

# HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE



**6th February 2010** - Earthquake measuring 7.3 occurred on January 12th 2010

The official death toll from the Haiti earthquake almost a month after the disaster is now over **212,000** according to Prime Minister Bellerive, the highest for any disaster in the Americas. Estimates for the final figure of dead and missing now varies between 240,000 - 280,000. Certainly a further 300,000 injured have been treated, and over 2 million are thought to be homeless, and high percentage of them children. The refugee camps of Haiti are likely to be a feature for months to come and those people will need our continued help.

The team in Port-au-Prince continue to deal with medical cases, now largely chronic conditions where people have run out of drugs and are losing control of conditions such as Diabetes. In the last two days, the dealt with a further 380 cases. The team met Dr Maron from the Haitian Government who is responsible for food distribution.



**Distribution of supplies in Port-au-Prince**

HF's team has so far assisted over 5,100 people, with plans now being finalised for longer-term rehabilitation. HF is also distributing aid supplies on a daily basis to ad-hoc orphanages and refugee camps. In the last couple of days, we assisted the St Louis Clinic with a latrine, a tent for their outdoor clinic and some medical devices.

Meanwhile the UK team of 9 arrived back in London's Heathrow airport on Thursday afternoon to a warm reception from friends, family and media. A fresh team of 14 from the USA and Canada arrived in Santiago on Friday and will be transported to Haiti on UN flights on Saturday morning. This means that the number of clinical and logistical staff deployed to Haiti by HF for this disaster is now 51 personnel.



**UK Team arrives back in London**

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.

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