



ALERT No. 2 Earthquake in Haiti

January 13, 2010

AmericasRelief Team is monitoring this event

AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center Report

The AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center has been activated; the Center is staffed to help coordinate the shipping of relief aid to victims of the event. However, we anticipate that air relief flights, ocean relief space and co-loading opportunities will develop. We will notify our colleagues, friends and partners of space-available opportunities as this emergency develops.



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Haiti Earthquake: Urgent Relief Appeal

Miami, Florida – AmericasRelief Team (ART) has joined the voices from around the world in expressing its profound sympathy for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck that country on January 12, 2010.

ART has activated its Emergency Center located in Miami, Florida. The center has wireless internet, printers, phones, and a Smart Board for web meetings for public-private partners working in the relief effort. The center has been organized around the various tasks being faced by the relief players including: communications, logistics, volunteers, donations, and others.

ART reminds all those who wish to help that the most effective way to do so is through monetary donations to credible organizations that are coordinating emergency response. ART is encouraging people to donate through its website www.americasrelief.org to help defray the cost of transporting pharmaceuticals, antibiotics, and other medical supplies to Haiti.

ART is a public-private collaboration of corporations and international non-profit organizations. Some of its partners include such well-know names as FedEx, Carnival Corporation, Food for the Poor, and Cross International, amongst many others.

ART works with USAID and other government agencies such as U.S. Southern Command to coordinate with and provide updates to international organizations involved in the relief effort. ART's objectives are as follows:

1. Coordinate immediate relief by collecting shipping and air cargo available space (including schedules, warehousing, trucking companies, etc.-all logistics)
2. Provide guidance on deployment of goods (types, consignees, timing, permits, using existing infrastructure, using information from assessment teams and OFDA, etc.), and
3. Together with International Relief and Development (IRD), assist in long term infrastructure rebuilding of Haiti.

“We believe that this is a great opportunity to perhaps do something significant that can help the people of Haiti for years to come reduce their vulnerability to this type of crisis” said Dr. Teo A. Babun, Jr. Executive Director of ART. “International support to Haiti is critical. We encourage all of our colleagues to play a part at this very difficult time”, he added.

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AmericasRelief Team's partners include top executives from American Red Cross of Greater Miami & the Keys; Antillean Marine Shipping Corp, Carnival Corporation; FedEx Latin America; Baptist Health System; Belle Plume Communications; Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA); Cross International: DRT International, Enterprise Florida; Feed the Children; Lucent Technologies; Caribbean Central America Action (CCAC); Florida Stevedoring; Food for the Poor; Miami-Dade Aviation Department; Miami River Marine Group; Port of Miami Terminal Operating Co. (POMTOC), Seaboard Marine; SeaFreight Agencies USA; Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA); Harvest International; Pan American Development Foundation (PADF); Republica; WorldCity Media; World Vision-South Florida.

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In Addition, below is another news release by U.S Southern Command, Public Affairs Office

SOUTHCOM deploys assessment team to Haiti

MIAMI – U.S. Southern Command will deploy a team of 30 people to Haiti to support U.S. relief efforts in the aftermath of yesterday's devastating earthquake.

The team, which includes U.S. military engineers, operational planners, and a command and control group and communication specialists, will arrive in Haiti today on two C-130 Hercules aircraft. The team will work with U.S. Embassy personnel as well as Haitian, United Nations and international officials to assess the situation and facilitate follow on U.S. military support.

Other immediate response activities include;

- At first light today, a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter evacuated four critically injured U.S. Embassy staff to the Naval Station Guantanamo, Cuba, hospital for further treatment.
- Elements of the U.S. Air Force 1st Special Operations Wing are deploying today to the international airport at Port au Prince, Haiti, to provide air traffic control capability and airfield operations. They are expected to arrive in Haiti this afternoon.
- A U.S. Navy P-3 Orion aircraft from the Forward Operating Location at Comalapa, El Salvador, took off early this morning to conduct an aerial reconnaissance of the area affected by the earthquake.
- The U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, USS Carl Vinson, is underway and expected to arrive off the coast of Haiti Thursday. Additional U.S. Navy ships are underway to Haiti.

SOUTHCOM is closely monitoring the situation and is working with the U.S. State Department, United States Agency for International Development and the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance and other national and international agencies to determine how to best respond to this crisis.

SOUTHCOM is well versed at providing humanitarian assistance in the region. Since 2005, the command has led U.S. military support to 14 major relief missions, including assistance to Haiti in September 2008. During that mission, U.S. military forces from USS Kearsarge and other units airlifted 3.3 million pounds of aid to communities that were devastated by a succession of major storms.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the Haitian people and all those affected by this devastating earthquake,” said U.S. Army Col. James Marshall, command spokesman for SOUTHCOM.

For more information about U.S. Southern Command visit www.southcom.mil or contact the Public Affairs Office at 305-437-1213. Also connect with us at [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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If you are an individual, an organization or a corporation that wishes to make a difference by donating large quantity of items to qualified humanitarian relief NGOs, **AmericasRelief Team** will work to match your donated goods and services with evolving needs on the ground as reported by local relief efforts. Visit www.americasrelief.org and click on “in-kind donations”, or simply link here to access our “Donate In-Kind” form: <http://americasrelief.org/inkind.htm>



REQUEST FOR DONATED CARGO SPACE

AmericasRelief Team maintains a **Bank Depository of Charity Cargo** from air and maritime cargo shipping companies. This is an inventory of donated (space-available) or discounted "charity" cargo space and in-kind services. To participate, simply send us a completed pre-approval form with your request for donated cargo space. Once approval is granted we will send you shipping instructions.

LINK HERE FOR A PRE-APPROVAL FORM

<http://americasrelief.org/inkind.htm>

POSSIBLE CONSIGNEE

All humanitarian aid must be assigned to an approved in-country NGO (consignee). Please contact us if you know of an NGO on location who is willing to act as a consignee for donated items.

Contact us at the main office at 305-884-0441 or by e-mail at info@americasrelief.org.

AVAILABILITY OF DONATED ITEMS

Qualified NGOs are requested to contact us to check on the availability of donated in-kind products in our databank and waiting for final disposition.

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CHARTER FLIGHTS

Charter flights for relief operations are available through **AmericasRelief Team**. Small cargo planes from 10,000 to 40,000 lbs. and larger cargo planes such as DC3, DC8 or DC10 are also available for charter flights to the affected areas.

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EMERGENCY PRODUCTS OFFERED

We wish to remind Humanitarian NGOs that **AmericasRelief Team** can act as the purchasing manager of your organization. And because we buy from so many sources, our prices are often the most competitive. We are ready to provide quotation on all types of products used during emergencies and for humanitarian purposes: pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, potable water (all types), general supplies, dry goods, canned goods, reconstruction building items, generators, and much more!

SEND US A LIST OF THE ITEMS YOU NEED TO PURCHASE

[Link here to access our Rate Request Form](#)

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Humanitarian NGOs can now maximize their donations by providing more charitable items, while saving funds in the transportation of goods to the hurricane battered areas. We are authorized to offer humanitarian NGOs with weekly sailings to over 80 destinations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. We have guaranteed space with all carriers at most destinations. Our contracts include the handling of less than container load (LCL), full container load (FCL), and Air cargo.

Contact us for Free Estimates

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OUR MEDIA PARTNERSHIP



We are proud of our media partnership; created to give South Floridians an opportunity to reach out and help those who have been directly affected by catastrophic events.



AmericasRelief Team

AmericasRelief Team is a Florida private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters.

AmericasRelief Team reacts to immediate crisis, provides ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief.

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