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On Wednesday at approximately 0603 hours another large aftershock of magnitude 6.1 took place to the west of Port-au-Prince which caused some temporary panic, but situation has now settled again.

The activities of Humanity First Disaster Response Team (HFDRT) are positively impacting people's well-being in the neighbourhood of Humanity First office in Port-au-Prince. Team is working with good spirit and is in good health. HFDRT Medical camp is fully functioning from Humanity First office at 11, 3em Avenue du Travail, Port-au-Prince, Haiti W.I.

According to Mr. Mohammad Saleem, Team Leader of HFDRT in Haiti, the team has been working most of the day with minimum sleep. Doctors are treating more than 100 patients every day and the number is increasing. Local radio stations and other aid agencies are also referring patients to Humanity First Camp for non-critical treatment. Most patients are coming with open wounds injuries untreated for several days as well as chronic condition cases suffering from concrete and dust inhalation.

The medical team has recommended that the Camp at this location should remain open for as long as it is needed for medical purposes and once the patient's decrease then further assessment can be done for subsequent locations. More Humanity First Doctors and Surgeon are scheduled to arrive this week to help at the local General Hospital and will perform general and neurosurgery and treat other serious cases. A 20 member teams consisting of surgeons, paramedics and logistical personnel from the USA, Canada and UK are arriving on Friday via the Dominican Republic with large quantities of supplies.

Humanity First team also held a details meeting with OCHA – United Nations Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to discuss various options for transporting Humanity First supplies and personnel to save time so the supplies reach the needy in a timely manner. Donations are urgently needed to continue the relief operation.

End of Update – January 21, 2010