

# HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE



*Earthquake measuring 7.3 occurred on 12th January 2010*

## ONE MONTH LATER

**12th February 2010**

A month ago today, a disastrous earthquake struck the island of Haiti just west of the capital Port-au-Prince. Amidst the chaos of thousands of collapsed buildings, broken roads, collapsed infrastructure and carnage, dead bodies littered the streets of Port-a-Prince, Leogane, Jacmel and many smaller towns in the south west of Haiti. The official death toll of bodies buried by the Government is now over **230,000**, and a further 300,000 were injured. 1.2 million were made homeless and face the prospect of living in makeshift tents for the next 2 years. HF Haiti had already been registered and working for the last few years in response to the annual Hurricanes.

Humanity First was able to mobilise teams from Canada, USA and UK in the first two weeks and has sent so far **51 personnel** to Haiti to support our local team and office and has had a total of 69 people working in Haiti. HF set up logistics hubs in Santo Domingo and Santiago in the Dominican Republic so as to get staff and supplies in with minimal delay. The team has now treated over **8,756** medical cases including several in remote hilltop villages where HF was the first NGO on the scene. Over 5 tonnes of medical supplies have been delivered to Haiti worth over \$250k. The HF team has been active in Jimani (just over the border in the Dominican Republic), Port-au-Prince, Carrefour and Jacmel.



**One of 5 HF Medical Tents in operation in Haiti**

In addition, the team has been helping the UN to distribute relief supplies amongst the refugee camps and has been providing food, water and supplies such as diapers to over **100 orphans** across 5 camps for the past 3 weeks. At another camp, HF provided supplies to 300 orphans. HF is also starting to install water filtration units and distribute over 600 water treatment boxes from Aquabox. The first water unit at the Da Da Duo camp is serving 7,000 residents. HF has also built a latrine at one camp and distributed a small number of tents to families in need. In total, HF has assisted more than **16,000** Haitians in this disaster.



**Fleet of HF vehicles working between Haiti and Dominican Republic**

There are some encouraging signs. The Haitians are a proud and resilient nation and have kept their markets running as best they can. In general, the people have been orderly in receiving assistance. NGO’s have been helping each other with resources and information to ensure that the collective team delivers the best possible aid.



**Support for Orphans in Port-au-Prince**

The challenge will be over the next 2 years to try to rebuild the schools, hospitals, offices, water infrastructure and homes and to recreate some semblance of normality. HF has been humbled by the fundraising in 17 countries including some of the most deprived parts of Africa and other disaster zones that have shown solidarity with the victims.



Daily NGO briefing meetings with the UN

Humanity First Haiti will be there for the long-haul with your support.

Significant funds are needed to buy supplies of medicines, fluids and other urgent requirements. Please speak to your local HF rep or visit our website [www.humanityfirst.org](http://www.humanityfirst.org) to donate through your nearest Humanity First operation.

**About Humanity First**

Humanity First is an international charitable trust established to promote and safeguard the preservation of human life and dignity. It is a non-political, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people.

Humanity First was established in 1995 and now has registered operations in **33** countries with projects in **6** continents.

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