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 20th August 2021.

 Deaths: 2,189
Injured: 12,268

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Population Impacts

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 21, 2021:

- **2,189** deceased persons; **12,268** persons injured; **332** missing person. Search and Rescue operations continue.

- The Health sectors; Shelters; Drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, Protection and Logistics are priority.

- The Haitian government continues to strengthen its aid delivery strategy to the region of the South to accelerate the distribution of assistance to the population.

- Additional buildings in the South, weakened by the earthquake August 14, 2021, collapsed after the aftershock of magnitude 4.85, recorded on Wednesday August 18, 2021.

- Clearing operations continue.

- The Institute for Social Welfare and Research (IBESR) has requested the support of partners for twenty-four (24) large tents or 125 tarpaulins for set-up of shelters and to relocate children under the supervision of house staff until normalcy is restored.

- In an effort to improve coordination related to relief supplies from donors, partners are requested to make prior contact with Haiti to give advance notice to the Logistics Unit to facilitate planning.

- Members of the National Emergency Operations Centre, including the Director of the Civil Protection Department, conducted an aerial reconnaissance mission over the three (3) most impacted districts with the assistance of helicopters provided by the US military. Helicopter support is also being considered to transport relief supplies into areas with restricted access due to infrastructural damage.

- A more detailed damage assessment process will be initiated during the week commencing August 23, 2021.

- Civil Protection met with partners on August 21 to discuss consolidating data on 300+ agencies, capabilities and resources in country and intends to convene on August 22, 2021 to discuss a distribution plan for efficient coverage of relief efforts into the impacted areas.
**Infrastructure**

- **52,953** houses destroyed; **77,006** houses damaged in the 3 most affected departments (South, Grand’Anse and Nippes).

- The Haitian National Police made new arrangements to close the Dumarsais Estimé bridge to vehicles, especially heavy goods vehicles, due to the fragility of the structure. As such, humanitarian assistance convoys, from Port-au-Prince, cannot reach the town of Jérémie directly.

**Shelter**

- **IOM** has begun to lead the shelter and NFI working group and has already started work using the displacement tracking matrix. Additionally, IOM will be distributing key messages on COVID-19 and preparing to provide psychosocial support.

- The **USAID/BHA** DART is coordinating with relief actors to facilitate the distribution of shelter commodities prepositioned in Haiti, including blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen kits, and shelter repair kits to support nearly 50,000 people.
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

COORDINATION

- The National EOC continues to strengthen its aid delivery strategy to the South in order to speed up the distribution of assistance to the population. Aid will now be dispatched by sea, air and land.

SEARCH & RESCUE

- The national rescue teams, considerably reinforced by other foreign SAR team members, continue to provide 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. Search operations are expected to conclude this week and recovery operations will commence next week.

RELIEF SUPPORT

- As of August 20, partner aid agencies made distributions in the three most affected Departments:
  - 600 food kits and 300 kits
  - 3,15 tonnes rice and 790 kilogrammes peas
  - 3,000 hygiene kits
  - 2,500 blankets
  - 400 repair kits
  - 500 tarpaulins

HEALTH

- The Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) has made a call for medical supplies to care for the injured, patients and patients with surgeries and other patients. Aid agents wishing to assist should contact the MSPP before sending medical donations to avoid any issues.
- In the affected departments, health sector evaluators are in the process of finalising lists of hospitalized patients, types of injuries contracted and data patient demographics. These assessments will also take into account the level of damage suffered by health establishments and their needs.
- The MSPP has set up a 27 m2 tent at Les Cayes airport for the triage of the wounded received. The seriously injured are transported to the university hospital of Mirebalais (Center) by Haiti Ambulance.
- There were urgent requirements for blood.
Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State

**HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

- The World Food Programme (WFP) has provided 3.15 tonnes of rice and 790 kilograms of peas.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has provided 3,000 hygiene kits, 2,500 blankets, 400 repair kits and 500 tarpaulins for the population des Cayes (South) and Miragoâne (Nippes).
- The National Center for Emergency Operations (COUN) distributed 600 food kits and 300 kits distributed to the populations of Aquin, Saint Louis du Sud and Les Cayes (South).
- The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) provided a helicopter which landed in Corail, Grand’Anse, where USAID agents provided assistance to the injured. The IFRC also distributed hygiene kits, blankets, tarpaulins and jerrycans to 100 families in Torbeck and identified in around ten localities of Saint-Louis du Sud.
- The United States Government announced the arrival in Haiti of 200 marines aboard the USS Arlington, from Friday August 20, 2021. Additionally, the US Government provided helicopter support towards the transport of humanitarian aid personnel to Les Cayes (South), Jérémie (Grand'Anse) and Gressier (West).
- The USAID’s Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) is expanding relief operations in more areas impacted by the earthquake. U.S. military helicopters are transporting DART members to affected areas to conduct additional Search and Rescue operations and provide assistance. At the request of USAID, the Department of Defense / U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) is also transporting a Samaritan’s Purse surgical hospital to Les Cayes to support medical relief efforts. The United States Agency for International Development/Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) continues to coordinate with IOM, WFP, and other relief actors to support the transport of critical emergency relief supplies to areas in need.
- The Caribbean Disaster Risk Insurance Fund (CCRIF SPC) will disburse approximately US $ 40 million to the Government of Haiti.
- The Office of Foreign Affairs, Commonwealth and Development (FCDO) approved the Grant of one £1,000,000.00 to support the intervention in Haiti of the CARICOM Operational Support Team (COST) of the Caribbean Disaster and Disaster Management Agency Regional Response Mechanism (CDERMA RRM); the United Nations team mission for the Assessment and Disaster Coordination (UNDAC); and also the deployment of a British surgical team, on a British ship stationed at off the coast of Haiti, which are awaiting confirmation to be part of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) surge.
- The Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, Japan, Panama and the Costa Rica also assisted Haiti by providing relief material, medicines, hygiene kits and food.
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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Account Number: 1001210490
Currency of Account: BARBADOS DOLLARS

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ABA Routing: # 026 005 092
Account Number: 2000192003913
Bank Address: 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY

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Bank Address: Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Swift Code: FCIBBBBD
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 made a request to the CDEMA CU for operational support for Coordination at the National Emergency Operations Centre in Port-Au-Prince.
- 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
- Sixth (6th) Meeting of the Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) was convened on 20 August 2021
- One (1) CDEMA Information Note and five (5) Situation Reports have been disseminated
- CDEMA convened 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
- Two (2) members of the Advanced Party/COST team have been deployed from TCI and Dominica to Haiti so far, with the financial support of the UK FCDO
- Arrangements for the deployment of a three (3) member team from Jamaica, who will join the COST Advance Party, are underway.
- The Multi National Civil Military Coordination Cell Barbados (MNCCC B) has been activated. CDEMA is attending daily MNCCC meetings with Canadian, French, Dutch and US 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 Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU) is partnering with CDEMA and the RRM to provide media coverage in Haiti for CARICOM; 2 representatives are being prepped for deployment
- 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