

# Haiti Response

Below is information received last week from the MRC and ESAR-VHP, which is followed by pertinent web sites.

## The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) *[Added 2/9/10]*

HHS has launched a Web site for medical workers who wish to volunteer their services to the earthquake relief effort in Haiti. To be considered for deployment as HHS volunteers, the Web site asks medical professionals to e-mail their request to [Haiti.volunteer@hhs.gov](mailto:Haiti.volunteer@hhs.gov), including their name, clinical area, specialty skills, degrees and language capabilities (particularly how fluent they are in Haitian Creole or French). HHS will also share the information with the U.S. Agency for International Development and non-governmental organizations seeking medical volunteers, who may contact them if an opportunity matching their skills and credentials becomes available.

## Medical Reserve Corps MRC

The images we are seeing of the devastation in Haiti are incredibly unsettling, and, as in many previous disasters, Americans are again asking what they can do to help. It is a part of our collective nature to want to help. The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps has received many calls and e-mails from MRC members and others asking about the possibilities to volunteer in response to the earthquake.

At this time, there are no plans for a Federal activation of MRC members. Our colleagues in the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and the Public Health Service (PHS) have been activated, and their teams are on their way to assist. We are monitoring the situation closely. We receive several updates from the HHS Secretary's Operation Center every day, and we also participate in conference calls with staff from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. These calls have many participants—from within HHS, the Departments of Homeland Security and Defense, and other government agencies. We will continue to do our best to keep you informed based on the information we receive. We will let you know if the situation changes and we receive a request for MRC assistance. Please monitor this page, as well as join the [one or two-way MRC Listserv](#) to receive regular updates directly from the OCVMRC.

## ESAR-VHP Emergency System for the advanced registration of volunteer health professionals

The ASPR Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) Program continues to monitor the situation in Haiti, and we remain in close communication with our colleagues within the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the Haitian earthquake response efforts. We are also in close contact with CDR Narayan Nair, Deployment Operations Senior Program Officer in the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps.

Over the weekend, we had a series of meetings. There is **not** a request for ESAR-VHP volunteers at this time. However, there is still a potential for deployment of civilian medical volunteers, particularly those with the following medical specializations:

- trauma surgeons (adult and pediatric)
- orthopedic surgeons (adult and pediatric)
- pediatric critical care transport
- pediatric intensivists
- pediatric respiratory therapists

Please be aware this is only a potential for deployment. Very little definitive information is available regarding the exact nature of a federal deployment, but we will let you know once it is available. As you are aware in disasters of this size and scope, information about the situation on the ground can change frequently and you may hear conflicting messages. What we have been told at this time is that if a deployment were to occur it would be for 2 weeks in very austere conditions. Those deployed would need US passports.

We would not deploy ESAR-VHP volunteers without notifying the state emergency operations centers and the state coordinators first.

We encourage you to use this opportunity of heightened interest in service to highlight your state programs. There is no better time to prepare for a possible disaster than now. You may also receive an influx of phone calls and emails from people wanting to make a difference in Haiti. Remind these people of the good they can do at home, as well, and have them register with your state programs.

We will continue to provide regular updates as information becomes available.

# Haiti/Earthquake Web Resources

As of: 23 Jan 2010

## Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad

<http://www.amhe.org/>

## CDC

Clinician Guidance: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/clinicians.asp>

Haiti/Travel Guidance: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/travel-health-warning/haiti-earthquake.aspx>

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/relief-workers-haiti.aspx>

Health Worker Guidance (for emergency response): <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/relief-workers.aspx>

Post Disaster Medical Screening: NIOSH Guidance for Post-exposure Medical Screening of Workers Leaving Hurricane

Disaster Recovery Areas: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/pdfs/Medscreenwork.pdf>

CDC Earthquake Website Now Available in French and Haitian Creole: [Visit the French Homepage](#) and [Haitian Creole Homepage](#)

## DHHS

[www.hhs.gov/haiti](http://www.hhs.gov/haiti)

## Donations:

Center for International Disaster Information. US Gov't/US DHHS Donation/Volunteer registration site.

<http://www.cidi.org/incident/haiti-10a/>

Questions: [cip@hhs.gov](mailto:cip@hhs.gov)

American Red Cross

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Florida International Volunteer Corps

[www.favaca.org](http://www.favaca.org)

Pan American Development Foundation

[www.panamericanrelief.org](http://www.panamericanrelief.org)

Samaritan's Purse

[www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org)

UN ReliefWeb

[www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)

<http://www.interaction.org/crisis-list/earthquake-haiti>

State, local, and tribal governments with goods and services to offer to the relief effort in Haiti should direct their offers to [helphaiti@state.gov](mailto:helphaiti@state.gov).

## Dept of Defense, SOUTHCOM, Public Site

<http://www.southcom.mil/AppsSC/APAN.php>

## The Haiti Connection, List of Hospitals and Clinics in Country

<http://thehaiticonnection.org/medical-clinics.html>

## Immunization/vaccination requirements for Haiti, DOD info paper

<http://www.vaccines.mil/documents/1320Haiti%20vaccination%20info%20paper.pdf>

## Language Guides:

Dictionary. English-Haitian: <http://www.hashaiti.org/files/EnglishKreyol%20Electronic%20Dictionary.pdf>

Project Haiti Heart. Basic Medical Creole: <http://www.projecthaitiheart.org/phhbasicmedicalcreole.htm>

Language Course: <http://www.byki.com/blog/>

## MEDSCAPE Key Resources Compendium

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/715295?src=mp&spon=42&uac=21991FR>

## Pan-American Health Organization

Logistics Guidance: [http://www.paho.org/english/ped/te\\_supp.htm](http://www.paho.org/english/ped/te_supp.htm)

Area on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief. Includes Response Team Handbook and Forms:

[http://new.paho.org/disasters/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1057&Itemid=1](http://new.paho.org/disasters/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1057&Itemid=1)

## Relief Web (includes Situation Awareness and Maps)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc100?OpenForm>

**Situation Awareness:**

<http://disaster.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/haitiearthquake.html>  
<http://www.iscram.org/live/haiti>  
<http://healthmap.org/haiti>  
[www.cdera.org](http://www.cdera.org)  
<http://www.google.com/relief/haitiearthquake/>  
<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html> (Maps in particular)  
<http://www.thrall.org/special/haiti2010.html>  
<http://unosat.web.cern.ch/unosat/asp/UNOSAT-EQ-201001-HTI.asp>  
CNN Daily Status: <http://tinyurl.com/ydxkfkev>  
CDERA:Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency: <http://www.cdera.org/index.php>  
UN Haiti Efforts: <http://tinyurl.com/ycfevky>  
UN Foundation: <http://tinyurl.com/ydvascv>  
Reliefweb Status Update: <http://tinyurl.com/yexkjmj>

**US Response Efforts:**

Customs and Immigrations Service: <http://tinyurl.com/ye7xshj>  
DOD Haiti Efforts: <http://tinyurl.com/yfmsq6k>  
General Response Information: <http://tinyurl.com/ybdg984>  
Red Cross Haiti Efforts: <http://newsroom.redcross.org/>  
USAID Response: <http://tinyurl.com/yejaucx>  
White House Haiti Updates: <http://tinyurl.com/yayqa6w>  
White House Press Releases: <http://tinyurl.com/ya485nr>

**PAHO Maps:**

<http://mapaction.org/>  
<http://reliefweb.int/rw/dbc.nsf/doc100?OpenForm>

**Satellite Imagery:**

Google Satellite Imagery: <http://tinyurl.com/ybfxj7y>  
UNOSAT Imagery: <http://tinyurl.com/yc416tl>

**The Sphere Handbook**, Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response. The Sphere Project, Red Cross, Red Crescent: <http://www.sphereproject.org/index.php>

**State Department**

<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/ha/earthquake/index.htm>  
Info Hotline: 888-407-4747

**UN “One Resonse”**

<http://oneresponse.info/Pages/default.aspx>

**USAID**

[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/countries/haiti/template/index.html](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/countries/haiti/template/index.html)  
Field Operations Guide, Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID:  
[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/resources/pdf/fog\\_v3.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/resources/pdf/fog_v3.pdf)  
USAID Disaster Response resources: [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/resources/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/resources/)

**US Embassy Haiti**

<http://haiti.usembassy.gov/>  
Earthquake video: <http://live.osac.gov/p99046527>

**White House Earthquake Relief Page**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/haitiearthquake>

**World Health Organization**

Guidelines for Drug Donations: [http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/1999/who\\_edm\\_par\\_99.4.pdf](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/1999/who_edm_par_99.4.pdf).