

HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE



18th February 2010 - Earthquake measuring 7.3 occurred on January 12th 2010

Humanity First still continues to have a team of 7 in Haiti as well as a Logistics team in the Dominican Republic for the first phase of relief work which involves treatment of chronic medical conditions and general medicine, and the distribution of supplies to 100 orphans and also in neighbouring camps. So far, at least 5 tonnes of aid has been shipped to Haiti and over 9,000 patients have been seen in a number of locations including Jimani, Port-au-Prince and Carrefour.



HF has also deployed water infrastructure at a camp to provide daily water to 7,000 people, and is in the process of installing 2 more filtration units elsewhere. In the next phase, HF are considering medium and long-term options for the provision of water, shelter, education and medical care, especially in the context of the fast approaching rainy and hurricane season. Funds continue to be raised across the world for the Humanity First work in Haiti, even in the developing world where people continue to raise funds in

Burkina Faso, Mauritius, Uganda and Kenya. Many of these people subsist on \$2 a day and yet were giving \$1 each for Haiti. Even in Indonesia which suffered its own tragedy 5 years ago, HF has been active for Haiti as our General Secretary in Bandung comments:

"Five years ago, almost 200,000 of our fellow citizens lost their lives in the Tsunami that struck Banda Aceh. Today we show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Haiti who have lost more than 230,000 in this recent tragedy. While the aid we can offer from here is limited, our hearts are full of prayers for their well-being and we are confident that Humanity First will make a big difference." Zhafir Pontoh, General Secretary, Humanity First Indonesia

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 to donate through your nearest Humanity First operation.

About Humanity First

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

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