



Saving Lives in Haiti

On August 14th, 2021, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake crippled southern Haiti, killing at least 2,200 people. Over 12,000 people were injured, and 130,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. This disaster struck at a time when Haiti was already reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic, unparalleled economic hardship, and social and political unrest following the assassination of Haiti's president in July. Haiti's hospitals were quickly overwhelmed, and people were not able to get the medical care they desperately needed.

Together, we were able to respond immediately, providing life-saving medical care, food, and supplies to the people who were hit the hardest by the earthquake. Your generosity helped JDC partner with and support local Haitian and international organizations. You made a transformational difference by providing the following lifesaving aid:



Medical care for 4,298 people



Food packages for 900 families



2,500 pounds of medical supplies



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JDC and Haiti – 80 Years of Partnership

JDC and Haiti share a rich history together, dating back to the late 1930s and early 40s—a time during which JDC helped Jewish refugees find haven from the Nazis in Haiti and neighboring countries. In 2010, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti’s capital of Port-au-Prince, claiming over 200,000 lives. JDC quickly responded, partnering with local organizations to provide food, water, and medical care to those in need. When Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti in 2016, JDC was there once again.

Your contribution had greater impact on those who needed it most because of JDC’s long-standing relationship with the Haitian people.

Watch a short video on JDC’s response in Haiti from 2010 to today [here](#).

Building Partnerships That Work

Your contribution provided lifesaving care and supplies quickly to the most affected people in the most remote locations. When the disaster occurred, our partners were already there in the field, assessing needs and providing emergency care. JDC’s local partners also made sure that our supplies got to the people who needed them the most, despite the difficult roads and threat of violence.

Mobile Clinics and Medical Supplies for the Injured: As a result of these partnerships, only a few days after the earthquake, your gift helped Heart to Heart International (HHI) establish mobile clinics in rural locations near the epicenter, where people were in desperate need of treatment. You also quickly responded to Haiti’s severe need for medical supplies, by providing 2,500 pounds of essential supplies, such as bandages; gauze; and surgical gowns, masks, and gloves. Thanks to JDC’s



A patient checking blood sugar at a JDC partnered clinic



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partnership with the Afya Foundation, within the first week, these supplies reached a hospital in Aquin, which was overwhelmed with people injured in the earthquake.

Food to the Hungry: JDC's local partners work on both the macro and the micro level. On the micro-level, JDC works together with ProDev, a grass-roots organization which helps families in rural communities through the schools. Your gift enabled ProDev to provide 900 families with food packages, who would otherwise have gone hungry and shelters for families who lost their homes.

Medical Equipment to Overwhelmed Hospitals: On the macro-level, JDC works with Partners in Health (PIH) and their Haitian sister NGO, Zanmi Lasante. Through their work with the government, Partners in Health was able to look at the big picture and identify the greatest needs. PIH identified a need for portable ultrasound machines and connected JDC to the hospital which needed them most. In response, your gift provided six portable ultrasound machines, to give immediate medical care to those injured in the earthquake and to upgrade the level of medical care for years to come.



Reaching Remote Locations in Need of Dire Medical Care: JDC goes to great lengths, literally, to find the most vulnerable and sick, regardless of location. Many Haitians living in the countryside struggled to treat their wounds due to a scarcity of supplies. As a result, community members remained at home and attempted to treat their injuries on their own, often without clean water and electricity. When our medical teams arrived five days after the earthquake, they were often the first medical teams to visit the community. They found many injured in desperate need of treatment. JDC established clinics in remote communities surrounding Maniche and Baradares, treating over 4,000 people who otherwise would not have access to medical care.



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Your gift provided life-saving care to people like Esther (an alias) in the small community of Rita. Esther's house collapsed on her during the earthquake, breaking her pelvis. Eight days after the earthquake, she had not been seen by a medical team; she was essentially stranded and unable to seek medical care. Thanks to you, the medical team was able to identify the issue and arrange Medical evacuation and get Esther the treatment she needed.

In the words of Djerhy Jn Baptiste, JDC's consultant on the ground in Haiti: *"From 2010 until now, I've seen firsthand that JDC is unlike any other humanitarian organization... mobilizing its local partners and listening to what they need. These local partnerships are crucial for a successful disaster response; these organizations are deeply rooted in the communities they support, with decades of outstanding impact."*

Our Work Continues, With Thanks to You

Your contribution enabled us to respond quickly when the emergency first hit. That same contribution continues to assist Haiti in its long-term recovery needs - long after the shocks from this earthquake are over. Looking ahead, JDC has identified health, community development and resilience-building as areas where we can have the most long-term impact. We will continue to work closely with local Haitian organizations partners to be better equip them for whenever the next disaster may surface.

On behalf of those Haitians affected by the earthquake, and assisted by your generosity, we extend our gratitude and deep thanks.