



Haiti Earthquake

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What happened and when?

On January the 12th 2010 Haiti was shaken by a terrible earthquake. Many people lost their lives and more than a million people were left homeless.

Thousands of people are still living in makeshift camps. After the earthquake struck, other countries and charities rushed to help the people of Haiti by giving them food and water.

How many people were affected?

The extent of the devastation is unclear but many thousands of people have died in the tremendous Haiti earthquake. 300,000 had been injured and 1,000,000 made homeless.

How did aid agencies help?

Countries arranged to send relief and rescue workers and humanitarian supplies directly to the earthquake damage zones, while others sought to organize national fund raising to provide support. A number of countries sent large supplies of disaster relief, medical staff, technicians for reconstruction and security personnel. Notably, the governments of the United States, Canada, Brazil, Italy and Cuba sent over 1,000 military and disaster relief personnel each, with the United States being by far the largest single contributor to the relief efforts. The international community also helped in other ways such as field hospitals, naval vessels, a hospital ship, aircraft carriers, transport aircraft and emergency facilities soon after the extent of the disaster became apparent.