



Haiti – Earthquake

Disaster Response Report

January 13, 2010

Background

On January 12, at 5:22pm local time, a series of earthquakes with magnitude 6.5 to 7.3 struck Haiti in the highly populated area of Department Ouest, 10 miles from Port-au-Prince. Aftershocks are continuing to occur.

Current media reports indicate collapsed buildings including hospitals and government buildings, and that the earthquake was felt as far as Cuba. Haiti Red Cross staff on the ground report numerous collapsed buildings in Port au Prince.

As is typical in the immediate aftermath of an earthquake, the full extent of damage is unknown at this time. However, as with most earthquakes, we expect to see immediate needs for food, water, temporary shelter, medical services and emotional support.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Response

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is responding to this disaster, and will be working with Red Cross partners in Haiti and with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. At this time:

The American Red Cross has released \$1,000,000 for immediate response action.

It is making available all the relief supplies at its warehouse in Panama (enough for 5,000 families) in support of relief efforts. These supplies include blankets, kitchen sets, and water containers to meet immediate needs of survivors.

The American Red Cross is sending a disaster specialist immediately to Haiti to support response efforts.

The American Red Cross has several experienced disaster specialists standing by to be deployed.

The American Red Cross has staff on the ground in Haiti and is working to obtain information on the situation.

The American Red Cross will continue to monitor the situation and communicate with the Haiti Red Cross and International Federation for future immediate action.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (International Federation)

The International Federation has been monitoring the situation and has activated its Pan American Disaster Unit to provide supplies from its warehouse. It has also put all of its disaster emergency response teams on alert to respond to the disaster.

The information in this report is compiled from a number of sources including the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the U.S. Agency for International Development and involved national Red Cross/Red Crescent societies. The American Red Cross strives to provide the most accurate and timely information possible; however, all information should be considered conditional until a final report has been issued.