

The Response Committee begins to assign and approve funds for short and medium term standing medical needs

The Rotary District 7020 Haiti Earthquake Response Committee continues to meet twice a week to source updates from Rotarians involved in the relief and recovery efforts at various levels of this complex situation.

At every meeting the Committee has the opportunity to assess which needs are most pressing at that moment and work on the most effective response.

Last week updates revealed the continued need for personal protection equipment (PPE), medical kits, medical supplies and specialized care items, such as orthopaedic supplies which are essential to take care of the large number of adults and children with wounded upper and lower limbs.

Through contacts with businesses specializing in some of the required items, the Committee has agreed to assign the necessary funds for procuring some of these supplies and is in the process of assessing alternatives to ship adequate inventory to ensure a significant impact in the communities and individuals that need it the most.



The best way to support the recovery efforts is to contribute to the the Response Fund managed by the Disaster Network of Assistance Rotary Action Group (DNA_RAG).

If you have access to medical supplies such as good quality PPE, please contact the Committee via email at Rotary7020Relief@gmail.com to coordinate the receiving of the donated items, if the need is still urgent at the time of your inquiry.

Photo source: <https://today.in-24.com/News/256013.html>

Latest Stats

Source: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
August 26, 2021 Report

2,207	Deceased Persons
12,268	Persons Injured
320	Missing Persons
52,953	Houses Destroyed
77,006	Houses Damaged

Orthopaedic external fixators are urgently needed

As reported to the Hurricane Response Committee, our Rotarian medical personnel/ surgeons are desperately in need of orthopedic and medical supplies to treat the many injured in Haiti.

If you have access to a hospital or medical supplies business that could donate some of these, please coordinate with the Response Committee for further guidance at Rotary7020Relief@gmail.com



These are External Fixators. They are needed for upper and lower limbs for adults and children.



Here is a list of orthopaedic materials needed for two different hospitals in Les Cayes:

- OFATMA:

- External fixator for Adults for 20,
- External Fixator for Kids # 10,
- Kirchner wires many sizes # 100 units in every size
- Nails, plates, screws for tibia, femur etc. with set for insertion Plates fémurs and tibia 9;10;12;14 and 16 holes screws 4.5

- Hospital General of Cayes

- Same materials

Thank you to all our generous donors and Rotarians for their contributions and for serving to change lives when our family in Haiti needs it the most.

Schools rehabilitation and rebuilding quickly emerging as a top recovery priority



As reported by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Agency (CDEMA), the Ministry of Education has commenced assessments of the schools to determine whether they are structurally fit for recommencement of classes. The Haiti Earthquake Response Committee is working closely with CDEMA to obtain independent, pertinent information regarding all phases of relief and recovery in Haiti.

UNICEF's representative in Haiti, Bruno Maes, remarked that "putting children back in classrooms is perhaps the best way to make sure they – and their families and communities – can recover" and reported that 94 of the 255 schools have either sustained damages or been completely destroyed.

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-UNICEF

Rotary District 7020 Disaster Committee has extensive experience in supporting the rebuilding of schools following the state of destruction in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake.

Guided by our Rotarian members of the Response Committee in Haiti, the Committee has asserted that rebuilding schools and sending kids back to school are indeed critical priorities to give children and their families a sense of true recovering.

In the picture, UNICEF Representative in Haiti Bruno Maes and Minister of Education Marie Lucie Joseph tour and assess damage to College Mazenod in Camp-Perrin, Les Cayes, Haiti. Photography: ©UNICEF/UN0503640/Rouzier - Permalink: <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/early-assessments-show-extensive-quake-damage-schools-haiti>

The Great Rotary Family Mobilizes!



Posted by RC Delmas-Centre

In the south of our country the earth wanted to reproduce the waves of its sister the sea, in doing so it brought desolation and chaos. Then the sky cried, the wind howled, the thunder and the lightning waltzed, then for the inhabitants of the south the world was liquefied. These are natural disasters that happen suddenly, leaving many people helpless, weakened, injured, discouraged, broken.

Hundreds of people desperately waiting for help. Where will it come from and how? Without them realizing it, in the heart of despair, hope is born. The end of the wait is here! There is not one hand, but more than a million hands, hearts, wills, loves coming together. Members from a total of 85 clubs across 10 countries have quickly come together to bring much needed help to women, men and children in need after these terrible events.

With one voice they said, “We are here for you, we support you, we will help you get back on your feet because you are not alone!” This is how the Rotary family is mobilizing to send medicine, clothing, food kits, and more to our dear fellow citizens. Rotary never forgets its mission of “Service Above Self” in order to help the community in any way possible. It is important to us because it is the light that makes our soul shine.

Our reason for being is to accompany our community, to invest ourselves for it. Our hearts go out to the victims of the earthquake and the storm. We not only say it, but we also prove it by our actions!

All the Rotary Clubs in the District and elsewhere have heard the cries of pain of the people of the deep south, the family has mobilized in the shortest possible time, in order to do its best to help heal the wounds of our compatriots.

Rotaract Club of Les Cayes embodies the spirit of People of Action



Rotaract Club Des Cayes distributed 200 kits in Cavaillon and they also went to several areas in the south including Les Cayes, Cavaillon, Chantal, St Louis, Camperin, Dory, Maniche, la Borde, Pestel, Platon. They

also went to other areas difficult to reach to distribute 3,200 packs of 12 bottles of Fleur de Vie water from Port au Prince sent to Rotaract des Cayes by the bottler.

Tagged in California! Donors from Friends from California noticed the Rotaractors postings and reposted them in their own networks! Thank you for your support!



The Rotaractors knew that alone they would not be able to reach those in need quickly enough so they partnered with several other groups such as Ecole Jeune, SOS Sud, JCI, AFKF SUD, FEP, OCCDCS, and Heart of Heart Heroes and in 4 days, completed this distribution.

They also helped Rotary Club des Cayes to unload a truck sent with aid from Rotary Club of Delmas Centre last Saturday.

Rotaractors are amazing!!!

~Story contributed by RC Des Cayes and Rotaract Club Des Cayes via PAG Rosa Leger.





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**- PAG Rosa Leger
Rotaract Chair
RC Les Cayes**

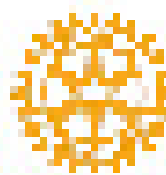
**ROTARACT in action distributed 200 hygiene kits to people in
Cavaillon badly affected by the Earth quake.**

**President Emmanuel Charles did not waste time!
Immediately he and the members of Rotaract Club des Cayes
got into action when funds from PAG Rosa’s family and
friends arrived from California.**





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DISTRICT 7020: HAITI EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

In response to the devastation caused by the recent earthquake in Haiti, District 7020 has set up a Disaster Recovery Fund.

The fund is managed by Rotary's District Fund Foundation Action Group, #001002 <https://www.rotary.org/en/001002>
in cooperation with District 7020's Disaster Relief Committee.

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Disaster Network of Assistance
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WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

By Credit Card or PayPal:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=ESUW254840W2

By wire transfer:

Account Name: Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotarian Action Group, Inc. the D-7020-RAAG

Account No: 44711674

Swift Code: FHM733XX

Physical address of Bank: FHM Bank 4000 Glacier Rd. New York, NY 10010

Contact: FDC FR. Larry Silverstein, Tel: 212 262 2624 Email: larry@fhd.com

By Check:

Payable to: D-7020-RAAG

Send to: FHM Bank, 4000 Glacier Road, New York, NY 10010

**Ensure proper instructions entered for "District 7020 Haiti Earthquake Fund"
and state Donor's Name**

For further information on District 7020 contact:

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