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LCIF Continues to Respond One Month After Haiti Earthquake

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Dear Lion Shirley,

I am sure that everyone remembers where they were one month ago when news of the devastating 7.0 earthquake in Haiti broke. The past month has truly demonstrated the great need for the humanitarian service of our Foundation. After the earthquake struck the Caribbean nation of Haiti, LCIF and Lions worldwide immediately responded. Through the generosity of multiple districts, districts, clubs and individuals, more than US\$2 million has been mobilized in the past month to ensure immediate needs are being met and long-term reconstruction is a top priority.

I challenge Lions worldwide to join me in our efforts to rebuild the lives, families and communities impacted by the earthquake in Haiti. One of Lions' greatest strengths is the support we give to our fellow members in times of need. When disasters strike, LCIF and Lions from around the world are there to support one another.



By [making a donation](#) to LCIF, you are providing hope to the people of Haiti. We invite all Lions to donate and thank those who have already contributed. Together, we will continue to serve those in the greatest need.

Best regards,
Al Brandel
LCIF Chairperson

Words of Thanks for Lions' Relief in Haiti

"It has been a day of blessings in that around 9 a.m. the Lions arrived to tell me our soccer areas have been chosen to receive their aid, which includes well formed tents, hot kitchen area, school in a box, dental and eye care. It is a real shot in the arm for us, as I had begun to accept that our neighborhood would have to move to one of the huge tent areas in order to obtain shelter and food. Since writing this, the initial boxes from the Lions club have arrived. I am glad



Make a Donation

The need remains for continued support in Haiti. Provide hope to those suffering, [contribute](#) to the LCIF Haiti Earthquake Fund.

the neighbors will soon have tents, hot food and everything else promised."

Sister Mary Finnick, Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Haiti

Funds Provide Shelter, Food, Water to Victims

Lions provided immediate needs, including water, food and medical supplies on January 22. These supplies were distributed by Haitian Lions and Leos to a hospital and orphanage. LCIF partnered with the Lions of Sweden to provide 200 large tents to house those who are now homeless as well as relief workers. Haitian Lions have established three tent cities in Delmas, Blanchard and Carrefour-Feuille, neighborhoods located in Port-au-Prince. Each tent city can accommodate 300 families or 1,200 people. Lions are focusing their immediate relief efforts to support and maintain these tent cities.



Relief Efforts Furthered by Leveraging Funds

To further relief efforts in Haiti, LCIF is reaching out to organizations in both Haiti and around the world. The International Organization of Migration has offered to provide supplies and assistance to Lions camps. LCIF is also partnering with the shipping company, Maersk, and the World Food Program, to ship tents donated by Lions of Sweden and food donated by the World Food Program, to Haiti free of charge. Additionally, the Foundation is in final discussions to partner with USAID and Catholic Relief Services.

Individual Donations Strengthen Relief Efforts

Lions worldwide are supporting relief efforts by donating to the Haiti Earthquake Relief fund. A number individual Lions have made significant contributions of US\$10,000 or more to demonstrate their commitment to helping rebuild Haiti.

- Aruna Oswal, India, US\$25,000
- Kanaksingh Babla, Kenya, US\$10,000
- Alexis Gomes, Congo,



Your Donation Can Provide

Water, Food and Clothing:
\$25 - \$50

First Aid/Medicines:
\$100 - \$250

Re-build and Establish Community Infrastructure:
\$500 - \$1,000

Help Our Long-term Rebuilding Efforts:
\$5,000+

Lion Testimony

"As early as the day after the disaster, the Haitian Lions took up the duty of establishing a permanently manned office with the goal of contributing their support to the feeling of universal solidarity which this event has engendered, and to the reconstruction of the country."

William Eliacin, Zone Chairperson, Haiti

[View a message from William on-line.](#)

Promoting Response to Haiti Earthquake

LCIF continues to promote the relief efforts in Haiti to both to Lions worldwide and also to the general public. To

US\$10,000

- Susan Lanier, Alabama, USA, US\$10,000

To view a full listing of Lions, clubs, districts and multiple districts providing generous support to LCIF's Haiti Earthquake Relief fund, visit the [Lions respond page on-line](#).

Long-term Reconstruction Plans

Lions leadership and local Lions are developing a long-term plan for reconstruction, and a committee made up of Lions from the area was established to oversee relief efforts. A return trip is planned for February 24 to continue planning and deliver additional supplies.

Currently, Lions are focused on immediate needs, such as shelter, food and water. But initial reports from the Lions of Haiti for long-term reconstruction focus on building a school and an ophthalmic clinic. This is similar to what Lions have been done for reconstruction following other catastrophes.

see a full listing of media coverage, [visit the publicity page](#) of the Web site.

Materials on Haiti Available

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