

Fact Sheet on Haiti

January 13, 2010

Background on emergency:

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake, which struck on January 12 about 15km (10 miles) south-west of Port-au-Prince, was quickly followed by two aftershocks of 5.9 and 5.5 magnitude. The first tremor had hit at 1653 local time (2153 GMT) on Tuesday according to the US Geological Survey said. Phone lines to the country failed shortly afterwards. Many areas are without electricity. Buildings, including the Presidential Palace, UN headquarter, schools, hotels and hospitals have collapsed. The number of casualties remains uncertain as assessment is still underway and obtaining information from Haiti has been extremely difficult.

Canadian Feed The Children's involvement in Haiti

We have been providing support to partners in Haiti for over a decade. We have a field office located in Port-au-Prince that provides on the ground support to our partners.

Our main sectors of focus include health, nutrition, food security, and education. We have also provided funding for agriculture, environmental protection and water/sanitation programs. Currently we are working with four partners in Haiti - House of Hope, Grace Children Hospital, Organisation de la Mission Evangelique Salem (OMES), Service Oecumenique d'Entraide (SOE) - supporting over 12,000 people.

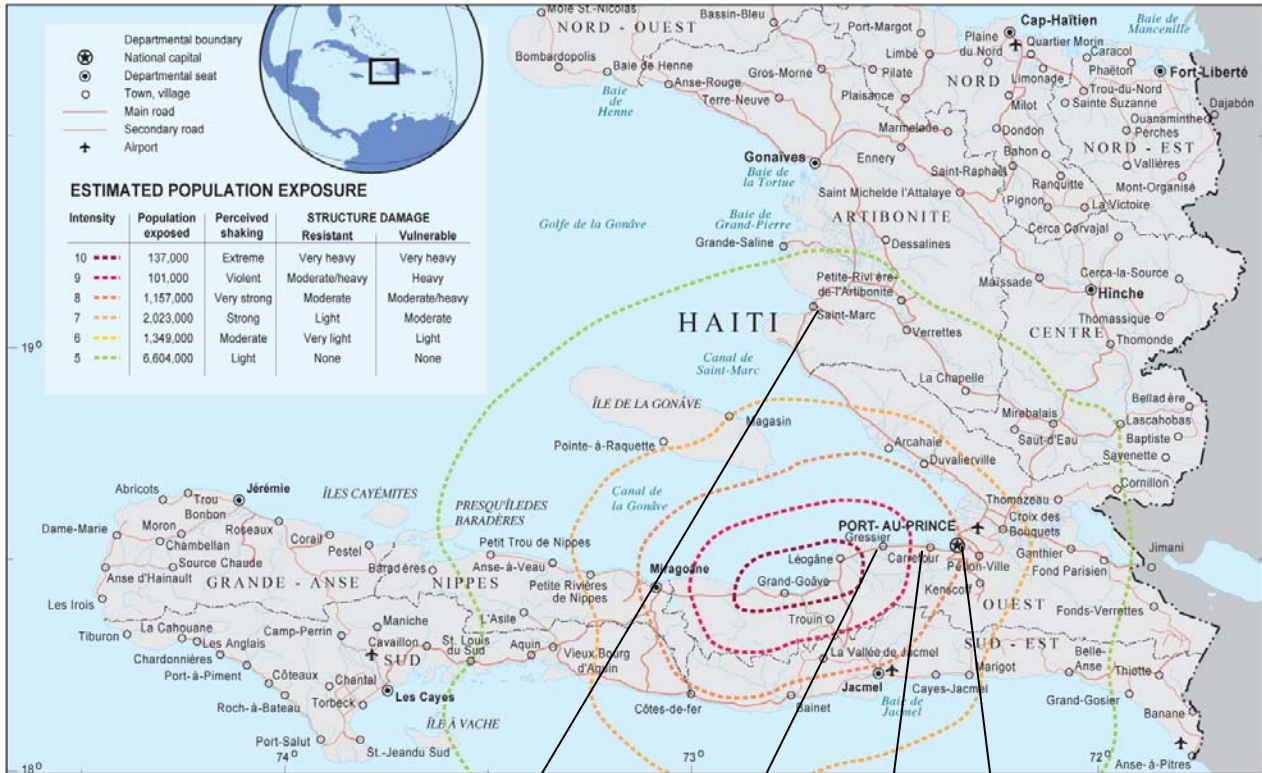
Location of Canadian Feed The Children partners:

- **HOH** – Gressier, MMI level: IX
- **GCH** – Delmas, MMI level: VII
- **OMES** –Carrefour, MMI level: VIII
- **SOE** –Goyavier, with head office in Port-au-Prince, MMI level: VII

Modified Mercalli Intensity (MMI)	Perceived Shaking	Potential Structure Damage (resistant)	Potential Structure Damage (vulnerable)
X	Extreme	Very Heavy	Very Heavy
IX	Violent	Heavy	Very Heavy
VIII	Severe	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy
VII	Very Strong	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy
VI	Strong	Light	Moderate
V	Moderate	Very Light	Light
IV	Light	None	None
II-III	Weak	None	None
I	Not Felt	None	None

1. Based on US Geological Survey classification
2. Highlighted levels reflect the degree of how community partners have potentially been impacted

Map of affected areas by earthquake and Canadian Feed The Children partners' locations:



SOE

HOH

OMES

CFTC HQ
SOE HQ

Canadian Feed The Children's previous experience in responding to disasters:

- We have previously implemented emergency rehabilitation programs with funding from CIDA through the Canadian Embassy in Haiti (Centre de Gestion des Fonds Locaux de la Coopération Canadienne en Haiti).
- The most current CIDA program was in response to the four consecutive hurricanes, Faye, Gustav, Hanna and Ike, that hit Haiti in September of 2008. We successfully implemented a \$394,000 rehabilitation initiative in Gonaïves in 2008/2009 that included: infrastructure reconstruction such irrigation canals and small bridges; support to local farmers with tools and seeds; improved access to sanitation with latrines rehabilitation and construction.
- We have also supported partners to procure and distribute essential medicines and food items to affected beneficiaries as part of their on-the-ground emergency response.

Plan of Action:

- We are contacting our Country Representative as well as local partners to obtain the latest situational assessment and to appraise how our partners and beneficiaries have been affected.
- Immediate and medium-term needs will be identified in order to implement an appropriate response.
- Resources will be mobilized to provide support to our partners for relief and rehabilitation activities.
- Depending on the assessment, we will be using all our networks and contacts to look for areas of collaboration, both in Canada and in Haiti, to avoid duplications and to maximize efforts.
- We shipped \$3.5 million worth of medicine in December 2009 to Haiti and will follow-up to ensure partners still have the capacity to distribute the medicines, and may use some of them as part of their emergency response.