



HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE



25th January 2010 - 13 days after earthquake measuring 7.3

Humanity First's second wave team from the UK, USA and Canada is now operational in Port-au-Prince despite some issues along the way with vehicle breakdowns. The 5 additional medical tents taken out have provided flexible additional capacity and will prove very useful in the next couple of weeks. The team is also reviewing demand for various clinical services in nearby hospitals and will be providing clinicians to supplement hospital teams and also some of the refugee camps. The camp in P-a-P saw a further 60 patients on Sunday morning whilst the new team were setting up.

In general, there is a need to deal with post-operative care, particularly for amputees. There is still a lot of work to treat infected open fractures and also people with chronic conditions such as diabetes and asthma. Whilst there is still surgical work to do, the focus is starting to shift towards longer-term healthcare, hygiene and prevention. There are discussions about starting programs of vaccinations for DTP, Measles and DT.

The HF team continues to work closely with the UN and local authorities. HF has also been in discussions with Care, Medecins du Monde and Save the Children about joint and collaborative work in the field where we have complimentary skills, building on our relationships from other projects such as Kashmir, Indonesia and Gaza.



Significant funds are needed to buy supplies of medicines, fluids and other urgent requirements. Please speak to your local HF rep or visit our website www.humanityfirst.org to donate through your nearest Humanity First operation.



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