

PRESS RELEASE**Japan Platform (JPF) Launches Emergency Response to Haiti Earthquake 2021
Based on Results of Emergency Initial Assessment**

More than 50,000 houses destroyed and 650,000 people requiring emergency assistance
Shelter and hygiene items for evacuees needed

On September 2, Japan Platform (JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) decided to launch the emergency response to assist people affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

The program policy is as follows. It will be revised as needed to reflect the conditions on the ground.

Emergency Response to Haiti Earthquake 2021: Program Overview

Term:	6 months
Budget:	90 million yen (government funding)
Location:	Haiti
Content:	Food, shelter/NFI

● Overview

- ◇ On August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake occurred in the Caribbean nation of Haiti, in the southwestern part of the country about 125 kilometers west of the capital city of Port-au-Prince. It caused widespread destruction of hospitals, schools, and other buildings, and on the same day, the Haitian government declared a state of emergency for one month. Two days later, Tropical Storm Grace hit the areas affected by the earthquake, worsening the damages even further. As of August 25, around 2,200 people have died, more than 12,000 injured, and 320 were still missing. 52,000 houses have been destroyed, 77,000 sustained damages, and the number of people in need of emergency assistance is reported to be 650,000*.
- ◇ On August 18, when the full extent of the damage was still unclear, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), a JPF member NGO which has a local base, began an emergency initial assessment of the damages and support needs. They focused on the Sud (South) Department where the city of Les Cayes, with a particularly large population, is located and has been considered to have sustained severe damages.
- ◇ The government of Haiti and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) are currently coordinating assistance, and PWJ's initial assessment has confirmed that there is a lack of support, especially for shelter and NFIs (hygiene products, cooking utensils, clothes, etc.) for the evacuees. Considering those support needs, JPF decided to mobilize at this time, and our member NGOs will proceed to provide assistance such as shelter/NFI and food distribution in the affected areas of Sud Department.



Destroyed house ©PWJ



Emergency relief items ©PWJ

To ensure the safety of staff on the ground, we will be consistently sharing security information with the Japanese Embassy and international organizations. Also, as the new coronavirus is spreading, we will implement relief activities while taking thorough measures to prevent the spread of infection. Updates on this response will be posted regularly on the JPF website, [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

*OCHA, [Haiti: Earthquake Situation Report No. 3](#) (31 August 2021)

◆ About Japan Platform (JPF)

JPF was established in 2000 as a new mechanism for Japanese emergency humanitarian assistance provision where NGOs, the business community, and the government work together in equal partnership. JPF provides various forms of support to Japanese member NGOs to provide rapid and efficient emergency assistance abroad as well as within Japan. Over the years, JPF has built trust by providing assistance through more than 1,800 projects in more than 50 countries and regions of the world with a total amount of more than 72 billion yen as we promoted cooperation between businesses and NGOs and provided solid activity reports. Information is shared among more than 40 JPF member NGOs in various fields of expertise to create assistance projects together. In the Great East Japan Earthquake relief efforts, which received a total of more than 7 billion yen from the private sector, we worked together with regional cooperation and intermediary support organizations in the affected prefectures in supporting local NGOs and contributed to the development of reconstruction frameworks. (JPF is currently conducting Fukushima Response Program.)

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