

## Situation Report – Haiti Earthquake 2/05/2010

- On February 3, the Government of Haiti stated that the earthquake death toll had exceeded 200,000 people with 300,000 people treated for injuries; 250,000 homes were destroyed and 30,000 business disrupted.
- Vaccination programs began on 2 February for people in makeshift settlements, focused on children under 7. The Health Cluster is also building a database of medical human resources available in country.
- Response efforts are now being coordinated through a multi-national cluster system. ANA has reached out to organizations working with the Health Cluster to offer support and nursing staff.

### Additional Resources

[Health Resources for Haiti](http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/haitiearthquake.html), <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/haitiearthquake.html>. A compilation of links to resources for medical teams responding to the Haiti earthquake. The page includes Creole-language materials for non-Creole speakers to use in healthcare settings, as well information on traumatic injuries, mass fatalities, mental health, and the public health consequences of the earthquake damage. This content is always no-cost.

[Infectious Diseases of Haiti](http://www.gideononline.com/blog/wp/wp-content/uploads/The-Infectious-Diseases-of-Haiti-by-GIDEON.pdf), <http://www.gideononline.com/blog/wp/wp-content/uploads/The-Infectious-Diseases-of-Haiti-by-GIDEON.pdf>. This guide covers the 198 infectious diseases known to occur in Haiti and is based on the resources of the Global Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology Online Network (GIDEON).

[Joint Language University](http://jlu.wbtrain.com), <http://jlu.wbtrain.com>. This DOD-sponsored website has Haitian Creole language materials that can be downloaded from their home page. You can learn very basic introductory phrases along with targeted medical, police, and military terminology.

[MedlinePlus](http://medlineplus.gov), <http://medlineplus.gov>, AND [Mobile MedlinePlus](http://m.medlineplus.gov), <http://m.medlineplus.gov>. Basic health information for the general public, plus patient information on prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Also in Spanish. This content is always no-cost.

Thank you for your continued interest in assisting with responding to Haiti.

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Situation Report: Haiti Earthquake 1/29/2010

The following report was released by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM):

“The recent earthquake in Haiti has been an unimaginable disaster for the people of this struggling country. As the search and rescue efforts are drawing to a close, it is time to support the Haitians in their journey of healing and recovery. During the days since the earthquake, the ICM has been in touch with Josée Angela Sam, President of the Haitian Midwives Association, and with Agnes Jacobs, a Belgian midwife who has been working in a rural health clinic in Haiti for more than a decade. Agnes is now a consultant with the ICM/ UNFPA Programme in Port-au-Prince. They have kept the ICM informed of the scope of the tragedy. At this time they are able to report that almost all of the midwives in Port-au-Prince have survived the devastation and that the National Midwifery School at the University of Port-au-Prince remains standing.

Unfortunately, the nearby nursing school was destroyed and dozens of students and faculty died. Among those who did not survive was Dr. Alix Laroche, an Obstetrician, who was teaching a class of students in the nursing school when the building collapsed. Dr. Laroche was also a long-time faculty member at the midwifery school. He was Assistant Director under Ghislaine Francoeur, posthumous recipient of the ICM Marie Goubran award at the ICM Congress in Glasgow (2008). Following her tragic death in a car accident, Dr. Laroche stepped in as interim Director of the school for more than a year. Dr. Laroche was devoted to the development of the midwifery profession in Haiti and was well loved by the midwifery students. We join with the midwives of Haiti in mourning his untimely death.

Midwives from around the world are expressing the desire to help in whatever way they can. **At this time the ICM will post on our website those international agencies that are requesting midwives to come to Haiti, as well as those agencies that are supporting maternal and newborn care in the country at this time.** Please contact these agencies if you have the time, experience and ability to join the relief efforts in Haiti. Otherwise, please support these agencies with donations. ICM will also be happy to post information on our website about any activities being undertaken by Members as part of the relief effort.”

#### **ANA Items:**

ANA continues to recruit nurses who are interested in being considered for possible deployment to Haiti. As always, it is important to remember that patience is the watchword for this disaster. Nurses can access the online form for ANA’s database at [www.nursingworld.org/haitirelief](http://www.nursingworld.org/haitirelief).

Tafford Uniforms, an ANA member benefits partner, is offering to make a \$1.00 donation for every heart print top and jacket sold through February 3 to the American Nurses Foundation Haiti Relief Fund - [http://www.tafford.com/thumb.htm?tl=1&ldid=124&sdid=124&offer=9ANA10&utm\\_source=ANA&utm\\_medium=assoc&utm\\_campaign=ANAHEART](http://www.tafford.com/thumb.htm?tl=1&ldid=124&sdid=124&offer=9ANA10&utm_source=ANA&utm_medium=assoc&utm_campaign=ANAHEART)

ANA continues to encourage interested donors to consider donating to the American Nurses Foundation which has established a fund that will benefit restoring the nursing infrastructure in Haiti and the Association Nationale des Infirmières Licenciées d’Haiti. [You can donate here](#)

The USAID is looking for health care workers that speak either French or Creole. If you meet this criterion you should send an email to [rebuildhaiti@usaid.gov](mailto:rebuildhaiti@usaid.gov). In the subject line reference “medical”

and then in the body of the email indicate the clinical specialty area, what language is spoken and contact information. This will connect directly into the US government response efforts. **This email address should NOT be used for expressing a general interest in responding to Haiti.**

The Department of Health and Human Services has established an email for health care professionals interested in volunteering – [Haiti.volunteer@hhs.gov](mailto:Haiti.volunteer@hhs.gov). Please include your name, clinical area, specialty skills, degrees, and language capabilities. The notice also states the following: “Please keep in mind that volunteer opportunities in disaster settings are rare, and it may not be possible to accept your offer for assistance at this time.”

ANA will continue to monitor the disaster response and should it be necessary will send a situation report over the weekend. Otherwise, ANA will send its next situation report next week.

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Reports from Haiti continue to suggest that getting materials and other resources into the country is extremely difficult. The Haiti airport which is working at double its capacity is booked for at least two weeks out. Response efforts are focused on food, water, shelter and medical care. With the rainy season approaching in Haiti, shelter will be a growing concern. According to updates from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), response efforts are shifting from emergency surgical care to primary health care and hygiene promotion.

#### **ANA News:**

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CDC has just developed specific TB guidance for facilities receiving TB patients from Haiti and also for relief workers. This guidance is now available on the following CDC website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/NewsandAnnouncements/earthquakes.htm>

Thank you for your continuing efforts in support of Haiti.

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Situation Report: Haiti Earthquake 1/25/2010

ANA participated on a USAID update conference call. The USAID is looking for health care workers that speak either French or Creole. If registered nurses meet these criteria they should send an email to [rebuildhaiti@usaid.gov](mailto:rebuildhaiti@usaid.gov)<<mailto:rebuildhaiti@usaid.gov>>. In the subject line reference "medical" and then in the body of the email indicate the clinical specialty area, what language is spoken and contact information. This email should NOT be used for expressing a general interest in responding to Haiti. Please continue to direct nurses who do not speak the languages requested to ANA's website, [www.Nursingworld.org/haiti](http://www.Nursingworld.org/haiti)<<http://www.nursingworld.org/haiti>>, to complete the requisite form and be entered into ANA's database.

ANA will be sending an email to all nurses who have already joined ANA's response database letting them know this information.

Thank you for your continued dedication to this response effort.

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