

Red Cross responds to devastating earthquake in Haiti. CIPH members encouraged to help

(OTTAWA, Jan. 13, 2010) – The Red Cross is responding to a powerful 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck off the coast of Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010. The earthquake has caused buildings to collapse and wide-spread damage throughout Port au Prince.

Red Cross response was immediate. Local volunteers continue to support evacuation activities and provide much needed shelter, clean water and medical support. The Canadian Red Cross has contributed \$200,000 from its International Disaster Relief Fund and Canadian aid workers are on standby to be deployed to Haiti if needed.

Canadians are encouraged to support Red Cross relief efforts by making a financial donation to the Canadian Red Cross Haiti Earthquake fund. Donations can be made online at www.redcross.ca/helpnow , by calling toll free 1-800-418-1111 or at any Red Cross office.

For general information contact your [local Red Cross office](#).

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