



January 2022 Earthquake in Haiti Situation Report#1

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Introduction:

Humanitarian situation and needs resulting from the effects of the earthquake that struck southwestern Haiti on 24 January 2022

Country/Location: HAITI (Nippes, Sud)

Title of emergency: Haïti Earthquake

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General overview:

More than a thousand earthquakes have been recorded in Haiti during 2021, and the earth continues to shake in the country throughout January 2022. From 24 to 25 January 2022, the country recorded more than 30 earthquakes. Two back-to-back aftershocks of magnitude 5.45 at 8:20 a.m. and 5.6 at 9:06 a.m. occurred on the morning of 24 January affecting the departments of Sud, Nippes and Grand'Anse and have been particularly devastating. The epicenter was approximately 4 km south of Anse-à-Veau Commune. Southern Haiti, including Nippes Department, was severely affected by a magnitude 7.2 earthquake, which occurred on 14 August 2021.

According to UN OCHA, at least two people died in Fonds-des-Nègres Commune and 52 others were injured. Approximately 190 houses were destroyed and more than 590 were damaged, affecting 834 families.

People in Nippes, who are still struggling to recover from the last earthquake, are now under shock again. Last August earthquake severely affected public buildings and homes and damaged critical infrastructure and roads, cutting off access to some areas in the southwest, forcing almost 39,000 people to flee their homes in fear that they may collapse to seek refuge in evacuation shelters, host families and displacement sites (IOM, December 2021).

The following earthquakes are dramatically exacerbating pre-existent humanitarian needs on the ground.

Due to its geographical position, the Haitian population is highly exposed to disasters including earthquakes, tropical storms and hurricanes which consequently generate heavy flooding, landslides, as well as the destruction of infrastructure and agricultural crops. The country is classified as the most

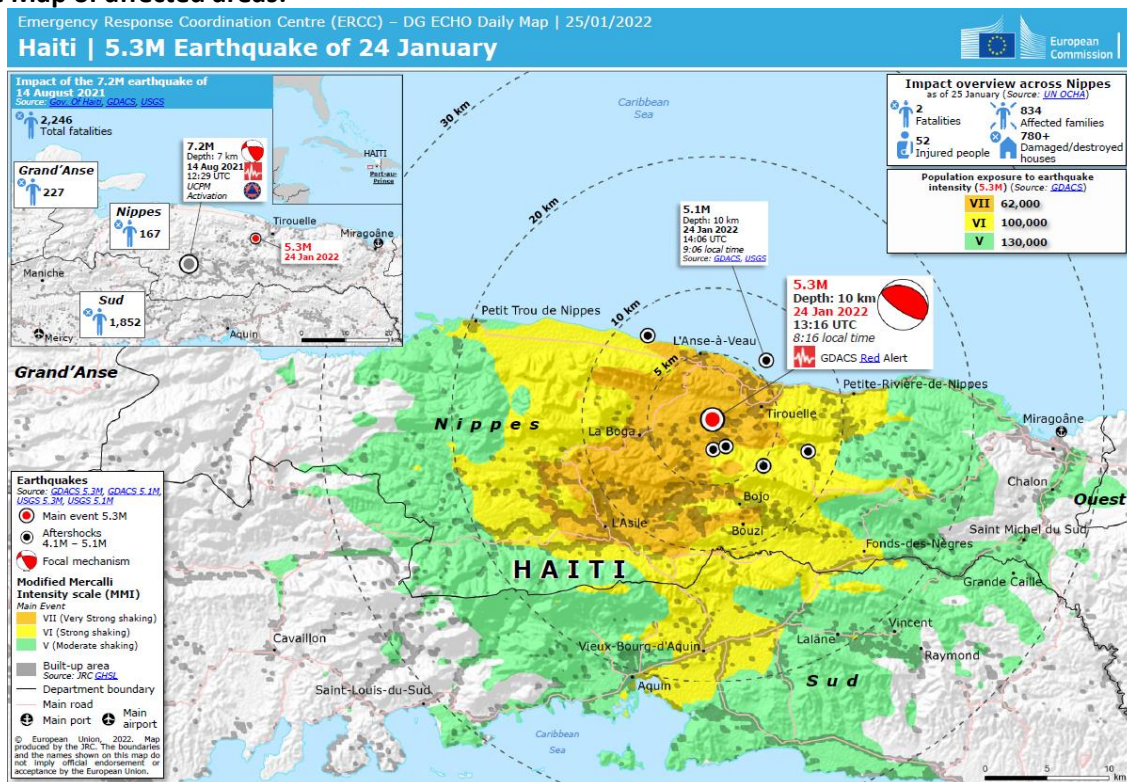
vulnerable in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region, and the 18th most vulnerable country in the world (INFORM Index).

At the beginning of 2021, 4.4 million Haitians were already in need of humanitarian assistance, suffering from a large scale food crisis. Political upheavals, social tensions, insecurity, climate hazards and other factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic, have contributed to the further deterioration of the coping capacities of the already vulnerable population. Overall situation was aggravated following the earthquake affecting the South Western part of the island, which affected 800 000 people. Since June 2021, violence and territorial disputes between armed gangs in the urban area of Port-au-Prince have increased significantly, with more than 19 000 IDPs registered facing severe protection threats and serious humanitarian access constraints.

The housing and education sectors seem to be the most affected by this new earthquake. The data collected until now shows the following impact and consequences:

No	Municipality	Deaths	Injured	Houses destroyed	Houses damaged	households affected
1	Anse à veau	1	49	93	287	429
2	Petite Riviere	0	3	98	304	405
3	Fond des Nègres	1	0	0	0	0
4	Total	2	52	191	591	834

The Map of affected areas:





Overview of Child Fund response

Two ChildFund Alliance members are operational in the country: UEPLM (FR) and WeWorld (IT).

The two members are active with a joint response plan in the Nippes Department to support the communities affected by the damages and consequences of the August 2021 earthquake. The response plan is coordinated and multi-sectorial targeting the same regions, with WeWorld covering mainly WASH, and food security needs, while UEPLM focusing on schools rehabilitation and livelihood. Specifically:

- WeWorld contributed to the humanitarian response in support to the populations affected by the August 2021 earthquake by ensuring access to safe drinking water for the most vulnerable families in the municipality of Anse a Veau. More than 1.000 children have benefited from WeWorld support. It has served 900 students from 5 schools and 300 households of the Municipality of Anse à Veau with safe drinking water and awareness raising campaign on good hygiene practices to prevent Covid-19 and other diseases.
- UEPLM contributed to the humanitarian response by providing households with necessary material and equipment to deal with the emergency and by supporting rapid agricultural recovery in the affected areas. To these ends, UEPLM distributed: protective tarpaulins to enable 500 households to create a temporary shelter; tool kits (pickaxes, hoes and boots) to 300 households to help them to clear away debris and resume agricultural activities; water purification kits (bokits and chemicals) to 200 households; and, short-cycle seeds to 450 households. UEPLM's other ongoing activities include the reconstruction of 3 schools (Bon Berger: 432 students, Notre Dame de Lourdes : 631 students and Paul IV: 951 students) and the facilitation of awareness sessions on risk and disaster management.

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1. Security & logistics

Logistical difficulties in reaching the intervention areas, the only access route from the capital Port-au-Prince to the disaster areas is the urban district of Martissant, currently under the control of armed gangs. The passage of humanitarian convoys is subject to negotiations with the gangs.

2. Partnership and coordination

Un Enfant Par La Main and We World are coordinating together the response for ChildFund Alliance. The ongoing joint response to previous earthquake of August 2021 is supported by the following members of the Alliance: ChildFund Korea, ChildFund International and ChildFund New Zealand. UEPLM and WeWorld are coordinating the operations at field level and agreed to adapt the ongoing response plan to the new urgent needs arose following the last earthquake.

3. Programs

The joint response plan to the August earthquake has been already updated by WeWorld and UEPLM in December 2021 and is focusing on the following sectors: shelters, WASH, Education Food security and Cash transfer.

The new earthquake has particularly affected the municipalities where we already operate, namely the municipalities of Paillant, Petite Rivière de Nippes and Anse-à-Veau (Nippes department).



While WeWorld and UEPLM are assessing in the field the new urgent needs following yesterday earthquake, it seems more than ever necessary to fulfill the ongoing inter-sectorial response plan covering 5 interlinked sectors and targeting globally more than **3,000 children in need**:

Education

Beneficiaries: 2,368 children and 52 teachers from 4 schools

Activities: 4 schools rehabilitation

Wash:

Beneficiaries: at least 832 households (around 3,000 children)

Activities: Rehabilitation and construction of drinking water supply systems and training for teachers on safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene to prevent related diseases.

Relief:

Beneficiaries: 600 rural households (around 2,000 children)

Activities: Support to 600 rural families for a rapid agricultural recovery

Housing:

Beneficiaries: 30 rural households (100 children)

Activities: Housing reconstruction and/or retrofitting

Livelihood support:

Beneficiaries: 600 rural households (around 2,000 children)

Activities: 3 monthly distributions of unconditional cash

Recognizing the need to provide a more effective response to households in food insecurity due to their inability to meet their food needs and due to their exposure to the risk of engaging in negative coping strategies for their livelihoods in the upcoming lean seasons.

The Action proposes a safety net for the most vulnerable households affected by the earthquake in rural areas through the distribution of monthly multipurpose cash transfer that can contribute to the stabilization of the access to adequate food (quantity and quality).

3 monthly distributions of 100 USD dollars per household are planned for 600 households as recommended by the Cash Based Working Group in Haiti to humanitarian partners to cover between 75% and 100% of the reduced food basket.

4. Donors

Three members of ChildFund Alliance (Child Fund Korea, ChildFund International and Child Fund New Zealand) have responded to the appeal launched following August earthquake. Both WeWorld and UEPLM have also contributed and actively engaged other donors including ECHO, AFD and the UN.

The funds collected until now are still insufficient to cover the needs assessed in the communities where we are active.

5. Next steps

WeWorld and UEPLM teams are in the field to adapt the ongoing response plan to the new needs and priorities following the last earthquake. In particular, a boost to the cash transfer activity seems particularly urgent to respond to immediate needs of affected households.