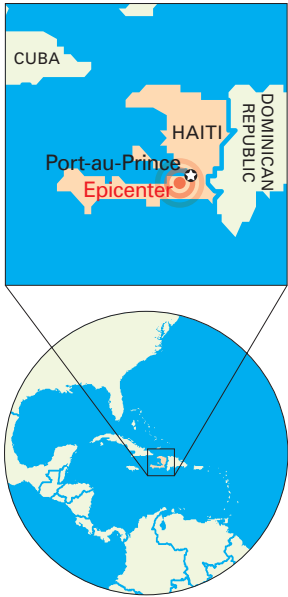


## emergency relief

Haiti



### Emergency Assistance in Haiti

The recent earthquake in Haiti has affected an estimated three and a half million people, nearly half of whom are children. UNICEF's expertise in aiding children will be crucial during this emergency. Operating in Haiti since 1949, UNICEF is serving the immediate needs of women and children.

When emergencies strike, UNICEF is ready with pre-positioned, lifesaving supplies in over a 150 countries. Immediately following any crisis, our field workers are often the first on the scene to provide children with clean water, food, shelter, and health care.

The poorest country in the Americas, Haiti was already facing a challenging situation prior to the earthquake. More than half of the population lives on less than the \$1 a day and the status of Haitian families was further threatened by the hurricane season of 2008 and the global food crisis. Haiti is ill-equipped to respond to this devastating natural disaster.

### UNICEF's Response

Food, shelter, safe water, and sanitation are the highest priority interventions in emergency situations. Unless clean water and sanitation services are quickly provided to emergency-affected children and their families, disease and death will follow. And unless good hygiene is consistently practiced by affected people, the danger of diarrhea, cholera and other disease outbreaks will persist.

UNICEF has deployed critical supplies to Port-au-Prince and the surrounding areas to assist with recovery efforts, including clean water and sanitation, therapeutic foods, medical supplies and temporary shelter. We will also be reuniting boys and girls who have become separated from their families and protecting them from harm and exploitation.

Within 48 hours of the disaster, UNICEF's global supply chain network succeeded in delivering 10,000 tarpaulins, 4,600 water

containers, 5.5 million water-purification tablets, 556,000 oral rehydration sachets and other supplies to meet the basic needs of up to 10,000 families. Moving forward, the UNICEF Dominican Republic Country Office will temporarily be used as the emergency response hub and UNICEF Panama will continue to send available basic and vital emergency materials.

In the coming days and weeks, UNICEF will continue to deliver hygiene kits, essential medicines, water purification tablets, portable toilets, soap, cooking utensils, blankets, School-in-a Box kits, emergency nutrition services, immunization services, telecommunication systems, and more to aid in the relief efforts. As the relief and recovery efforts continue, UNICEF will be there to help children and their families rebuild. UNICEF is giving Haitian children the chance to survive thanks to the generous support of donors and partners alike.

The challenges are daunting. But with a worldwide goal of reducing the number of needless child deaths from 24,000 a day to zero, UNICEF is well poised to respond to save children's lives in any emergency. UNICEF will stay to help provide long-term recovery to the children and families that survived this crisis.



The U.S. Fund for UNICEF is absorbing all associated administrative costs so that 100 percent of every dollar you give to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF will support UNICEF's relief efforts for children in Haiti.

*Let's do whatever it takes to save a child.*

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