

AUGUST 14, 2021 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Organization Wozo Haiti	Program Name: <u>Earthquake Emergency Response</u>
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Organization Wozo Haiti (OWHA) is a non-political, Haitian initiative created after the earthquake of 2010 to foster resilience and empower people to problem solving at the individual, group and community levels.

Through advocacy, a unique experiential training, and post-training support, individuals are finding new ways to understand and deal with challenging realities and to work together to address them. The over-arching aim of the Wozo organization is to achieve a more peaceful and more just environment in which individuals and families across Haiti can thrive. Wozo Haiti brings together recognition of two realities – the challenges faced in Haiti and the mobilization of Haitian capacities to address them.

Wozo in collaboration with Mennonite Central Committee, Church World Service, Episcopal Relief and Development has already provided theses services to the network/Wozo Clubs and other communities; clean water, medicine, shelter, housing and church repair, school construction, seed distribution, etc.

A: Emergency Description: This Saturday August 14, 2021 at 8 hours 29 minutes and 9 seconds (08:29:09) in the morning, an earthquake of magnitude 7.2 on the Richter scale occurred in the department of Nippes, 12 km north-east of Saint-Louis du Sud (South Dept.) at 18.352 degrees North latitude, 73.480 degrees West longitude, at a depth of 10 km.

Official partial numbers shows that 1,297 people were confirmed dead, 5,700 injured and 30,250 families were homeless following the strong quake that caused widespread destruction in the nation's southwestern peninsula on Saturday.

Based on Wozo's ongoing assessments, conducting by the Wozo Disaster Response Team/WDRT, six (6) people and ongoing assessment in the field with the animators and Wozo Club members in different localities in the Nippes, South and Grand Anse departments, the most affected by the August 14th 2021 earthquake, the extent of damage and suffering are enormous.

This emergency is particularly devastating in that it impacted most severely the very poorest people; the weakest housing; heavily damaged or destroyed sources of food mostly



in Grand Anse/Pestel. Assistance from outside the areas will be critically needed, and is unlikely to be sufficient or sustained, which is serious given that even the most basic needs are likely to increase over the next months for the most vulnerable. Recovery, while beginning immediately with self-help efforts, will require several years at least. Lastly, violence and conflict in the impacted areas remain a contextual factor complicating the emergency response.

B. The need in the most affected areas: Shelter/housing, portable water, medicine, food, trauma healing/psychosocial activities session with children, youth and adult.

C. Description (characteristics, numbers, locations, etc.) of Individuals and/or Communities:

The work will be conducted in the following departments: Nippes, South and Grand'Anse, the most affected by the earthquake and consider the communities experiencing the Wozo vision through their network (Wozo clubs). In the disaster-affected areas, the effort will be supported by a network of 760 people who work together in their communities through 38 Wozo Clubs representing 38 different locations. These include: nineteen Wozo Clubs in Grand Anse, two in Sud, and seventeen in the Nippes departments. Across all 10 of Haiti's departments, Wozo has 21 facilitators and 105 clubs. Where needed, they will be engaged to deliver the services in the affected communities.

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<u>August 16, 202</u> Date