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## HAITI EARTHQUAKE

# Survivors struggle as aid arrives

U.S. dispatches troops and ships along with aid as other countries join effort to help poor nation

By **MIKE MELIA**

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Desperately needed aid from around the world began arriving today in quake-stunned Haiti, while rescuers struggled frantically to save the trapped and injured, using pickup trucks as ambulances and doors as stretchers.

President Barack Obama said "one of the largest relief efforts in our recent history" is moving toward Haiti, with thousands of troops and a broad array of civilian rescue workers deployed to aid the stricken country — backed by more than \$100 million in relief funds.

To the Haitians, Obama promised: "You will not be forsaken."

Planes carrying teams from China and France, Spain and the United States landed at Port-au-Prince's airport with searchers and tons of water, food, medicine and other supplies — with more promised from around the globe.

It took six hours to unload a Chinese plane because the airport lacked the needed equipment — a hint of possible bottlenecks ahead as a global response brings a stream of relief flights to the airport, itself damaged by Tuesday's magnitude-7 earthquake.

Search and rescue squads from Virginia and Iceland arrived Wednesday and some groups — from Cuba's government and Doctors Without Borders — used staff already in the country to treat victims immediately after the quake.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said that "tens of thousands, we fear, are dead" and said United States and the world must do everything possible to help Haiti surmount its "cycle of hope and despair."

The U.S. dispatched troops and ships along with aid to Haiti, and other nations were joining the effort to help the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, where the international Red Cross estimated 3 million people — a third of the population — may need emergency relief.

In the streets of the capital, survivors set up camps amid piles of salvaged goods, including food scavenged from the rubble.

There seemed to be little official presence in much of Port-au-Prince: Trucks carrying police and U.N. workers or equipment to clear away debris were often stuck in traffic on roads filled with pickup trucks, cars and pedestrians. At many collapsed buildings, neighbors and volunteers dug through rubble — often with bare hands — to free trapped residents without help



Gerald Herbert/AP

Gunsly Milsoit (left) comforts his brother-in-law, Leo Pierre, on Wednesday after Pierre's wife and Milsoit's sister, Milsoit Kelly, who was three months pregnant, died Tuesday in a four-story building collapse from the 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



Gregory Bull/AP

A woman walks among debris today in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

**"This is much worse than a hurricane. There's no water. There's nothing. Thirsty people are going to die."**

**Jimitre Coquillon**  
Doctor's assistant

from the government.

Yet the often-chaotic city was surprisingly calm, despite the devastation. Journalists heard little or no gunfire and saw no major violence.

Bodies lay in the street, often covered by a white cloth, in the tropical heat. Some people dragged the dust-covered dead along the roads, trying to reach a

hospital where they might leave them.

Others tried to carry dead relatives to nearby hills for impromptu burials, prompting Brazil's military — the biggest contingent among U.N. peacekeepers — to warn the practice could lead to an epidemic. It said it is asking authorities to create a new cemetery.

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## Haitian-Americans wait for a call, a text, a tweet

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MIAMI — Alourde Pierre stood inside a Little Haiti community center, wringing her hands as she waited for news of her parents and 15 siblings in Port-au-Prince. Her children ask what happened to their grandmother, but she has no answer.

"It is so hard not knowing," said 37-year-old Pierre. "What can we do?"

It is a scene replaying countless times among the roughly 800,000 people in the U.S. of Haitian descent, desperate for any morsel of information about loved ones on the earthquake-devastated nation. Feverish calls, texts and e-mails largely go unanswered as the distraught try to muster a reason to hope as bodies pile up on Haiti's streets.

At a Brooklyn bus stop, 30-year-old Oneil Laurent sobs as he talks of his father, who he's been unable to reach. At the Prestige Barber Shop in Miami, the usual morning chatter was eclipsed by the drone of news

updates on the earthquake and the heavy silence of relatives waiting for the worst. And in Evanston, Ill., cab driver Anel Calixte watched CNN at Sweet Nick's Caribbean restaurant, unable to focus on anything but the tragedy.

"You have no life anymore," he said. "You don't know what to feel anymore because your whole family is there. Your whole family."

As news trickled out of Haiti, some poured their energy into relief efforts, joining Americans with no connection to the country who collected bottled water, canned goods, medical supplies and money. Others bowed their heads in prayer or sat transfixed by their TVs.

People did what they could to mobilize aid to Haiti, the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. The U.S. dispatched ships, helicopters, planes and a 2,000-member Marine unit. New York cabdrivers transported relief items to collection points,

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## BBB warning public to look out for scams

Be familiar with charities before making donations to the relief effort in Haiti

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In the wake of international disasters, many donate money to help relief efforts. Unfortunately, some of that money never gets there.

As people try to help victims of the earthquake in Haiti, experts urge them to watch for scam artists, who pose as charities but keep the money they receive.

"Any major disaster is going to draw scam artists out of the woodwork," said Charlie Mattingly, president of the Better Business Bureau Louisville branch, which serves western Kentucky. "They follow the news, and they know what's on people's minds."

People always should be familiar with the organization they're sending money to. They should never send money to a charity they've never heard of, experts say.

In fact, some fraudulent charities will use names that are similar to legitimate charities. For example, a scam artist might change a familiar charity's name from association to enterprise, confusing donors, said Linda Chambers, manager of the BBB Bowling Green office.

People should ask charity representatives whether their donation will be tax deductible, how much money actually will help victims and how the group will use that money.

Donations to good charities tend to be tax deductible, Chambers said, and most charities never give 100 percent of donations to a cause. Most organizations must use some money to cover fundraising and administrative costs, according to the BBB.

And people should be leery of telemarketer solicitations, Mattingly said.

"Good ones don't often make calls in emergency situations," he said. "I would say it's almost a red flag if someone calls you."

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Natcher Elementary School student Philana McHenry, 8, eats an orange Wednesday during lunch at the school.

## Area schools meeting some nutrition goals

Annual report card also touches on daily physical activity requirements

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The 2010 Nutrition and Physical Activity Report Cards for Warren County and Bowling Green Independent schools show that new health initiatives — zero trans fats, low-fat milk, steamed and baked entrees — are meeting goals designed to improve the health of students.

More than 1.8 million lunches

will be served in Warren County schools this year, and those meals are healthier and provide more nutritious choices for students, while the cost has not increased since the 2003-04 school year, said Gina Howard, director of food service and nutrition for the district.

Much of the improvement is due to incorporating low-fat milk and adding steamed and baked foods to the menus, Howard said.

"By offering healthier choices for students, what we have been

able to do is create better nutritional education and awareness," she said. "They will go home and ask for more salads, fruits and vegetables and be more willing to try new things."

For \$1.75 — or 40 cents reduced — Warren County's 21 schools have begun offering whole grains, fresh fruits, vegetables and low-fat milk daily in addition to using zero trans-fat oils and improved cooking equipment that allows vegetables, pizza and french fries to be steamed, Howard said.

The result has been an increase in federal funding for healthy food programs by \$282,154, and kids who are more excited and knowledgeable about nutrition, she said.

More specifically, schools are close to meeting goals for reduced calories and high nutritional value with a target of 664 calories in a meal. The 2010 analysis showed that the actual calorie count is 700, along with increases in iron, calcium, vitamin A, vitamin C, protein.

The district exceeded its goal

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