

Broward Haiti Relief Task Force



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In the afternoon of January 12, 2010, a major earthquake struck the city of Port Au Prince, Haiti, and surrounding areas. According to a Situation Report prepared by the USAID dated February 8, the devastation resulted in over 200,000 dead and over 700,000 displaced. Hundreds of thousands more have left the Port Au Prince and 3 million people have been affected. Because Broward County is home to the 2nd largest Haitian immigrant community in the United States, it was inevitable that the reverberations from the event have been felt locally.

Recognizing that the most effective way to provide relief is by coordinating efforts, a broad spectrum of corporate, non-profit, government and faith-based organizations, as well as individuals, met on January 20 at the CSC and created a Broward Haiti Relief Task Force. Under the leadership of MDEI, 9 subcommittees were created to handle different aspects of local response, as well as international relief and to avoid duplication of services.

For information and resources related to the Broward Haiti Relief Task Force, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/bchrtf/>. A facebook page has also been established at <http://facebook.dj/browardhaitirelief>

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