

Infante Sano - Responding to Crisis in Haiti 2010

In the wake of the powerful 7.0 earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, 2010, the world responded and Infante Sano was there to assist. The earthquake struck Western Province about 10 miles southwest of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. The nearby cities of Carrefour, Leogane and Jacmel, as well as surrounding areas, were also severely damaged. Powerful aftershocks continue to shake this impoverished nation where the vast majority of buildings are very poorly constructed. The reports on the number of people affected by the earthquake are humbling. Almost 4 million have been directly affected; an estimated 500,000 of this total are children under five. The Government of Haiti has indicated that upwards of 250,000 people were likely killed by the earthquake; however, the world may never know the exact numbers as many are still buried beneath the rubble and others have moved out from the affected areas. With more than 600,000 displaced, the streets of Port-au-Prince are filled with makeshift camps and people too scared to go back into their damaged homes, sleeping in the open at night amidst debris and the remains of those killed in the disaster. In spite of this tragedy, the Haitian people are eager to heal and rebuild. With strong ties to Haiti and its neighbor the Dominican Republic, Infante Sano has been honored to be part of the call to relief.



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Given the enormous logistical problems both at the sea port and airport in Port-au-Prince immediately after the earthquake, Infante Sano was initially called upon by multiple relief organizations to utilize its extensive connections within the Dominican Republic to facilitate the delivery of aid to Haiti and to impacted border areas. Infante Sano immediately launched a well-received appeal to solicit support for its response to the earthquake, which is now in full swing. We have raised more than \$70,000 thanks to the generosity of our strong supporters. We put that money to good use immediately working with International Medical Equipment Collaborative (IMEC) and Partners in Health (PIH) to provide two containers of essential medical and surgical equipment and supplies to a Haitian public hospital in Belladare where PIH has teams of medical personnel treating wounded from Port-au-Prince. This shipment with an estimated value of over \$1.4M was shipped for a fraction of the cost and will remain at the hospital as part of a longer-term solution to rebuilding the healthcare infrastructure of the region. Additionally, Infante Sano donated \$5,500 in medical supplies and essential drugs that were used by doctors working for Relief International immediately after the earthquake. We are also discussing potential initiatives with Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and other partners to address the needs of Haitian refugees who are beginning to cross the border into the Dominican Republic.



Finally, Infante Sano was immediately able to donate the talent and time of our Chief Operating Officer, Chris Daniel. Chris has extensive experience working in Haiti, speaks French and Creole, and worked for two weeks in and around Port-au-Prince, serving as a logistics and operations manager for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Chris assisted with CRS' impressive medical relief mission that treated thousands of earthquake-affected patients in temporary hospitals and camps for the internally displaced. His eyes on the ground helped us understand the immediate needs and now that he is back, Infante Sano is planning a second phase of its response to provide additional relief to those still in great need.



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