



Food for the Hungry shifts to emergency support in Haiti following 7.2 magnitude earthquake

The organization is prioritizing access to clean water for displaced families and health care facilities in hardest-hit regions

Port au Prince, Haiti (August 27, 2021) – International humanitarian organization Food for the Hungry (FH), is participating in a rapid needs assessment in Haiti, following the earthquake that left 2,200 people dead and more than 12,000 injured on Saturday, August 14. FH is currently focusing on providing emergency relief to 14 of the hardest hit communities in the Sud (South) department, west of Les Cayes.

One of the highest needs consistently identified by victims during the assessments is access to clean water. The earthquake severely damaged or destroyed many community water systems and individual wells. The only available remaining water sources are highly contaminated surface waters, which are full of parasites and bacteria. The impacts were especially devastating at health centers and schools. FH's top priority is to work with communities and partners like Water Mission, a non-profit engineering organization, to get the systems flowing again and remove contamination using community-level water treatment systems.

In addition to clean water, FH is focused on providing emergency shelter supplies, cash transfers, hygiene kits, and feminine hygiene 'dignity kits'. The hygiene kits include soap, towels, and dental hygiene items along with COVID-19 prevention items. The organization has plans to disseminate critical health and hygiene messaging via community meetings and mass communication.

FH has been working in poverty reduction and disaster relief in Haiti since 2008. With existing teams on the ground the organization was able to mobilize relief efforts immediately following the earthquake. To support FH's efforts in Haiti, visit [fh.org/emergency/emergency-haiti-earthquake](https://www.fh.org/emergency/emergency-haiti-earthquake).

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About Food for the Hungry

Food for the Hungry (FH) is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. For 50 years, FH has been working to respond to human suffering and graduate communities from extreme poverty into self-sustainability within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and disaster risk reduction, the nonprofit

focuses on transformational development, investing in children as the key to lift entire communities out of poverty. With 98% of staff working in their country of origin, FH works side by side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative solutions. The organization currently serves more than 5.3 million people in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow FH on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit www.fh.org.

About Water Mission

Water Mission is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Since 2001, Water Mission has used innovative technology and engineering expertise to provide access to safe water for more than 7 million people in 57 countries. Water Mission has over 400 staff members working in its headquarters and around the world in permanent country programs located in Africa; Asia; North, South, and Central America, and the Caribbean. Notably, Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission its top four-star rating 14 years in a row, a distinction shared by less than 1% of the charities rated by the organization. To learn more, visit watermission.org, [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).