

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF INFORMATION

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Haitian American Emergency Relief Committee

WWW.HAERC.COM

305 588 2200

Haiti Relief Fund

Bank of America (account #229011888173)

c/o Eustache Fleurant

786-374-8323 or 305-467-6895

Christian Haitian Outreach

13438 SW 131st Street

Miami, FL 33186

phone: 786-573-0850

Patricia St. Vil, Esq.

ChristianHaitianOutreach.org

786-573-0850

Bishop Victor T. Curry and New Birth Baptist will accept supplies at Vision to Victory Center in Little Haiti @ 8400 NE 2nd Avenue and WMBM Radio station @ 13230 NW 7 avenue, North Miami, FL 33168 (305) 769-1100.

Haitian Lawyers Association will accept donations at their office at 480 NE 13 street fort Lauderdale 33304

Can also call Haiti Consulate Office

259 Southwest 13th Street

Miami, FL 33130-4276

(305) 859-2003

- www.unicefusa.org/haitiquake **UNICEF** is seeking donations to the ongoing emergency relief efforts in Haiti and the Caribbean region through or call 1-800-4UNICEF.
- www.iwant2help.org **Operation Helping Hands**, a joint community project of The Miami Herald and United Way-Miami, will be collecting donations to support the relief effort in Haiti. To make a contribution, go to the website
- **The Archdiocese of Miami** is accepting financial donations to assist with recovery efforts for the earthquake victims in Haiti. People may send their donations to Catholic Charities, 1505 NE 26th St. Wilton

Manors, FL 33305, Attention Earthquake Victims.

• www.mercycorps.org **Mercy Corps** established a Haiti Earthquake Fund,
PO Box 2669, Portland, OR 97208, , 1-888-256-1900

• **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Text "HAITI" to "90999" to make a \$10 donation.

2025 East Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
(800) REDCROSS (733-2767)

• **AMERICARES**

88 Hamilton Avenue
Stamford, Conn. 06902
(800) 486-4357

• **OXFAM AMERICA**

226 Causeway St., 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02114-2206
(800) 77-OXFAM (776-9326)

• **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

Haiti Earthquake Children in Emergency Fund
54 Wilton Road
Westport, Conn. 06880
(800) 728-3843

• **WORLD VISION**

Haiti Earthquake Relief
P.O. Box 9716
Federal Way, Wash. 98063-9716
(888) 511-6548

CARE

151 Ellis Street
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

(800) 521-CARE (521-2273)

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS USA/MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES (MSF)

333 7th Avenue, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10001-5004
(888) 392-0392

Action Against Hunger's Response to the Earthquake in Haiti

Donation Phone #: 877-777-1420 x117

Website: <http://actionagainsthunger.org>

act:onaid ActionAid International USA's Response to the Earthquake in Haiti:

Donation Phone #: 800-957-1768

Background information and update about Haiti's Catastrophe

UNITED NATIONS — The headquarters for the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti collapsed in the massive earthquake, and France's foreign minister said Wednesday that everyone inside appears to have been killed, including the head of the country's U.N. mission.

- The **Geneva-based Red Cross humanitarian agency and the United Nations** say they are mobilizing dozens of disaster response teams, many of which would arrive in Haiti later on Wednesday. Once international aid and emergency personnel do enter the country, reaching hard-hit areas with supplies is expected to be a significant challenge due to damaged roads and infrastructure, including the main Airport and government buildings.

The Red Cross is estimating nearly a third of Haiti's population nearly 3 million people are affected by Tuesday's earthquake.

- The neighboring Haitian cities of Carrefour and Jacmel may also be heavily damaged, said **Elizabeth Byrs, a U.N. humanitarian** spokeswoman.
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is dispatching a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) and has activated its partners, the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team and the Los Angeles County Search and Rescue Team. The USAR teams will be composed of up to 72 personnel, 6 search and rescue canines and up to 48 tons of rescue equipment

The Governor and Director Halstead are currently moving to **the Miami-Dade EOC to coordinate with the state and federal Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams** and to determine how the state can best provide assistance to our federal and international partners. Mike DeLorenzo, the former Operations Chief of the State Emergency Operations Center, has been working OPS with the Division of Emergency Management for a period of time. Mike was the command officer for DEM throughout the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons under Craig Fugate's direction. He retired after those seasons. John Cherry tells me that Mike will serve as the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) lead for this event.

- **Travel Alert from** United States Department of State, *Bureau of Consular Affairs*: The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens to the situation in Haiti and urges them to avoid travel to Haiti in the aftermath of a powerful earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12. An earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale struck near Port Au Prince, followed by multiple aftershocks. The U.S. Embassy is working to ascertain the extent of the damage and check on the status of U.S. citizens around the island. This Travel Alert expires on March 13, 2010.
- There are reports of extensive damage, and communications remain extremely difficult. Additional aftershocks remain a possibility. A Tsunami Watch for Haiti and neighboring islands issued by the Pacific Tsunami Alert Center has expired.
- U.S. citizens in Haiti should remain in shelter. If exposed when an aftershock hits, take steps to avoid falling debris by getting to as open a space as possible, away from walls, windows, buildings and other structures. If indoors, take shelter under a heavy table or desk, or in a doorway. Avoid damaged buildings, and obey all instructions from local authorities. Do not use matches, lighters, candles or other flame in case of disrupted gas lines. Avoid downed power lines.
- If possible, U.S. citizens in Haiti should contact friends and relatives outside of Haiti to inform them of their welfare.
- The U.S. Embassy in Port Au Prince has set up a task force at the Embassy which is taking calls as conditions permit. The Embassy is working to identify U.S. citizens in Haiti who need urgent assistance and to identify sources of emergency help.

Resources:

State Department's Hotline for Americans Concerned about their family members in Haiti 1-888-407-4747

U.S. citizens are urged to contact the Embassy via email to request assistance. U.S. citizens in Haiti can call the Embassy's Consular Task Force at 509-2229-8942, 509-2229-8089, 509-2229-8322, or 509-2229-8672. U.S. citizens are urged to contact the Embassy via email to request assistance by e-mail ACSPaP@state.gov. The State Department has also created a task force to monitor the emergency. People in the U.S. or Canada with information or inquiries about U.S. citizens in Haiti may reach the Haiti Task Force at 888-407-4747. Outside of the U.S. and Canada, call 202-501-4444. For further information and updates, please see the State Department's Consular Affairs website <http://www.state.gov/>

From State Dept's website: Earthquake in Haiti

Counselor Mills (Jan. 13): "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Haitian people and the vast international community that is present in Haiti as we are going through what is going to undoubtedly be a very challenging and difficult time. And we are looking forward to being able to provide all the support that we can bring to bear to try and ameliorate the impact of this terrible situation." [Full Text»](#)

[Secretary Clinton's Jan. 13 Remarks»](#)

[Assistant Secretary Crowley's Remarks to the Press»](#)

[Secretary Clinton's Jan. 12 Remarks»](#)

<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/ha/index.htm>

Haitian Citizens in the U.S.

Haitian citizens in the U.S. should call the Haitian Embassy in Washington, D.C., 202-332-4090, or the Haitian Consulate in New York City, 305-859-2003. I have not received additional guidance on other resources available to Haitian citizens living in the U.S. who have earthquake-related queries, but if I will pass on if I do.

Volunteer Opportunities

Additionally, persons who wish to provide assistance or expertise in Haiti are asked to contact the Center for International Disaster Information. The Center, operated under a grant from the United States Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, has established a dedicated page to coordinate Haiti support at: <http://www.cidi.org/incident/haiti-10a/>

Contributions/Donations

If you receive calls from constituents about how they can make contributions and donations to disaster relief, the following web links can be provided:

U.S. citizens who wish to contribute to the relief effort for Haiti after the earthquake, either online or by text message, can visit www.WhiteHouse.gov.

Below you will find the links to the Center for International Disaster Information's (CIDI) Guidelines and FAQ, which will be helpful in answering questions from constituents around the country. That website also has the Guidelines available in French and Kreyol, if you should need them.

Please be aware that CIDI will also be reaching out to US representatives on the Hill with constituents from the Haitian diaspora, as well as various diaspora groups and the embassy/consulates.

http://www.cidi.org/guidelines/guide_in.htm

<http://www.cidi.org/media/faq.htm>