



HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE



4th February 2010 - Earthquake measuring 7.3 occurred on January 12th 2010

Wednesday in Port-au-Prince and Da Da Duo where there are a large number of youngsters suffering from diarrhoea and dehydration. There are also many adults suffering from lack of management of chronic conditions such as diabetes. The lines at the Da Da Duo clinic were long. We have been able to ship in extra supplies of surgical masks, gloves, sterile gowns, dressings and other equipment and drugs which have been desperately needed not just by HF's medical team, but also by colleagues from Miami and the Salvation Army who are working with us. We are also grateful to others that have reciprocated with other supplies that we needed such as the St. Louis Catholic clinic.

The team has also been working with an orphanage on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince and delivered diapers and baby powder as well as other basic supplies and food. The 20 children aged 9 months to 5 years live in tents outside of the badly damaged orphanage and are looked after by a single brave lady. We are trying to get the orphanage registered with WFP to get them more regular access to supplies. Our team also visited 4 other orphanages around P-a-P and distributed 600kg of rice and 500 diapers to help over 40 orphans.

We have also been working with Air Samaritan to send in supplies of antibiotics and surgical supplies to Jacmel, which has had insufficient support in recent weeks. We are grateful to our partner Aquabox (a UK

Rotary organisation) who are shipping 618 boxes to Haiti for distribution. These will help local people to provide approximately 1 million litres of potable water while the local water infrastructure is being repaired.

Ongoing meetings with the UN have been very useful in opening doors to supplies and other resources and Humanity First are very grateful for the support of the UN, local authorities and other NGOs.

The UK team arrives back in London today whilst the next team to leave from Canada is heading out on Friday.

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.

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