

## RE: Haiti Disaster Relief



Dear Haitian Communities and Friends of ours,

As we know, August 14th, 2021 about 80 miles south of the capital, Port-au-Prince. It was followed by at least four aftershocks and at least 700,000 people could be affected. Families are facing uncertainty as the loss of life continues to mount. Reports confirm that the earthquake caused severe damage to infrastructure including *homes, hospitals, roads, ports and bridges, especially in Jeremie, Les Cayes and Jacmel* at the northern coast of the southern peninsula of the country.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In the aftermath of the 7.2-magnitude earthquake that rocked southwestern Haiti, 1,400 people are dead and more than 6,900 others injured, while hundreds more are still missing.
- According to Haitian Civil Protection, more than 37,300 homes have been destroyed and 46,000 have sustained damages, leaving thousands homeless and creating pressing shelter and WASH needs.
- The southern and western parts of the country, particularly the Sud, Grand'Anse and Nippes departments, have borne the brunt of the quake, while some communities closer to the epicenter, yet to be reached and out of contact have been completely devastated.
  - The dire health situation remains the most pressing concern, as several hospitals are damaged or destroyed, while those still operating are completely overwhelmed, lacking sufficient personnel and medical supplies.
- Despite Tropical Storm Grace weakening into a depression, the system still threatens to dump more than 10 inches of rain over the areas hardest hit by the earthquake. August 17th, triggering deadly flash floods this could complicate humanitarian response efforts.

To make matters worse, Haiti has always struggled with the lack of supplies & institutions, recovery from other disasters, and the assassination last month of President Jovenel Moïse.

Aid to Haiti has been under scrutiny for years, which was compounded in 2015 when an investigation from ProPublica and NPR questioned where ***\$500 million raised by the American Red Cross*** was spent. Their investigation found that the Red Cross had grossly overstated how many houses the organization built in the years after the 2010 Haitian earthquake and had used portions of the money to cover overhead and management.

Due to the continuous lack of support we have decided to join many other grassroots organizations like ourselves and raise funds and support Haiti directly. Political leaders, volunteers and residents across the globe have raised support and offered help. If you truly want to help aid & assist Haiti during these tough times? Your expertises, monetary donations and tangible supplies are all welcome. We truly appreciate your humanitarianism & your efforts won't go without notice! Click the link below to find out how:

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Respectfully Yours,

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