

Haiti Earthquake Appeal

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Photo: An injured child is tended to at the Hotel Villa Creole in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010. (AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Ivanoh Demers, Montreal La Presse)

The Situation

- A massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the Caribbean island of Haiti on Tuesday 12 January. As more and more information comes through from the region, it is clear that the earthquake has been catastrophic for the people of Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere.
- Millions of people will be affected, with thousands feared dead and major buildings, including the presidential palace, having collapsed.

The Response

- Oxfam has a 200-strong team working in Haiti, including 15 emergency humanitarian specialists. An earthquake emergency response plan was put in place 6 months ago.
- The humanitarian specialists will be supporting rescue efforts, assessing the damage and responding with public health, water and sanitation services to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases.
- Here in Ireland we have launched a public appeal accepting donations on-line and through our shop network. This appeal is backed up by press and outdoor advertising, media work, and a mailing to Oxfam Ireland supporters. Oxfam Ireland volunteers will also be collecting at major sporting events around the country this weekend.

The Request

- Oxfam is seeking support for this life-saving work. Our people are on the ground and responding already. Any support you can give will save lives. **Thank you.**

Please give what you can at www.oxfamireland.org,
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