



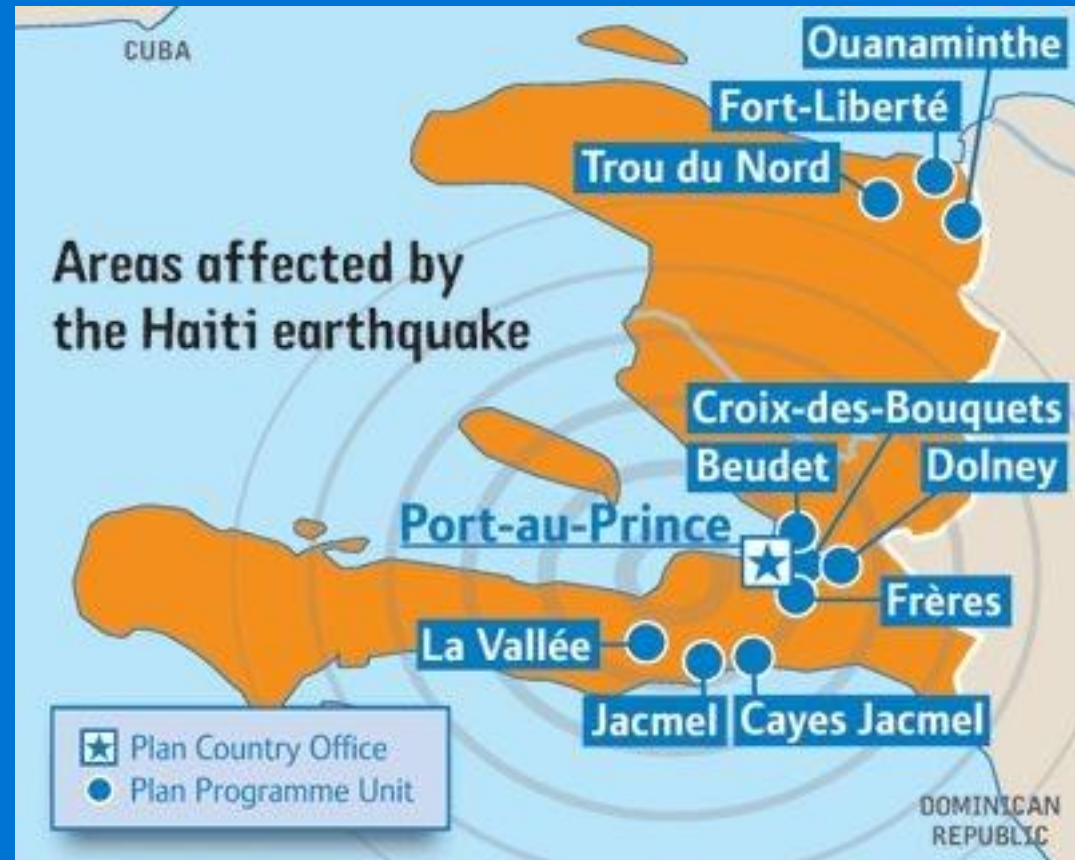
Children eating food at a Plan-supported camp in Jacmel.

PLAN'S HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

On 12 January 2010, Haiti was devastated by a huge earthquake?

It was the strongest and most destructive earthquake in over 200 years. After a major earthquake, aftershocks may follow, several of which happened in Haiti 8 days later.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Haiti's population is about 10 million people?

As a result of the earthquake, about 1 million people lost their homes, belongings and sometimes their friends and family members. Many survivors are now living in emergency shelters.



Plan staff conducting assessments to meet urgent needs in camps.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas?

Earthquakes particularly affect people who live in inadequately built houses and slums.



Many of the buildings in the earthquake-affected area were destroyed or are unsafe to live in so people are currently living in camps or other makeshift housing.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Many Haitian children have to walk 3 to 4km to reach a water supply, which is often of poor quality?

Even before the earthquake, Haiti was one of the most difficult places in the world to get clean drinking water.



Soldiers helping Plan ship in aid, including water, to the camps.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Less than half the population of Haiti have enough to eat each day?

After the earthquake, aid organisations began distributing thousands of food packages, but most of the population still suffers from hunger.



A girl eating food at a Plan supported camp in Jacmel.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

During an earthquake many people go missing?

Because many houses and buildings collapsed in Haiti, many children are unable to find friends and relatives.

Providing emotional support for communities is very important.



Kids playing games to help them recover from the shock of the earthquake.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Less than half the population were within reach of health services following the earthquake?

The earthquake destroyed most of the hospitals, medical centres and pharmacies.



Mother and child sit on mat outdoors following earthquake.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Only half the population over 15 years old in Haiti can read and write?

As a result of the earthquake, many schools like the ones opposite were destroyed and children lost all their school materials and books.



A Plan funded preschool that collapsed as a result of the earthquake

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Returning to school helps children cope emotionally after a disaster?

An estimated 5000 – 8000 schools and 1.8 million school-age children have been affected. Returning to a regular routine is an important part of the healing process for affected children.



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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Plan has been working in Haiti for 37 years improving the lives of children and their families?

Children's immediate needs include water, food, safe shelter and medical care. In the long term, they will require emotional support and counselling as well as access to education to help rebuild their lives.



The children meet twice weekly to sing and dance, do activities like threading tissue paper to make flowers, have some basic school lessons, tell each other stories and forget about the horrors of the earthquake.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

SchoolAid has partnered with Plan to ensure that your donations are allocated effectively to where they are most needed.

SchoolAid provides you with a Project Planning Toolkit to help you hold great fundraising events, and online resources so you can learn more about taking action.



Children playing games to help recover from the earthquake.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Your donations go a very long way? For example;

Individual Student Kits – A\$20 each

Plastic pencil case, 3 ball point pens, 1 ruler, plastic, 2 packs of colour pencils/crayons, 2 drawing books, 6 erasers, 6 HB pencils; 6 exercise books, 1 rain coat; and 1 school bag.

School in a Box (for 30 children) – A\$300 each

Blackboards; chalk; student chairs; student tables; teachers chairs and tables.

School Frame Tent – A\$1020 each

Large tent shelters to resume education for approximately 30 children.



Plan distributing tents in camp set-up for people made homeless by the earthquake in Jacmel.



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