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## Hope for Haiti

**Program Update** 

Dear Friends of Hope for Haiti,

It is hard to believe seven weeks have already passed since the earthquake on January 12th caused mass destruction and tragic loss in Haiti. We are so grateful to all of you for the outpouring of support you have given to the Haitian people by believing in Hope for Haiti's important mission. With over 300,000 people estimated dead, over 350,000 injured, and over 80% of Haiti's capital infrastructure in ruins, the need has been nearly impossible to put into words. It is because of all of you, our dedicated volunteers, Hope for Haiti's staff, and the heroic Haitian men, women, and children, that we have been able to respond to this horrific tragedy. We would like to provide you with a brief update about some of Hope for Haiti's actions since the earthquake. Please know we are here to answer questions and to provide further explanation on any of the below reports. We cannot thank you enough.

## Emergency Relief Response Update

Since January 12th your support has allowed Hope for Haiti to respond to the needs of the Haitian people in the aftermath of this tragedy in the following ways:

- Sent six 757 Arrow Cargo planes and one DC-10, delivering over \$20 million in medications, medical supplies, food, water, and construction materials to healthcare centers and tent camps for Internally Displaced People.
- Ten private planes have flown to Port-au-Prince and Les Cayes, transporting several teams of emergency medical volunteers and life-saving supplies.
- Distributed over 600,000 meals to Hope for Haiti sites within the earthquake impact area.
- Organizing on-going public and primary healthcare through static and mobile clinics throughout IDP



camps with over 20,000 people in Port-au-Prince.

• Evaluating Hope for Haiti's 37 school buildings in collaboration with local engineers to assess damage. Four schools, thus far, have been confirmed to need reconstruction.

• Opened a new Hope for Haiti office in Port-au-Prince to facilitate the emergency relief efforts between international aid agencies and local organizations.

Flooding in Les Cayes on February 27th and 28th

- Responded to the flooding in Les Cayes last weekend which forced displaced people living in tents to move into the nearby churches. There have been 13 deaths confirmed and 3,000 people were evacuated for protection.
- Thankfully, all Hope for Haiti staff and programs are okay, but we will continue to send supplies to Les Cayes as the need for shelter, food, and healthcare is dire for the thousands of families displaced by the earthquake.

## Haiti Emergency Relief Coordination

**UNA-Haiti Conference, NYC - February 24th:** Hope for Haiti was present at the UNA-Haiti Conference in New York City where over 700 participates were part of the initial planning and strategy process for the creation of a long-term re-making plan for Haiti. The conference focused on building partnerships and encouraging collaborative relief efforts amongst the private and public sectors. The Haitian Government hopes to announce their national plan by the beginning of April.

Weekly UN Cluster Meetings in Port-au-Prince: Hope for Haiti attends weekly UN Cluster meeting in Port-au-Prince to share information and to receive updates on current efforts and future collaborative opportunities between organizations.

Sustainable Haiti Conference, Miami, Florida - March 17-19th : Hope for Haiti will be attending the Sustainable Haiti Conference in Miami. For information about this unique conference, please visit the conference <u>website</u>.

## Immediate Needs

Primary healthcare supplies (a full list is available on Hope for Haiti's website).

Funding to support purchasing and shipping of needed healthcare supplies to Haiti. A \$500 donation can send \$25,000 worth of medications and medical supplies.

Please visit our <u>website</u> to <u>make a donation</u> today and for more information on our important mission.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Gala on March 13th. We hope



it will be a tremendous success! Thank you again to all of you for your generosity, your time, and your prayers. *Lespwa Fe Viv- "Hope gives Life."*