



**Développement
et Paix**

HAÏTI



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

**Development
and Peace**

Développement et Paix suit de près la situation en Haïti et invite la population à faire preuve de générosité envers les victimes de cette catastrophe.

L'organisme s'engage déjà à verser une première somme de 50 000 \$ en aide d'urgence à son principal partenaire, Caritas Haïti.

« Caritas Haïti pourra compter sur un premier 50 000 \$ pour l'achat et la distribution de nourriture et de biens de première nécessité », assure Michael Casey, directeur général de l'organisme de coopération internationale.

Développement et Paix acheminera aussi toute somme reçue de la population d'ici à Caritas Haïti et à d'autres partenaires sur le terrain.

L'an dernier, Développement et Paix a appuyé en Haïti huit projets de développement et quatre secours d'urgence, soit une somme totale de 600 000 \$.

Développement et Paix accepte les dons de la population. Il est possible de faire un don par téléphone (1 888 664-3387), par Internet (www.devpa.org) ou en faisant parvenir un chèque au nom de Développement et Paix (en indiquant Urgence Haïti) à l'adresse suivante :

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Development and Peace is launching an emergency appeal to support humanitarian aid relief in Haiti in the wake of a devastating earthquake that is estimated to have affected millions of people in the country.

The organization has already committed a first pledge of \$50,000 to Caritas Haiti, which runs 200 medical clinics in the country but is in dire need of financial resources to respond to the growing humanitarian needs of this population in crisis.

“Caritas Haiti can count on our support to help them provide first aid supplies, food, shelter and other basic necessities. Our thoughts are with the people of Haiti in this time of crisis and we are anxiously awaiting news from our partners there. We are concerned for their safety and well-being,” said Michael Casey, Executive Director of Development and Peace.

All donations made to Development and Peace will be sent directly to its partners on the ground in Haiti, mainly Caritas Haiti.

Last year, Development and Peace supported eight community development projects in Haiti and provided funds for four emergencies, totalling \$600 000.

Donations to Development and Peace for the Haiti crisis can be made by phone (1 888 664-3387), on the website (www.devpa.org) or by sending a cheque marked Haiti Emergency to the following address:

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En ma qualité de Président de la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada, j'invite l'ensemble des évêques du Canada à se joindre à moi pour inviter à leur tour tous les catholiques canadiens et les personnes de bonne volonté à prier avec ferveur pour les Haïtiens et à répondre immédiatement et généreusement à leurs besoins en ce moment d'urgence nécessaire. Nous voulons aussi assurer nos frères et sœurs d'origine haïtienne au Canada que nous sommes en union avec eux dans la prière et dans l'action. La Conférence se joint à l'Organisation catholique canadienne pour le développement et la paix afin de lancer cette campagne d'urgence commune pour Haïti. Nous travaillerons en étroite collaboration avec Développement et Paix – qui est aussi, officiellement, Caritas Canada – en vue d'organiser et de promouvoir cet appel ainsi que pour assurer un suivi adéquat en collaboration avec l'Église d'Haïti et sa Conférence épiscopale.

+ Pierre Morissette
Évêque de Saint-Jérôme
Président de la Conférence des évêques catholiques du Canada

<http://www.cccb.ca/site/content/view/2749/1152/lang.frc/>

As President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I invite all the Bishops of Canada to join me in urging all Canadian Catholics and people of goodwill to pray fervently and to respond quickly and generously to the needs of the people of Haiti in this hour of urgent need. We also wish to assure our brothers and sisters in Canada who are of Haitian origin that we are united with them in prayer and action. Our Conference joins with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace in launching a joint emergency campaign for Haiti. We will be working closely with Development and Peace – which is also officially Caritas Canada – in helping to organize and promote this appeal, as well as in assuring appropriate follow-up with the Church in Haiti and with its Episcopal Conference.

+ Pierre Morissette
Bishop of Saint-Jérôme
President
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Caritas aid reaches Haiti Quake Survivors

VATICAN CITY (CNS) --



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Caritas Internationalis, the Vatican-based umbrella organization for Catholic charities, quickly delivered aid to the survivors of the Haiti earthquake but was in urgent need of additional relief materials.

The Caritas staff in Haiti visited devastated areas of the capital Port-au-Prince Jan. 13 to determine what the immediate needs were. At least 60 tents were distributed to families, and first aid was given to survivors in clinics and hospitals, Caritas said in a statement from its Vatican headquarters.

Joseph Jonides Villarson, head of emergencies for Caritas Haiti, said it was the worst disaster Haiti has experienced.

"Many people have been killed in Port-au-Prince. Their bodies are everywhere on the streets of the capital. People are still under the debris. The hospitals are overwhelmed with the dead and injured. The risk of disease is great," he said.

Villarson said the streets were filled with people who do not know where to go, and there was a real possibility of violence and more looting.

"There is very little visible presence of the police. Caritas Haiti President Bishop Pierre Andre Dumas of Anse-a-Veau et Miragoane has appealed on the radio for calm and solidarity," he said.

"The immediate needs are for tents for provisional shelters, covers, clothing, clean water, food, psychological support, first-aid materials, drugs, flashlights and batteries.

Caritas has no supplies left," Villarson said.

Throughout Haiti, Caritas and its partners have warehouses, 200 medical centers and a community network of volunteers who have been mobilized to deliver aid, he said. Meanwhile, Caritas Internationalis was sending a team of international staff to support operations to provide food, shelter, sanitation, communications and logistics.

The president of Caritas Internationalis, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, said Caritas was helped by the fact that it had extensive experience in Haiti delivering shelter, food, health care and clean water.

"We urge the international community to support aid efforts. Haiti is a very poor country that needs our assistance. We have long warned that the lack of development in Haiti, its dire poverty and its decaying infrastructure, leaves it vulnerable to disasters. We are facing such an emergency now and we must respond quickly to save lives," the cardinal said.

"One of the poorest nations in our world will be the focus of media attention and the outpouring of humanitarian assistance as a result of this natural disaster. May this bring with it lasting solutions and commitment to alleviate the misery of Haitians and the infrastructural poverty of this beleaguered nation," the cardinal said.

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Did you know that Development and Peace is the Canadian member of CARITAS internationalis? Earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, drought, conflict or political crisis, Caritas is famous for working before, during and after, providing a rapid, professional and compassionate response to those who have lost everything.

When an emergency happens and there are no local resources, Caritas launches a global appeal. Our members raise funds in their own countries and offer human resources, all of which are directed through the national Caritas office on the ground.



"People have been screaming and praying all over the place throughout the night. It is a disaster of the century, we should be prepared for thousands and thousands of dead and injured",

-Karel Zelenka of Catholic Relief Services
(Caritas USA) Haiti country representative.

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Saviez-vous que Développement et Paix est membre canadien de Caritas Internationalis? Qu'il s'agisse de tremblement de terre, d'éruption de volcan, d'inondations, d'ouragan, de cyclone, de sécheresse, de conflit ou de crise politique, Caritas est renommée pour oeuvrer avant, pendant et après et fournir une réponse rapide, professionnelle et compatissante à ceux qui ont tout perdu.

Quand une situation d'urgence se présente et que les ressources locales font défaut, Caritas lance un appel au monde entier. Nos membres collectent des fonds dans leurs propres pays et offrent des ressources humaines, le tout est dirigé localement par le truchement du bureau de la Caritas nationale.

INTERVENTIONS DEJA REALISEES

Juste après le tremblement de terre, toute la région métropolitaine de Port-au-Prince est sous la panique.

Les premiers secours sont donnés aux blessés arrivés dans les principaux, centres hospitaliers de la capitale et de ses environs.

Des appels à la vigilance, au calme, à la mobilisation et la solidarité sont lancés à l'endroit de la population à travers les ondes de Radio Signal FM par le Président de Caritas Haiti, Mgr Pierre André Dumas.

Caritas Haiti continue les enquêtes sur base communautaire pour l'évaluation des dégâts et recherche des décès et/ou blessés non rapportés.

Une réunion de crise a été réalisée ce matin avec le Catholic Relief Services Haiti. D'autres réunions sont prévues

Environ 60 tentes sont livrées à la DPC pour assister certaines familles en difficulté. D'autres sont livrées par Caritas à certaines familles sinistrées.

Joseph Jonidès VILLARSON
Responsable d'Urgence / Caritas Haiti

CARITAS has a blog about the relief efforts in Haiti.

<http://blog.caritas.org/category/emergencies/haiti-quake/>



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Dioceses and parishes wishing to have special Development and Peace envelopes to assist in facilitating a collection for Haiti may contact: Annabella Jimenez at Annabella.jimenez@devp.org telephone 1 888 234-8533.

Resources for Youth

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (D&P's sister organization in the US) has prepared some resources for Catholic educators and Youth ministers.

Often young people want to know how they can help in times of struggle and emergencies like the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Please invite our young people to stand with us as one human family and a community of faith at this difficult moment in our world's history. Invite the young people you serve to pray with and join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquake in Haiti. The prayer and educational resources below are designed by Catholic Relief Services to explore the challenges facing the people of Haiti and possible ways of responding in faith. Thank you for creating global community with us.

<http://education.crs.org/>

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Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. Inspired by Gospel values, particularly "the preferential option for the poor," the goals of Development and Peace are to support initiatives by people in the Global South to take control of their lives and to educate Canadians about North-South issues. Our education, advocacy and fund-raising work here at home is carried out by Development and Peace members from coast to coast and economic justice.



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Merci de votre appui!