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The latest reports cited a death toll as high as 200,000, with more than 3 million people—one-third of Haiti's population—injured or left homeless. Thankfully, none of World Vision's sponsorship communities were seriously affected, and we have not received any reports of casualties among them.

### World Vision's Response

Within hours of the quake, World Vision began distributing life-saving relief supplies to 2,000 families, and we are aiming to provide emergency supplies to at least 10,000 families. First aid kits, along with Family Survival Kits containing items such as water containers, cooking sets, hygiene kits, and more, are being provided to quake survivors. World Vision also has supplied overmaxed hospitals and clinics with surgical gloves, syringes, antibiotics, and bandages.

On January 15, World Vision's airlift containing 18 metric tons of emergency supplies arrived in Port-au-Prince from our warehouse in Denver, Colorado. Our pre-positioned emergency supply storehouses in Europe, Panama, and Denver, Colorado, are ready to ship supplies to Haiti. Additional airlifts are already scheduled, including one from Panama City, Panama, containing supplies such as tarps, water containers, shovels, and mosquito nets.



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## Pray for...

- The health and well-being of quake survivors
- The reunion of families
- Provision of physical and emotional needs
- Strength and success of first-responders



World Vision has begun helping children who have been separated from their parents. Many children are leaving Port-au-Prince and are heading outside the city to find help. Our staff along the borders of the Dominican Republic are providing food, water, and medical care to hundreds of children who are traveling alone or have become separated from their parents along the way. Because the quake struck during school hours, hundreds of children have not found their parents. Especially during emergencies such as this, children who are alone are incredibly vulnerable to harm, and World Vision seeks to ensure their safety and to provide physical and psychosocial support.

World Vision has set a fundraising goal of \$25 million to provide needed care and support. Your help is desperately needed as World Vision continues immediate relief efforts, and in the near future, when we assist in more long-term recovery and rehabilitation. Because the damage is so severe, we anticipate walking alongside people in Haiti as they rebuild their homes, communities, and lives, for the foreseeable future.

### How Your Congregation Can Help

World Vision plans to help thousands of families affected by the earthquake. You and your church can join us in helping families in Haiti in the following ways:

- \$40 can provide a family with a hygiene kit, which includes items such as soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items, and toilet paper.
- \$300 can provide one collapsible water container.
- \$500 can provide aqua tabs to purify water and provide clean water.
- \$1,000 can provide kitchen sets to families in need.

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