Death toll continues to rise post Earthquake impact on Haiti

Population Impacts (Deaths & Injured)
due to Magnitude 7.2 Earthquake impacting Haiti
on Saturday 14 August 2021
Update as at 19th August 2021.

SITUATION

- A 7.2 magnitude earthquake was recorded on Saturday 14 August at around 0830h, in the southern region of the country. The epicenter was located 13 km to the South-South-East of Petit Trou de Nippes, in the departments of Nippes, Grand'Anse and Sud, at a depth of 10 km.
- The Departments of Nippes, Grand'Anse and Sud have a combined population representing around 16% of the country's total population, which is estimated at 11.4 million.
- Prime Minister Ariel Henry declared a one-month National State of Emergency.
- Tropical Depression Grace passed over Haiti on Monday 16 August 2021 resulting in flooding and landslides.
The following report was provided by the Civil Protection General Directorate, Haiti as at August 19, 2021:

- **2189** deceased persons; **12268** persons injured; **332** missing persons as at August 18, 2021. Search and rescue operations continue.

- The Prime Minister has delegated three (3) Ministers to be assigned with responsibility to each of the 3 affected Departments.

- Taking into account the assessments already carried out, at least 650,000 people need emergency humanitarian assistance in the South, Grand'Anse and Nippes. This represents about 40% of the population of these 3 departments, which is 1.6 million people.

- A needs list was compiled and the priority items are: Water, Tarpauline, Food, Medical Assistance and Sanitary Kits.

- A meeting between the Civil Protection General Directorate and the Ministry of Health was held on August 19th they (MOH) have confirmed there is an immediate need for items related to Orthopedic and the wounded.

- The South is in need of water but water is currently being supplied from Pot Au Prince. Private water companies are still operating and if necessary, the Government can purchase water from them to supply to those in need.

- Financial assistance is preferred so that water can be purchased locally. However, if international donations of water are to be provided, it is preferred that 5-gallon bottles are provided in an effort to limit the plastic presence in the country.

- Shelter assistance is an immediate need. The country is still experiencing aftershocks and can for some time, which will inevitably prevent persons from returning to their homes.

- Two buildings collapsed as a result of aftershocks.

- Due to infrastructural damage, there are no shelters and “Assembly Points” are being used. Assembly Points are temporary shelters constructed using four (4) wooden posts covered by Tarpauline.
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

HAITI

Housing Impacts (Damaged & Destroyed) due to Magnitude 7.2 Earthquake impacting Haiti on Saturday 14 August 2021
Update as at 19th August 2021.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- 52,953 houses destroyed and 77,006 houses damaged in the 3 most affected departments (South, Grand’Anse and Nippes).
- In total 127 schools, 60 places of worship and 25 health facilities have been destroyed and damaged.
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

COORDINATION

- Coordination of emergency operations continue at the National Emergency Operations Center. The Prime Minister has assigned the Minister for the Status of Women (South Department), Minister of Tourism (Nippes) and Minister of the Environment (Grand’Anse), the mission of supervising the progress of operations relief rations in affected areas.
- Facilitated two meetings focusing on the critical areas of: (i) the urgency of delivering water, (ii) continue with sectoral assessments, (iii) increasing the number of convoys and the strategy for housing populations in affected areas.
- In Nippes, three (3) coordination meetings were held with partners in the field to cover the areas of health, nutrition, cash transfer, water and sanitation, non-nutritional care.

SEARCH & RESCUE

- The national rescue teams, considerably reinforced by other foreign SAR team members, are still providing Search & Rescue missions in the three most affected Departments. No numbers have been reported, within the last 24 hours, concerning people who have been rescued from the rubble.

RELIEF SUPPORT

- In the last 48 hours, 1,319 tarpaulins, 1,141 hygiene kits and 1,400 blankets were distributed by partner aid agencies in the three most affected Departments. A 5,000 liter tank has been installed. tallé in the municipality of Azile (South).
- At least 25 solar lights are available for the lighting of gathering places in the city of Les Cayes, southern department.
- A total of 2,950 non-food items (hygiene kits, blankets, tarpaulins, repair kits) were transported to the South.
The UK Government has today (Thursday 19 August) announced a package of up to £1 million of initial support to Haiti, as the country recovers from the recent devastating earthquake. This is in addition to significant UK contributions to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, the Red Cross Disaster Relief Emergency Fund and the Start Fund, which have allocated funding of £5.8 million, £600,000, and £250,000 respectively.

The Royal Navy ship RFA WAVE KNIGHT will also support the US contribution to the international humanitarian response. The UK will also support the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) who will aid the Haiti Civil Protection General Directorate (DGPC) with operational and coordination support.

The World Food Programme (WFP) has 3,500 tons of food pre-positioned across Haiti and will begin to deliver food assistance.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has begun delivering non-food items, including blankets, tarpaulins and fixing kits, in Miragoine, Les Cayes and Jeremie.

On 16 August, the Government of Chile sent a Boeing KC-135 carrying more than 16 tons of humanitarian aid, including essential medicines, 11,000 liters of purified water, food rations and hygiene kits.

The Government of Mexico sent two Mexican Air Force transport planes with 60 army personnel specialized in Search and Rescue as well as medical assistance, along with nearly 20 tons of humanitarian aid, including medicines, medical supplies, food and rescue equipment.

The Government of Guyana has established a humanitarian account with the Republic Bank (Guyana) Limited, in the name of the Civil Defence Commission in response to the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti. Further information or queries should be directed to the Civil Defence Commission. Tel: 592-226-1114 or 592-600-7500 (call or whatsapp), Email: finance@cdc.gy

The United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is allocating $8 million to provide lifesaving assistance in health care, clean water, emergency shelter and sanitation.

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has launched an appeal for approximately $10.9 million to support the Haitian Red Cross to provide emergency assistance and support the early recovery of 25,000 people affected.

UN Women in partnership with OCHA and other humanitarian organizations, are launching a gender evaluation to ensure the specific needs of women are fully integrated into the humanitarian efforts.
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

HEALTH

- Rapid assessments reported 36 health facilities affected in Grand’Anse, Nippes and Sud Departments: 4 destroyed and 32 damaged – including 12 severely damaged.
- Health needs identified by MSSP include: medical personnel (general and specialists); medicines and supplies (anesthetic drugs, orthopedic external fixators, tents and tarps, etc.); and financial and logistical resources to carry out operations (delivery of supplies, patient transferal, personnel deployment, COVID-19 response, WASH assessment, mental health, among others).
- Medical teams (EMT) have been deployed to affected areas and are providing medical support – including orthopedic and trauma surgery, outpatient care and coordination of medical evacuations of critical patients.

A new map is available at https://arcg.is/1eHS9q, with information of Health facilities, classified by the type of damage. Source: PAHO Health Emergencies Dashboard

WASH

Report from the WASH Cluster (CWWA and UNICEF)

- UNICEF HADR arrives in Haiti today, August 19, 2021
- 81,000 persons have lost access to drinking water system
- Approximately 57% of the population do not have sufficient water
- Assessments are continuing
DONATIONS  (monetary donations rather than relief supplies are encouraged at this time)

CDEMA will be accepting monetary donations to aid relief efforts in Haiti

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Bank Address: Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Swift Code: FCIBBBBB
Name of Beneficiary: CDEMA Haiti Relief 2021
Account Number: 1001210490
Currency of Account: BARBADOS DOLLARS

For persons residing outside of Barbados, payments can be made to:

Intermediary Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
SWIFT Code: PNBUS3NNYC
ABA Routing: # 026 005 092
Account Number: 2000192003913
Bank Address: 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY

Beneficiary Bank: CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank
Bank Address: Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Swift Code: FCIBBBBB
Name of Beneficiary: CDEMA Haiti Relief 2021
Account Number: 1001210491
Currency of Account: US DOLLARS
 Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

- The Government of Haiti has requested the CDEMA CU to provide operational support for Coordination at the National Emergency Operations Centre in Port-Au-Prince. An Advanced Party/COST team will be deployed to Haiti later this week, financed by the UK FCDO.
- The CDEMA Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) remains activated
- The CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) remains on Alert
- The CDEMA Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) remains activated
- The CDEMA CU maintains contact with the North-Western Sub-Region Focal Point (Jamaica)
- The CDEMA CU has briefed the CARICOM Secretary General and the Chairman of CDEMA
- Fifth (5th) Meeting of the Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) was convened on 19 August 2021
- One (1) CDEMA Information Note and three (4) Situation Reports have been disseminated
- CDEMA held a Press Conference on 16 August 2021
- The CDEMA CU reached out to RRM colleagues for their support (French Creole Speaking an asset): TCI, SLU, DOM, JCA
- The Multi National Civil Military Coordination Cell Barbados (MNCCC B) has been activated. CDEMA is attending daily MNCCC meetings with Civ-Mil partners
- The CDEMA CU issued a SAVINGRAM to the CARICOM providing a synopsis of the situation and guidance on actions which were being taken
- The CDEMA CU received a request from haiti Civil protection Department (CPD) to set up a Bank Account to receive financial donations on Haiti’s behalf. Account details are provided on page 7.
- The CDEMA CU established a dedicated webpage on the Haiti Earthquake, please visit cdema.org
- The CDEMA CU recognises the multi-hazard environment in which this earthquake impact has occurred and will continue to monitor the situation and is ready to provide support where requested