



HAITI EARTHQUAKE

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Search and rescue operations, consisting of 1,500 workers from around the world have rescued 70 people in Port Au Prince. In addition to Port Au Prince, earthquake has caused significant damage and deaths in the coastal strip west of the city to Leogane where 90% of buildings were destroyed and most families are living in the open. Estimates suggest that over 3 million people are in need of immediate shelter and non-food assistance, with concerns for people still not treated for trauma wounds that are becoming infectious. The death-toll is estimated at 100,000 and could be as high as 200,000.

Humanity First Disaster Response Team is on the ground in Haiti and is treating the injured. Last night our doctors treated 35 patients of which 4 of them in critical condition. All patients are now stable after receiving the treatment. The staff of the local hospital was very grateful for this critical assistance.

Our 14 member Humanity First team on the ground is in good health and is very motivated to help the Haitian people. The team is managing their own needs and has to prepare food on their own. The team is carrying medical and surgical supplies.

We have received urgent request for generators form Haitian Embassy. We are trying to source our locally and also planning to ship to Haiti with next batch.

Port Au Prince is still in total chaos and public desperation is very high. According to latest news reports few aid workers giving out supplies were attacked and they had to abandon and run for their safety.

Humanity First offices in Canada, USA and UK are providing remote support to the ground team and scheduling volunteers, medical staff and supplies for shipment.

End of Update – January 18, 2010
