

# Haiti Earthquake

## Situation Report #4

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### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Health facilities in earthquake impacted communities in need of WASH services rehabilitation.
- Project HOPE's Haitian Medical Team has provided patient care for more than 490 patients at public clinics in the Sud and Grand'Anse departments.
- Project HOPE is sending shipments of antibiotics, medicines, and hygiene supplies to earthquake impacted communities and health facilities.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Aid is now reaching impacted communities much faster, though 650,000 people remain in need of emergency humanitarian assistance in the departments of Sud, Grand'Anse, and Nippes and more than 119,000 people in the region lack access to potable water, increasing the risk of water-borne diseases.

Access to health care services continues to be a challenge in the aftermath of the August 14 earthquake. Reported injuries at health facilities continue to include injuries directly related to the earthquake but basic health care and nutritional services needs are increasingly being requested of rural health facilities. Many health facilities lack adequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities, with just 60 percent of health facilities in Sud and 52 percent of health facilities in Grand'Anse having basic water services prior to the earthquake. 15 percent of health facilities in Sud did not have any water services, raising the need for water trucking. WASH capabilities at health facilities will be vital to limiting the spread of disease in the ongoing aftermath of the August 14 earthquake.

No spike in COVID-19 cases has yet been identified and Haiti is continuing to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine during the emergency. The lack of social distancing, limited use of PPE, and a vaccination campaign that is both still in its early stages and

### Quick Facts

- 7.2M earthquake in Haiti on August 14
- 650K+ people in need of humanitarian assistance
- 2,207+ earthquake related deaths
- 12,268+ injuries
- 32 health facilities damaged or destroyed
- 130K houses damaged or destroyed
- 119K+ lack access to clean water

competing with community level vaccine hesitancy indicates that the spread of COVID-19 continues to be a risk.

## **PROJECT HOPE'S RESPONSE**

Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team (ERT) includes a team of 5 local Haitian medical staff providing additional support at 4 rural health clinics in the Sud and Grand'Anse departments. The team has seen more than 490 patients with earthquake-related injuries, malnutrition, and primary healthcare needs. When supporting public clinics, the ERT is also delivering basic medicines and supplies to clinics with exhausted pharmacies. Many of the rural clinics where Project HOPE is working have sustained damage to WASH systems and operate with under-resourced supply chains for medicines and medical supplies.

In addition to in-country procurement efforts, Project HOPE is developing a robust pipeline of critical pharmaceuticals, medical and hygiene supplies to support the response in Haiti. Currently, HOPE is sending wound irrigation kits to allow hospitals to clean and care for severe wounds. To address gaps in supply chain at primary care clinics, HOPE is sending a pallet of Rx packs - including antibiotics and other essential medicines for health facilities in the Sud and Grand'Anse departments. To address needs of populations affected by the earthquake, HOPE will distribute both hygiene kits and disaster health kits, which contain both hygiene and first aid supplies. Project HOPE is also working closely with partners in the Dominican Republic to source medicines and medical supplies for under-resourced health facilities in earthquake impacted communities.

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