



ALERT No. 3 Earthquake in Haiti

January 15, 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.

Update on Haiti Earthquake Crisis

AmericasRelief Team (ART) has been collaborating with a large number of corporations and international NGOs to stage a substantial amount of humanitarian aid for shipment once it becomes permissible for the private sector to ship and fly the commodities to Haiti. In the mean time, we are trickling in some aid through Cap Haitien and are preparing to ship more aid via Rio Haina in the Dominican Republic which is all very complicated and inefficient.

ART is also working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard as they assess the infrastructure damage so that we may be able to better plan the deployment of the aid. OFDA and U.S. Southern Command are in dialogue with us as they finalize their plans and strategies which will include a public-private partnership of collaboration leading to a substantial focus on long term development and solutions.

Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) FORWARD is underway conducting a port assessment of the Port-au-Prince harbor, along with assessments of secondary Haitian ports. CGC FORWARD personnel were sent ashore yesterday to conduct testing of the fuel supply at the Port-au-Prince Airport, and found the fuel to be of acceptable quality. CGC MOHAWK is anchored offshore of Port-au-Prince Airport and is providing additional air traffic management for Coast Guard aircraft operating in the area and supporting helicopter operations.

Haiti's Minister of the Interior in collaboration with the Consul General in Miami have provided ART with letters of good passage for entering humanitarian aid. This is particularly important of

the aid is crossing the Dominican Republic border. NGOs interested in this process should contact ART for guidance.

Unless you are absolutely sure how you will travel to Haiti, and that an organization will provide you with housing and food, then we strongly advise that all help missions to Haiti be postponed. The Haitian situation is going to be a long-term condition requiring prolonged, ongoing relief efforts.

The Haitian government has told us that once the Port au Prince airport opens for private sector relief they will prioritize the relief flights and give priorities to International NGOs first. The most pressing needs are for medications, pharmaceuticals for infectious diseases, medical masks, sanitation products, sleeping bags, and shelter equipment.

Other developments

- There is a near-total blackout in Port-au-Prince. Due to limited electricity, communications remain difficult with land and cellular lines down, which are critically important to coordinate and direct a massive response such as this.
- Police, fire response and medical teams are overwhelmed and the overall security situation tense. Food and water supplies are limited, contributing to people's anxiety.
- A team of three disaster specialists arrived in Haiti via ground transport from Santo Domingo. Their mission in Haiti is to assess the damage, address urgent needs and establish the foundation for a long-term recovery operation.
- ART has secured a short-term usage 50,000 ft.² warehouse for partner organizations

POTENTIAL DONORS OF IN-KIND PRODUCTS

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](#)

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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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We also offer timely custom brokerage services and overnight air freight services for time sensitive freight weighing up to 2,000 lbs.

You can also contact ART at the main office at 305-884-0441 or by e-mail at info@americasrelief.org for more information.

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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REGULAR OCEAN SHIPMENT OF YOUR HUMANITARIAN CARGO

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.

Due to the difficulties of shipping humanitarian aid to Haiti, we are providing information on the following cargo shipping companies that are providing services from Miami to Cap Hatien and Gonaives.

Sante' Shipping Lines Inc.

Bruno Ramos and Chuck Towsley
3007 NW South River Drive
Tel for Chuck 954-432-3631

ber@beai.com

maridirections@aol.com

Vessel sails this Friday for Cap Haitien (regular liner service to north Haiti)

Our ship sails every other Thursday with service to Gonaives and Cap Haitien. **The next sail date is the 28th of January** as the cut off is today. The vessel for these voyages is the Sante' Manna and she is a 3000 grt vessel with capacity for 181 TEU's. The Sante' Manna sails from our terminal the Port of Miami River Terminal located at 3001 NW South River Drive. She carries 40' and 20' containers and has capacity for 35 Refrigerator plugs and can carry vehicles and heavy equipment as well. We have all equipment necessary, containers, refers, chassis etc... She has excess capacity for 120 tons of Diesel which can be offloaded by pump at the ports. I hope this information helps.

Contact us for Free Estimates

Suggested Freight Forwarders

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(cargo aircraft and crew in Milwaukee that is available for Haiti relief. I talked with our owners and they are willing to offer the aircraft below cost and donate the crew's time and some fuel)

The cargo aircraft is a Shorts Brothers 360 with 7500 lbs. capacity and about 700 mile range. Please visit the link below for more aircraft specs.

<http://www.aircar.com/aircraft.aspx>

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WAREHOUSING IN MIAMI

ART has available at no cost up to 50,000 Sq. Ft. Warehouse in Miami. We can receive all types of cargo except hazardous shipments. ART partners will receive priority For more information contact AmericasRelief Team at (305) 884-0441, ask for Jessica or Teo.

Donated Communications Equipment

ART has available at no cost to International NGOs, up to five transportable satellite communications systems which include ground cellular network with voice and internet for communications station(s) in Haiti. ART partners will receive priority. Please contact us at teob@americasrelief.org, place "Satellite Unit" in the subject line.

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.

For

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