

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

SITUATION REPORT No. 8

AS OF 5:00 PM ON 26 AUGUST, 2021



Damaged cathedral and commercial activity in Les Cayes. Photo Credit: Mandela Christian

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- 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.
- Since the earthquake of August 14, 2021, at least 600 aftershocks have been detected in the southern region, according to scientists in Haiti. A tremor of magnitude greater than 4.5 occurred on Sunday evening, August 22, a few kilometers from Baradères.

Updates from Impacted CDEMA Participating State



HAITI

The following report was provided by the Directorate General of Civil Protection, Haiti as at August 25, 2021:



SEARCH & RESCUE

- Sixteen (16) persons were rescued from a mountainous area who were trapped by a landslide within the last 72 hours.



2,207 deceased persons



12,268 persons injured



320 missing persons



*Collapsed home in Les Cayes where 6 persons died
Photo credit: Mandela Christian*



INFRASTRUCTURE

- **52,953** houses destroyed; **77,006** houses damaged in the 3 most affected departments (South, Grand'Anse and Nippes).
- The Ministry of Education has commenced assessments of the schools to determine whether they are structurally fit for recommencement of classes. As schools are used as emergency shelters, DGPC has invested interest in knowing the structural status of schools as this would determine their shelter capacity as they enter into the peak 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season.



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- **The Government of Belize** has made a contribution of BZ\$200,000 to the government and people of Haiti through the bank account set up by CDEMA for relief efforts.
- **The UN** launched a Flash Appeal released a Flash Appeal for Haiti, requesting more than \$187 million to provide humanitarian assistance to approximately 500,000 earthquake-affected people, during a Press Conference with Haiti's Prime Minister and UN Head on August 25.
- **USAID** Administrator Samantha Power visited the affected communities in southwestern Haiti, announcing \$32 million in humanitarian assistance in response to the earthquake.
- **The UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UK FCDO)** has deployed an assessment team from its UK Emergency Medical Team (UK EMT) to Haiti to better understand the medical needs caused by the earthquake, and a surgical team remains on standby to deploy once the needs are clear. MOD's Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel WAVE KNIGHT is supporting the US contribution to the international humanitarian response by serving as a landing pad for US military helicopters responding to the crisis in Haiti. It will allow US helicopters to refuel as they fly to and from the island, extending their range and time available to support the disaster relief efforts.
- The **French** support to Haiti included the French ship GERMINAL which delivered 47 metric tons of cargo in Port-au-Prince on 21st August and departed on August 26.
- The Directorate General of Civil Protection (DGPC) has received and distributed food products, hygiene products, mattresses, sunlamps, water, masks, reservoirs foldable and other products. The goods were distributed by the NEOC from the emergency warehouse and include donations from the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, Japan, Chile, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Brazil and Argentina. Other countries are also supporting several sectors involved in emergency management.
- The Haitian Red Cross handled goods including woolen blankets, hygiene products, tarpaulins, jerrycans and kitchen utensils for 61 families. For its part, CRS has a stock of tarpaulins and kitchen kits capable of meeting the needs of 2,500 families in Camp-Perrin, Maniche and Cavaillon (South).



COORDINATION

- On August 26, the COST and media team met with EOC (COUD) Director in Les Cayes. Immediate needs in Les Cayes were identified as coordination support at the EOC, shelter, water, hygiene kits, construction kits and bedding materials. Additional needs were identified as water infrastructure, debris clearance, structural assessments, relief management (temp warehousing and distribution), logistical support, security and translation services. Coordination support is required for volunteer and humanitarian agency actions.

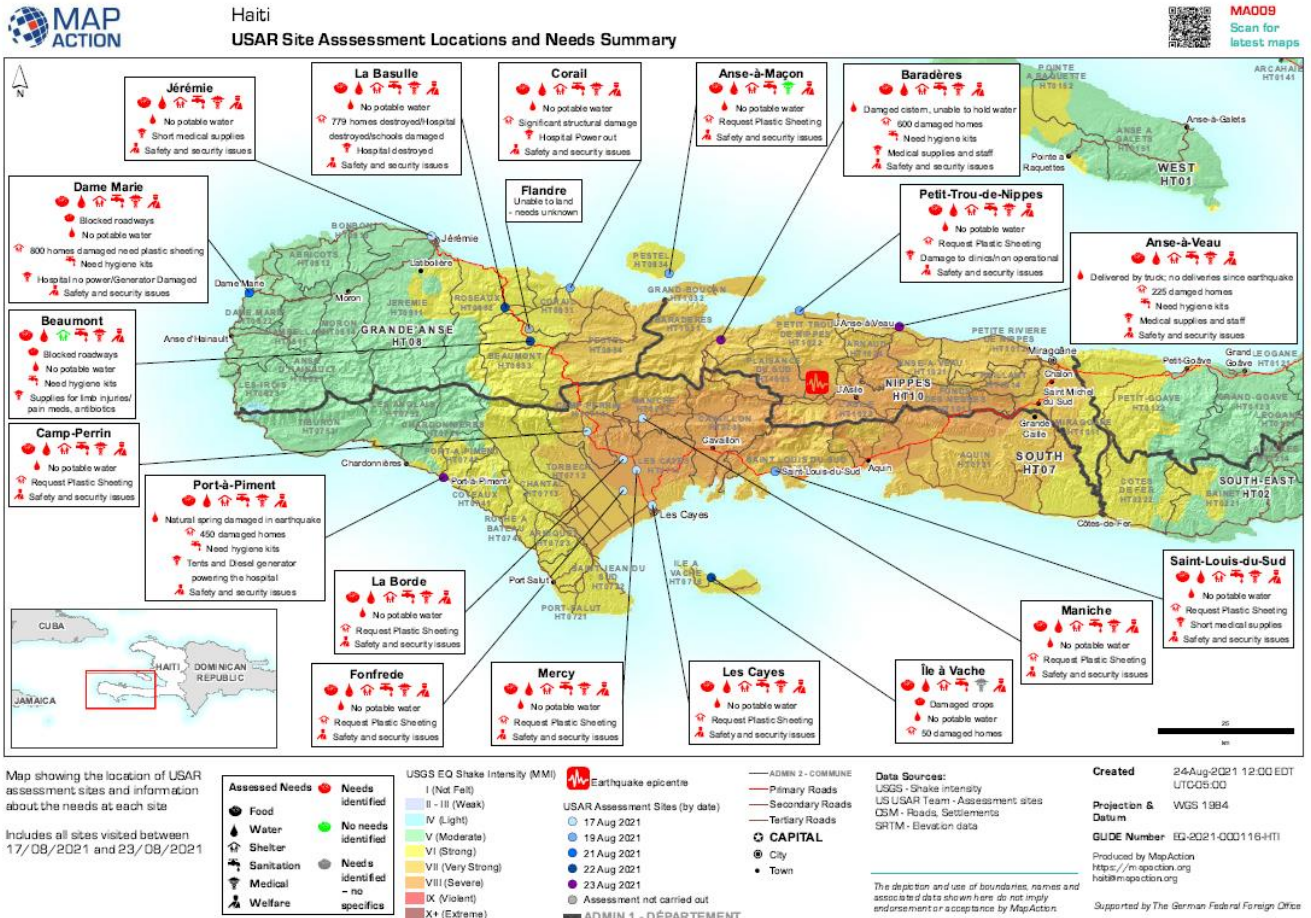




RELIEF SUPPORT

- Priority humanitarian needs:
 - Shelter (tarpaulins, single family tents)
 - Health care (emergency care, support for hospitals in impacted areas)
 - Food
 - Water

USAR Site Assessment Locations and Needs Summary as of August 23, 2021





DONATIONS (*monetary donations rather than relief supplies are encouraged at this time*)



HAITI NEEDS YOUR HELP

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

Company Name and Address

CARIBBEAN DISASTER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CDEMA)

Address: Resilience Way, Lower Estate, St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies

For persons in Barbados, payments can be made to:

Bank: CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank
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	Beneficiary Bank: CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank
SWIFT Code: PNBUS3NNYC	Bank Address: Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
ABA Routing: # 026 005 092	Swift Code: FCIBBBBB
Account Number: 2000192003913	Name of Beneficiary: CDEMA Haiti Relief 2021
Bank Address: 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY	Account Number: 1001210491
	Currency of Account: US DOLLARS



Coordination of the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM)

CURRENT ACTIONS:

- One (1) COST member, one (1) CPD and two (2) media reps visited Les Cayes on August 26 to assess the coordination efforts and identify additional areas of support required. Transport was provided via British helicopter, Wild Cat, facilitated through the MNCCC B.
- Two (2) members of the Advanced Party/COST-CARICOM Operational Support Team from Turks and Caicos Islands and Dominica are providing coordination support to Haiti in the National Emergency Operations Centre in Port-Au-Prince. The deployment of the COST is financed through the UK FCDO.
- Two (2) media personnel deployed on the ground in Haiti, to provide media coverage on behalf of the CARICOM support, are concluding their tour of duty. The media representatives were deployed through the CDEMA/RRM and the Caribbean Broadcasting Union (CBU) MoU and are also funded by the UK FCDO.
- The CDEMA CU continues to maintain contact with the North-Western Sub-Region Focal Point (Jamaica)
- The CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) remains on Alert.
- The Multi National Civil Military Coordination Cell Barbados (MNCCC B) continues to operate from the CDEMA CU. CDEMA is participating in daily MNCCC meetings with Canadian, French, UK, Dutch and US Civ-Mil partners as a part of the coordination efforts.
- The CDEMA CU continues to provide briefs to the CARICOM Secretary General and the Chairman of CDEMA of the situation.
- The CDEMA Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) remains activated.
- The CDEMA Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) remains activated.
- Visit www.cdema.org/current-emergencies/haiti for more updates.

PAST ACTIONS:

- The CDEMA CU issued a SAVINGRAM to the CARICOM providing a synopsis of the situation and guidance on actions which were being taken.
- The Eighth (8th) Meeting of the Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) was convened on 24, August 2021.
- CDEMA convened a Press Conference on 16 August 2021.
- Issued one (1) CDEMA Information Note and eight (8) Situation Reports.
- A Bank Account has been set up to receive financial donations on Haiti's behalf; details are provided on page 5.

FUTURE ACTIONS:

- One (1) additional COST member is to be deployed on Friday evening from the RCC in Barbados.
- MNCCC will facilitate one (1) GIS resource to assist the RCC with any additional mapping needed.
- A three (3) member team from Jamaica is expected to join the COST Advance Party.