



Haiti Earthquake – ESF 15 Support Organization Situation Report # 4 1/14/10

Aidmatrix Foundation, Inc

Haiti Earthquake Response - January 2010

Aidmatrix is working diligently with our global NGO and local partners in Haiti to connect the various response efforts to the recent earthquake. Needs for in-kind and transportation donations are currently being assessed and will be posted to the Aidmatrix Network as they become available. Communications and connectivity are difficult at present in Haiti as relief teams are still making their way to the area, so please continue to check back for updates or follow us on the social networks at the right.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

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[Donate In-Kind Products/Services](#) via the Powered by ACTION portal on the Aidmatrix Network.

Powered by ACTION is a group of impassioned people working with private sector and on-the-ground social initiatives to improve the lives of those in need.

<http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema/States.aspx?ST=Powered%20By%20ACTION>

If your relief organization is working in Haiti and would like to become a "Registered Recipient," please use our [contact us](#) form. In addition, other Aidmatrix Partners are activating their own portals for this response and we will provide updates on these efforts as they are available.

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American Red Cross

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Activities

Eleven ICRC staff members are expected to arrive in Port-au-Prince this morning. Those on board include engineers, a surgeon and family linking specialists. A second ICRC plane carrying 40 tons of supplies – mainly medical items – is expected to leave Geneva today. Included are specialized kits to help treat the wounded, basic medicines and chlorine for water treatment. Other Red Cross partners have deployed a mobile hospital as well as medical teams to support it as well as more than 40 others who can coordinate the relief activities, including sheltering, water, sanitation and telecommunications.

American Red Cross Disaster Relief Efforts in Haiti

With estimates that as many as three million people may be affected by the catastrophic earthquake which hit Haiti Tuesday, the American Red Cross is releasing an additional \$9 million for earthquake relief, bringing its total commitment so far to \$10 million to support relief efforts in Haiti.

Priority needs in Haiti are food, water, temporary shelter, medical services and emotional support.

Thousands of local Red Cross volunteers in Haiti are aiding their fellow Haitians. American Red Cross Disaster management specialists are scheduled to arrive today from the United States, Peru and Mexico to

join local Red Cross staff already on the ground in the disaster zone. As soon as airports begin accepting relief shipments, tarps, hygiene items and cooking sets for approximately 5,000 families will come from the Red Cross warehouse in Panama.

Donations

At this time, what we need the most are financial contributions – whether by check, online or by phone. The Red Cross and other organizations leading the efforts in Haiti most need financial gifts in order to best serve the people affected. Things like clothes are not helpful right now because there is nowhere to store them, no one to sort them, and it would be difficult to transport the items to Haiti. One good way to turn clothes into cash is to have a garage sale and then donate the money to the relief efforts.

Non-United States Citizens

International Committee of the Red Cross FamilyLinks website: <http://www.icrc.org/familylinks>

As a result of the earthquake that hit Haiti on 12 January 2010, thousands of persons within Haiti and abroad have lost contact with their loved ones. The aim of the Family Links website is to accelerate the process of restoring contact between separated family members. It is managed by the ICRC, in cooperation with the tracing services of the Haitian Red Cross Society and of National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies throughout the world.

At this stage, the website offers the possibility for persons in Haiti and abroad to register the names of relatives with whom they are striving to restore contact. It will progressively incorporate information offering responses to those queries.

United States Citizens

If you're concerned about a US citizen living or traveling in Haiti, call the U.S. State Dept at 1-888-407-4747 for assistance. Otherwise keep trying loved ones via phone, social networking sites, or through a loved one outside the disaster zone.

Catholic Charities of Florida, Inc

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese is working on an advocacy plan to address the needs of Haitian children (orphans) at high risk. Under a provision in immigration law, the Secretary of DHS may grant what is known as "humanitarian parole" to individuals facing medical or humanitarian emergencies. They think the Haitian children (individually - since it has to be done on a case-by-case basis) would meet this criteria. They are lining up the resources to carry this out.

Marcus Hepburn - mhepburn@flacathconf.org

Christian Contractors Association, Inc

Established communications with a local ministry that we have worked with in the past who has contacts in the area about 30 miles inland of Port-Au-Prince; I'm not sure what we can do for them at this time other than prayer. Free up some warehouse space in our building if needed.

Christian Disaster Response

We now have six people in country. Purchasing 20 ft containers to leave in country as safe warehouse, shipping 367,000 super food meals per container with water purification equipment and field kitchens. Medical supplies being sent from our medical warehouse in Harvey, La. Our large 75ft wide 236 ft long 4 deck boat is being serviced for deployment. Can house and support 100 volunteers. Working with a 3,000 member church in Port-auPrince. Accepting in kind donations call for items or equipment list and or see web site www.cdresponse.org.

Ron Patterson - 863-967-help (4357)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is providing the following response to this event.

An initial airlift will be made from the U.S. to deliver immediate relief items including food, water filters, hygiene kits, tents, tarps, and other supplies. Additional support from the U.S. and locally in Haiti will be provided in the coming weeks through Church leaders in Haiti and other partner organizations.

- Church produced food commodities from the U.S.
- Church purchased relief supplies from the U.S.
- In-kind supplies from the U.S.
- Local purchase of relief supplies
- Support with partner organizations (Food for the Poor, Red Cross, and others)
- Transportation costs

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Church of Scientology Disaster Relief Team

We are working with our international organization out of LA who is our central point of coordination on the Haiti effort. We have contacts in Haiti that we have been working with for the past year. At this time we have teams being formed all over the US to be deployed.

We are also forming a large Medical team of 70-80 Doctors to go over as well. They will be set up in our larger (100 X 20 ft) yellow tent as a field hospital. We are working with the Haitian Medical Assoc and the Caribbean Med Assoc on this.

We have many large yellow tents available to set up for other needs sizes 61X36 and 32X16. We are coordinating our own transportation to the island

Lisa Cummins -Churches of Scientology Disaster Response - 727 692-3305

Compassion Alliance

Making arrangements to send a number of containers to Haiti. We have 25 containers of bottled water to send which adds up to about 500,000 bottles of water and also 40,000 pounds of canned vegetables. We are also wanting to send the personal cleaning systems.

Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope has been on the ground prior to this event for a number of years with feeding programs serving about 7000 kids a day and we have a team there now. We have been in contact with them in Port Au Prince and they are working to feed and give water from our warehouse there. We are working today to get other teams deployed first thing Thursday am and will update as that is available. As an ESF 15 Support Agency to the State of Florida we have been in contact with them in support of any plans they have for their operations.

The Eagles Wings Foundation

EWf has a 4 person, Pathfinder Liaison team deploying at 1100 hours this morning to Port au Prince. We have a follow up flight scheduled this weekend.

We are requesting a tracking number from Volunteer Florida and/or DEM, to at a minimum track our unit for safety's sake.

As an FYI, I already have had two conversations early this morning with the Washington based, Office of Foreign Affairs Disaster Relief Command Center in this regard.

Team members:

1. Haitian national as Intel officer
2. Logistics Chief

3. Military Liaison officer
4. Pathfinder Commander

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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.

FAVACA

FAVACA is receiving numerous calls and communications from volunteers, organizations, and Haitian diaspora groups interested in helping. We continue to monitor the situation, determine what technical assistance is needed and importantly when volunteers can effectively and safely be utilized to help on the ground.

We are reaching out to our friends, volunteers, and supporters in this crisis to raise funds and awareness of this disaster and tragedy. Please forward this message to your colleagues and spread the word. All donations made on the FAVACA site during this period will be used to support Haiti.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO HELP HAITI

http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102940353129&s=480&e=001a-uHYCL29dWoVsTIRvvZnWnNSsOVaH_9owtgiuGONY_13gL1P5E336Y7hOASq_tibcdJW8OONzIz61h3M0xv0uxs9lbRy9gjNM48vTeEaaITx607YwYk-apftx0Mg0W_

Florida Association of Food Banks

The Treasure Coast Food Bank delivered ten thousand pounds of food and personal hygiene supplies to the St. Lucie County Airport today as part of a Missionary Flight International shipment of requested items needed in Haiti. The items included sixty cases of Gatorade, three hundred pounds of cereal, over six thousand pounds of pre-packaged meals, and a pallet of personal hygiene products. Members of the public wanting to donate items needed in Haiti, can come to the Food Bank between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. The Treasure Coast Food Bank is located at 3051 Industrial 25th Street, Ft. Pierce, FL 34946. The phone number is 772-489-5676. The list of needed items at this time includes: Granola bars, Cereal, Peanut Butter, and Baby Diapers and other personal hygiene products. Wally Burleson - 772.489.5676 ext. 23 (O) - wburleson@treasurecoastfoodbank.org

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief

The Florida Baptist Convention can offer the following in regards to repatriation efforts for Haitian earthquake efforts.

Mass Food Preparation
Temporary Child care
Haitian Translators French or French Creole

Chaplains

Shower/Laundry trailers with staff to man them.

We have a facility in Hialeah that could be used in many ways. It is the old First Baptist Church of Hialeah. 72,000 sq ft of building (some is being used) 3 acres of paved parking. That would be our kitchen base of operations if we have to provide the site. Working with Samaritan's Purse to get 2 people on one of their charter flight Saturday. We still would like to keep any FEMA or Military transport options open if they become available.

Florida Conference United Methodists

The United Methodist Church and the Florida Conference in particular have a special relationship with the people of Haiti. There is a large Methodist presence in Haiti, including a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Office that has been in place since 2005, and regular work teams sent through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM).

Three executives of the Board of Global Ministries were on the island on a mission-related trip when the earthquake hit. They have not been heard from since the earthquake. Please join all United Methodists in prayer that they are safe and will be heard from soon.

As much as we all want to "do something," it is very important that we wait and allow the relief teams to do their jobs without adding to the chaos by sending unsolicited donations or teams. We are in constant communication with UMCOR and UMVIM as they work with the government and other responding agencies to provide relief and determine what is needed. We will coordinate our response through UMCOR and UMVIM. For now you can:

GIVE – Give generously to UMCOR Advance Special #418325. Every dollar UMCOR receives for this Advance goes directly to help the people of Haiti. Checks can be mailed to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087, dropped in your church offering plate on Sunday or you can donate online at UMCOR

PLAN – Plan to sponsor or send an UMVIM team later in the year to help rebuild. Sending teams now is not appropriate. Please visit the UMVIM website for updates on team needs: www.umvim.org

PREPARE – Consider preparing health kits or other items that may be needed during the short-term and long-term recovery efforts and send them to Sager-Brown, the UMCOR Depot in Louisiana. To learn more on making kits, or for other information on the United Methodist response to Haiti, visit www.umcor.org.

As we learn more, we will send additional updates which will also be posted on the conference web site. For more information about the United Methodist response, please visit www.UMCOR.org and www.umvim.org. You can also visit www.flumc.org for links to these sites and more information.

Marilyn Swanson - (863) 688-5563 x 198 mswanson@flumc.org

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.

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN)

Presbyterian (PCUSA) Response is being handled by our national Presbyterian Disaster Assistance office. Currently PDA is sending funds to help provide immediate emergency relief to the affected people. Funds are being sent through our ecumenical and local partners working in Haiti.

Lutheran Services Florida

Our response will come from the National Lutheran Church Bodies.

Missionary Flights International - <http://www.missionaryflights.org/>

Missionary Flights International is a private non-profit mission aviation service to Christian missions serving in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas. Established in 1964, MFI provides professional on-going air support to affiliated missions that work in these island nations. Our full-service aviation ministry is a lifeline to the mission community as they strive to meet the needs of the poverty stricken people throughout the Caribbean, and share the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Based in Florida

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

Samaritan's Purse

The Samaritan's Purse has deployed a group from their international team to conduct an assessment to determine future needs. Additional actions pending.

The Salvation Army

Our advance team is still delayed in Turks and Caicos (as of 10am Thurs) trying to continue on to Haiti. We have a 2nd team on stand by in Ft Lauderdale hoping to get out on Friday. The Salvation Army has asked the public for monetary donations as the logistics to get any in-kind donations to Haiti is and will continue to prove challenging. Our SAWSO - Salvation Army World Service Office, is working out the logistics to get 44,000 lbs of food and massive quantities of water to Haiti at this time. So far, this is proving to be a major challenge. Also, the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) is up and running, taking health and welfare information request. The website is www.satern.org An updated website for what the Salvation Army is doing in Haiti is www.salvationarmyhaiti.org cash donations can be made at this website, at 1-800-SAL-ARMY or www.salvationarmyusa.org

Our teams on the ground need:

MREs 500-2000

Individual "pop-up" tents (unknown quantity)

N97 Mask (or equivalent for air contaminate protection)

These items are to support our people on the ground while they work to establish a base of operations.

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United Relief Force Foundation

The United Relief Force Foundation is a non-profit organization that was created to provide humanitarian, emergency, and disaster relief to Caribbean countries that experience natural as well as man-made disasters. Although this organization is fairly new, we would like to help the earthquake victims in Haiti in anyway possible. Some of our members were born in Haiti and have family and friends that still live there. The United Relief Force Foundation will further provide help such as translating, knowledge of the area, how to get around, and also any other humanitarian aid for this emergency response. If you have any further questions, or if you need any help while in Haiti, please feel free to contact us at this email or the organization email: info@unitedreliefforcefoundation.org or at 407-925-8830.

The situation in Haiti is still dire, people are getting more and more desperate, and aid is not getting to the person fast enough, which in turn is causing people to take matters in their own hands. Although, security has improved, the country is still subject to crime, such as looting, kidnapping, etc. Aid workers, who are coming to help, should remain alert and aware of their surroundings because of the lack of infrastructure, the likely outbreak of disease, and the closure of most tourism facilities and hotels. When you arrive in Haiti please be aware of the following things:

1. Possessions
 2. Transportation
 3. Housing
 4. Keeping track of aid workers
- Guy Chevalier - g-joseph@hotmail.com

Requesting for assistance

Love A Child, the nonprofit that contacted our office regarding a need for resources:

<http://www.loveachild.com/>

Thirty (30) years in Haiti with orphanage/hospital/school/food distribution center/on-site FM radio station. All their kids have been located (school students living outside the orphanage) and have now been brought to the compound. They are looking for help with resources, as they are running out fast, and they are reaching out to government for direction.

Immediate Needs:

Tents for housing

X-ray machine and doctor

Contact Mercedes Essmann (volunteer), 813-240-8960 (cell) or Love A Child office 813-621-7263

Additional Information

Harvest Time International – www.harvest-time.org

-Note: Was posted by Seminole County and they are collecting donations and goods

Hope to Haiti – www.hopetohaiti.com

Note - Most High Ministries – Based in Tallahassee Executive Director Scott Bonnell, sends teams every 6 to 8 weeks to provide missions

Accepting donations

The Global Haiti Initiative – www.haiti-initiative.com

Note – projects in schools and orphanages

Project Haiti – www.projhaiti.org

Switchboard of Miami – 305-358-HELP

Note – Providing crisis counseling to South Florida's Haitian Community

Project Medishare – <http://projectmedishare.org>

Note – 501 c3 in State that is dedicated to sharing its human and technical resources with its Haitian partners in quest to achieve quality healthcare and development services for all

Has units on the ground

Florida Panther's are collecting donations during home games

Publix (Customers may donate any amount by adding it to their grocery totals when checking out at Publix registers. Collected money will be channeled through the American Red Cross and designated specifically for the Haiti Relief & Development Fund).

Food for the Poor https://secure3.convio.net/ffp/site/Donation2?df_id=6280&6280.donation=form1

Note: Food For The Poor is the largest international relief agency in the United States according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy and had maintained fundraising and administrative costs of less than 4% of its expenses; more than 96% of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor.

They are based in Coconut Creek, FL

World Harvest Mission Outreach - http://worldharvestmissionsoutreach.org/?page_id=82

Note: Because thousands of people especially children keep dying in Haiti from waterborne disease, World Harvest Missions has been working on a new clean water project to give the people of Haiti the ability to have CLEAN DRINKINGWATER for approx 7 PENNIES a day. You Can Be Part of History and Help Eliminate Water Borne Disease in Haiti.\$25 will give clean water for 1 year.