

Support relief and recovery efforts in Haiti

Dear everyone

I am writing you as many people from the Government of Viet Nam, from the international community and from the private sector in Hanoi have approached the United Nations Team to see if there is some way that they might be able to support the emergency response to the massive earthquake that recently hit Haiti.

As of today, the death toll has now reached 150,000, with many people still unaccounted for and the wounded numbering in the hundreds of thousands. The quake has caused widespread damage in and around the capital Port-au-Prince, devastated the nation's infrastructure and left a large number of people in desperate need of food, shelter, water and other necessities.

The global response to the crisis continues to be overwhelming and aid is now reaching people most affected by the disaster, but huge humanitarian challenges remain. Many of the earthquake's worst effects – including its impact on child health and safety – are being aggravated by the country's history of poverty and instability.

While the immediate relief operations remain ongoing, discussion in the international community is now shifting to the long-term reconstruction and recovery of Haiti. It is hoped that by addressing the systemic problems that have hindered the country's development in the past, Haiti can be restored stronger and better than before – laying solid and lasting foundations for its children's future.

It is crucial that during such times of crisis that the rights of children affected in Haiti are not forgotten. Given that nearly half of the country's population is under the age of 18, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has a particularly critical role to play in the relief and recovery process. UNICEF is already reaching children in Haiti with life-saving support and is developing a comprehensive long-term plan to address real concerns in the country about child health and the serious risks they face in terms of trafficking and exploitation.

The United Nations in Viet Nam is heartened by the many people in Viet Nam who have expressed their wish to help the people of Haiti. We would like to offer you, your staff, family and friends an easier way to help restore the lives of those most affected by this terrible disaster and support the Haitian people in realizing their dream for a stronger and more secure nation in the future. From today, you can donate money to a bank account in Viet Nam in support of UNICEF's relief and recovery efforts for the children of Haiti, the details of which are outlined below.

On behalf of the UN Country Team in Viet Nam, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your support and for your solidarity at this critical time.

With best regards,

John Hendra
UN Resident Coordinator



Support UNICEF's relief and recovery efforts for children in Haiti*

DONATE VIA UNICEF VIET NAM

1. US Dollar bank account

Bank Account title: UNICEF VIETNAM
USD Bank Account No. 110 988
Bank Name in Viet Nam: ANZ Bank Hanoi
Swift code: ANZBVNVX
Address: 14 Le Thai To Str., Hanoi
Correspondent Bank / SWIFT: JP Morgan Chase/SWIFT code CHASUS33

2. VN Dong bank account

Bank Account title: UNICEF VIETNAM
VND Bank Account No. 110 999
Bank Name in Viet Nam: ANZ Bank Hanoi
Swift code: ANZBVNVX
Address: 14 Le Thai To Str., Hanoi
Correspondent Bank / SWIFT: JP Morgan Chase/SWIFT code CHASUS33

Please clearly indicate the purpose of your bank transfer **"Haiti: Earthquake appeal"**

****Should the total contributions exceed the funding needs for the Haiti emergency, the funds received will be reallocated to other UNICEF emergency programmes where the need is greatest.****

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More information about the UN relief efforts in Haiti:

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/missions/minustah/index.shtml>

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