

<b>ARCH Coalition SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)</b> <b>Haiti Earthquake – 01/2010 – Glide: EQ 2010-000009</b>
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***Background***

Aid was eventually getting through to some of the most dangerous parts of Haiti over the weekend, US and Brazilian troops created a cordon with their vehicles in one of the most notorious slums in PaP, Cite Soleil, which is controlled almost completely by gangs. An aftershock was felt on Sunday evening measuring 4.7 which again added to the fear of sleeping under anything except a tent. 130,000 people have taken up the governments offer to be transported to other cities to the north and south west of PaP.

***Key Messages***

***General Overview of the Humanitarian Situation***

There are discussions taking place about looking past the initial relief phase of recovery for Haiti and considering debt relief. Over 150,000 people have been confirmed dead since the earthquake hit nearly two weeks ago, this total is expected to climb past 200,000 with the spread of disease. There are concerns that more permanent shelters will need to be built soon as Haiti will need to be prepared for the rainy season that will begin in May.

***Official figures***

***UN figures***

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***External Assessment***

WSPA and IFAW staff members were in PaP over the weekend on behalf of the ARCH coalition meeting with Haitian minister of environment along with other key government bodies. They met with members of other key organizations such as the IFRC, FAO and USAID. The priority for these meetings was to establish how the coalition can be of help to the aid and rehabilitation effort for Haiti and to establish how we can be of help to the government in the long term.

***Response***

A plan of action will be confirmed once initial reports have been submitted and the coalition has decided on the direction of the operation.

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