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your office.

Haiti Earthquake Emergency Relief

On Friday, January 12th at 4:53 in the afternoon (January 13th, 6:53AM in Japan), a magnitude 7 earthquake struck Haiti, its epicenter just sixteen miles west of the capital city of Port-au-Prince. A week later, the devastation continues through a series of over 33 aftershocks, 14 of which had magnitudes between 5.0 and 5.9. The quake is believed to have affected approximately 3 million people – 1/3 of Haiti's population – with the death toll at an estimated 150,000 people. As of January 18th, 70,000 bodies have been buried in mass graves.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and is ranked 149th out of 182 countries on the Human Development Index. Haitian emergency services are unable to cope with this level of disaster, and aid is desperately needed from other countries. Amongst the widespread devastation throughout Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas, vital infrastructure systems were severely damaged or destroyed. This includes all hospitals in the metropolitan area, air, sea and land transportation facilities and communication systems. The Port-au-Prince prison has also been destroyed, resulting in the escape of 4,000 inmates into the streets.

Through the nights following the earthquake, many people in Haiti slept in the streets, on pavements, in their cars, or in makeshift shanty towns either because their houses had been destroyed, or they feared standing structures would not withstand aftershocks. Now, hundreds of thousands of people are on the streets, homeless and in need of food and medical assistance. Your support can help disaster victims rebuild their lives and communities.

Your support is crucial, even if it's only to spread the word.

Please do what you can to help those in need.

You can also make a direct deposit (振込み・furikomi) to the embassy:

Bank Name (銀行) :	Citibank (シティバンク)
Branch (支店) :	Aoyama (青山)
Account Number (口座番号) :	7534452
Account Name (口座名義) :	haitiembassy.earthquake.relief

Links to Charities

<http://www.google.com/relief/haitiearthquake> On-site donations to UNICEF and Care and links to other charity organizations.

https://secure.unicefusa.org/site/Donation2?df_id=6680&6680.donation=form1

<https://www.habitat.org/cd/giving/donate.aspx?link=227>

http://mfkhaiti.org/index.php/_get_involved/

<https://www.theirc.org/donate/donate-now-haiti>

<https://www.directrelief.org/Index.aspx>

<https://www.wfp.org/donate/haiti>

<https://donate.mercycorps.org/>

<http://www.redcross.org/>

