with our Haiti Divisional Headquarters. Damage is Catastrophic. Our headquarters in Port Au Prince is leveled; quarters of pastors (officers) are mostly leveled. Children's village/home sustained major damage. I am trying to support moving equipment and supplies in from our World Services Office. We will be deploying resources ASAP with command to be established in Port Au Prince. Major George Polarek will be deployed first in the morning to establish field command. Expecting teams to be deployed shortly thereafter. WE aren't sure what those teams will be comprised of but I may be asking for Florida SERT Team members to support if possible. More to follow as we get info. Food supplies are being sent from a vendor in Kansas City right now, working to see how to get into the island.