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Information Bulletin

Haiti: Earthquake

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Red Cross Movement actors currently involved in the operation: The Haiti Red Cross Society (HRCS), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Partner National Societies (PNSs) such as American Red Cross (ARC), the Canadian Red Cross Society, German Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, French Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross and Netherlands Red Cross.	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Civil Protection Directorate (DPC for its acronym in French)	

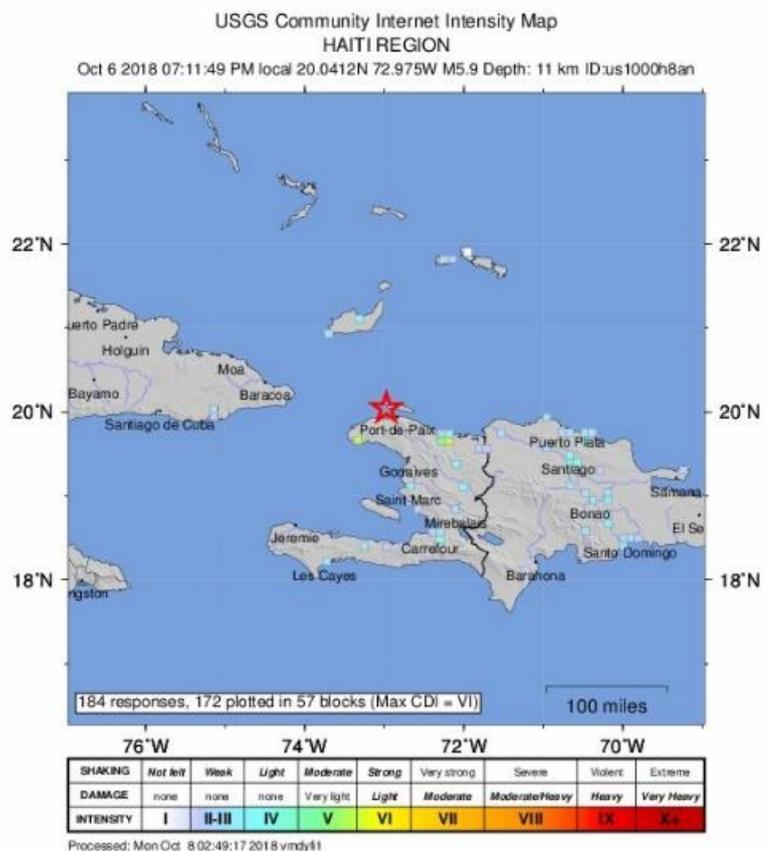
This bulletin is being issued for information only; it reflects the current situation and details available at this time.

The situation

According to the Technical Unit of Seismology, a 5.9-magnitude earthquake on the Richter scale occurred on Saturday, 6 October 2018 at 20:12 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Its epicenter 20km north of Port-de-Paix (north-west) at a depth of 15 km.

The earthquake was felt across most of Haiti's departments and its capital Port-au Prince (West department) and in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and it was followed by two aftershocks. The DPC did not issue a tsunami alert after the earthquake.

According to the latest information¹ from the DPC, the earthquake reportedly caused 15 deaths, injured 333 people and potentially affected more than 7,000 houses (damage assessments are ongoing); additionally, the DPC reported that a cultural centre in Gros-Morne collapsed, and the façade of a police precinct in Port-de-Paix was destroyed by the earthquake. The departments of Artibonite, North-West



¹ The information was updated on 8 October 2018 at 10:39 EDT

(including Tortuga Island) and North were the most affected.

The DPC is currently leading the damage assessments and response operations in the area and requesting that all humanitarian actors coordinate closely with the national system. The damage assessments are ongoing, and the information on the earthquake's impact on the affected communities will be updated as more data is gathered.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

IFRC actions:

- Close monitoring of the situation
- Coordination between the IFRC's Country Cluster Support Team (CCST) and the Haiti Red Cross Society
- Coordination between CCST and the PNS) with present in country
- Close coordination between IFRC's Regional Office for the Americas (ARO) and the Haiti Red Cross Society
- Sharing of informational messages
- Publication of Information Bulletin N° 1

Haiti Red Cross Society actions

- National emergency operations centre (EOC) activated
- Nord-Ouest branch EOC activated
- Close coordination with DPC
- Participation in the National Emergency Operations Centre (COUN for its acronym in French)'s EOC
- Close coordination with regional disaster management committees in Artibonite, Nord and Nord-Ouest
- Dispatch of a medical team to Nord-Ouest on 7 October 2018
- 35 blood bags transferred to Nord-Ouest on 7 October 2018
- 30 volunteers mobilized in Port-de-Paix to provide first aid and assist DPC with the assessment process
- 10 first aid personnel mobilized in Gonaives
- Activation of first aid and assessment teams in Port-de-Paix et Gros-Morne
- Depending upon the damage assessments' results, the HRCS may request a Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF)

The Haiti Red Cross Society is receiving the following support from PNSs present in country:

American Red Cross:

- Logistics support to the deployment of the medical team to the Nord-Ouest
 - Joint deployment of ARC/HRCS response teams
 - Non-food item (NFI) stocks for 300 families made available for Port-de-Paix area
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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (Sphere) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.