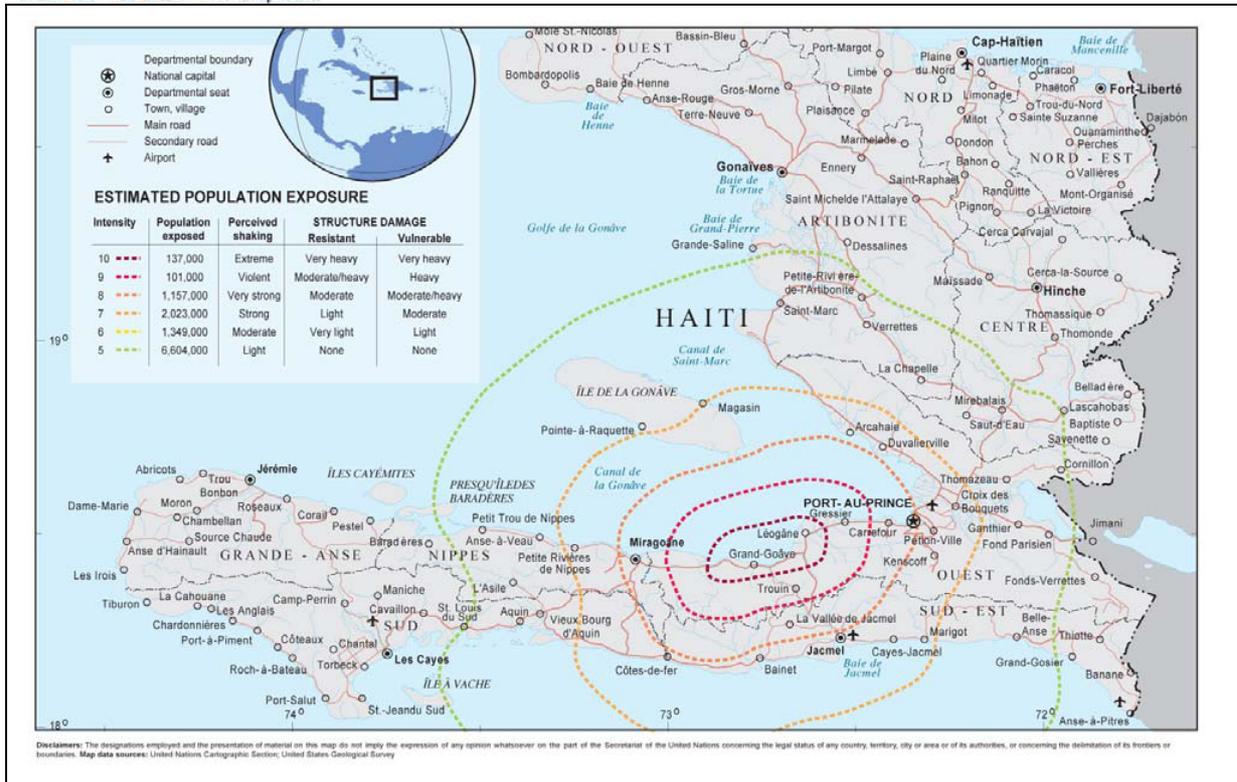


Haiti Earthquake 2010

0800 hrs 15 January 2010

Headlines:

- *A series of major earthquakes struck Haiti on 12 January in the area around the capital, Port au Prince. The strongest of these occurred at around 1700 hrs local time and was reported at 7 on the Richter scale. There have been many aftershocks.*
- *The numbers of people dead, injured or in need of humanitarian assistance are still not known.*
- *We currently believe Search and Rescue (SAR) and the surgical/trauma situation are the priority areas and reports suggest food, WASH, shelter, logistics and telecoms will require immediate support. Five clusters have now been activated.*
- *The UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination Team (UNDAC) team leader has announced that other than those teams en route, no further SAR teams are required.*
- *The UNDAC team leader has said that no further field hospitals are required.*
- *Three of the five DFID flights have now arrived in Port au Prince. The first arrived at 1630 local, the other two arrived 1700 and 2100 local time on Thursday.*
- *The flights included the DFID field assessment team and most (42 out of 64 members) of the UK fire service SAR team and some equipment.*
- *Elements of the team began search and rescue operations within two hours of arrival. 7 SAR (including a doctor and paramedic) worked through the night, with the rest of the team due to start at first light. Reported priorities are collapsed, schools, hospitals and hotels.*
- *We are in close contact with US authorities about getting remaining goods and people in.*
- *Most arrivals in Port-au-Prince so far are SAR teams with relatively few humanitarian assessment staff. The ten-person UNDAC team is operating but are overwhelmed and exhausted – DFID is supporting. An ECHO team is also operating.*
- *DFID assessment team plans to travel out of Port au Prince this morning (15 January) with the UNDAC team for assessments to the South and West.*
- *Many ministries are severely damaged and senior officials are missing. HMA accredited to Haiti has visited affected areas and is now embedded with the Canadians.*
- *SoS has spoken to the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) who noted the pressures from the large influx of agencies. Getting medical teams and field hospitals up and running was a top priority.*
- *Security has so far been manageable and the Haitian police were more evident yesterday. However we note that this is subject to change at any time.*
- *DFID humanitarian specialist arrives in Washington DC today on secondment to the USAID ops room.*



UK Response:

- The Field Team have now arrived in Port au Prince and are supporting the UNDAC team already present.
- The majority of the UK USAR team (42 people) have landed in Port-au-Prince (14 January) and begun operations.
- DFID has announced a \$10 million donation.

International and Local Response:

- The US is sending up to 3,500 soldiers and 2,200 marines to Haiti to help rescue efforts and also promised an immediate \$100m for the relief effort.
- We are compiling details of other donor contributions – both cash and in-kind. According to OCHA around \$270m has been pledged so far.
- We believe there are at least 14 field hospitals on their way in (or already arrived) most of which include staff. A US hospital ship is on the way. Over 800 Cuban medics are amongst a growing number of medical and health staff in country or waiting to enter. No further field hospitals are required.
- Challenges for arriving SAR teams are reported as mobility, water and fuel availability.
- The Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) and OCHA head of office are confirmed safe and functioning. The HC and most agencies including OCHA have now relocated to the UN Stabilisation Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) Logistics Base near the airport. The On Site Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC) has been established by UNDAC next to the MINUSTAH Logistics Base.
- The DFID SAR and humanitarian assessment teams are based inside the airport compound which has become a de-facto coordination hub although communications are a real constrain with only sat-phones

operating .

- *International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP – of which DFID is a member) is planning to deploy a base camp sufficient for 400 staff from international agencies.*
- *An EU five person assessment and coordination team has deployed.*
- *IFRC Preliminary Appeal for £6.1 m has been issued to assist an initial 20,000 families.*
- *The three month Flash Appeal will be launched today and will be revised after one month.*
- *A DEC appeal will be formally launched today.*
- *UN has announced a CERF allocaton of \$10m (£6.15m).*
- *ECHO has announced a fast-track relief funding decision of €3 million.*