



**Urgent Needs
in Port au Prince,
Haiti—February 2010**

World Vision®

Your Help is Needed

Imagine that you've survived a 7.0-magnitude earthquake. Your house collapsed, forcing your family to build a tiny shelter from tarps, sheets, and logs. Other displaced people are only inches from your tent. Springs or fountains are your main sources for water, and most likely, the water is dirty. The smell of death is strong, and faces of despair and grief are everywhere you look.

Sadly, this is reality for 1 million Haitians who were left homeless after a quake hit Port-au-Prince on January 12. More than 200,000 people died, and approximately the same number of people were injured. For thousands of people who suffered crushed limbs, amputation was the only option to save them from spreading infections. Nearly half a million people have left Port-au-Prince to live with relatives or host families in other areas.

World Vision's response

As of early February, World Vision has provided food to more than 60,000 people, and is in the midst of providing a two-week supply of food to 400,000 people. World Vision has shipped nearly 882,000 pounds of relief supplies and essentials, with more items en route. Thousands of people have received mosquito nets, tarps, cooking sets, blankets, hygiene kits, water containers, and more. World Vision distributed medicine and supplies such as gloves, bandages, gauze, and antibiotics to 11 hospitals, and is setting up mobile clinics.

In addition to meeting physical needs, World Vision places the safety and well-being of children as a high priority. Especially during emergencies such as this, children who are alone are incredibly vulnerable to harm, and World Vision seeks to ensure their safety and to provide support. By mid-February, World Vision will set up seven Child-Friendly Spaces, giving children a safe and structured place to go as their families rebuild their lives.

World Vision has prepared a draft of our plans for the first 90 days and beyond, targeting approximately 200,000 people in Haiti and along the Haiti-Dominican Republic border. The current plan includes:

- Providing access to shelter and household items, such as hygiene kits, blankets, sheets, kitchen sets, and more. With hurricane season approaching, we will distribute emergency shelters and tarps to 40,000 families, and eventually support survivors with transitional shelter and permanent housing.
- Distributing more than 13 million pounds of food to 634,000 people over 90 days.
- Providing water purification items, collapsible water containers, and hygiene kits, specifically in displacement camps, isolated areas, clinics, and other areas. Our long-term plans include establishing or rehabilitating water sources and



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- The reunion of families
- Provision of physical and emotional needs
- Strength and success of first-responders



sanitation facilities, and promoting safe health and hygiene.

- Identifying children separated from their parents, and setting up at least 30 Child-Friendly Spaces for 12,500 children.
- Distributing medicine and medical equipment, setting up mobile clinics, and informing people about proper health and hygiene practices. Long-term plans include rehabilitating or constructing medical facilities, restocking much-needed supplies, providing health and hygiene education, and more.
- Supporting people to rebuild their livelihoods by providing cash-for-work opportunities, such as setting up shelters or removing rubble and garbage. Needs and opportunities are still being assessed.

How Your Congregation Can Help

You and your church can join us in helping families in Haiti in the following ways:

- \$80 can provide two families with hygiene kits, containing soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, and more.
- \$600 can provide 15 hygiene kits to many families.
- \$3,250 can provide 1,000 water containers.
- \$6,500 can provide thousands of water purification tablets.
- \$22,500 can provide 75 families with materials to build temporary shelters.

(Please detach this portion and send along with your payment.)

YES, we want to help provide assistance to children and families devastated by the Haiti earthquake.

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