

# Press Release

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One year after the destructive earthquake in Haiti, more than 1 million people still live in crowded tent cities despite amazing relief efforts by Haitians and the international community and people.

Haiti has already had serious problems before the Earthquake. People were suffering from not having the most basic elements, such as: healthcare, education, sanitation, water and security to cite only that.

Few days after the earthquake struck Haiti, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation & Medical Center provided medical services to people in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, Leogane, Tabarre, and Petion-Ville particularly to the members of the Haitian National Police. Some more than 5,000 Haitians were treated during the 5 trips of the JRF/MC in Haiti.

In addition of several surgeries performed the days following the catastrophe, our medical team provided pediatric, obstetric, and gynecological, and eye care. The different teams physically carried over 1,000 lbs of medicaments and 2,500 pairs of glasses.

Our medical mission at the Police Academy was very crucial because our medical team had discovered a surprising amount of glaucoma. A plan is developed to address this issue at which further medical mission will take place at different police department during this year.

Next month, February 2011, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation will start the building of its first school in Tabarre from a grant awarded by the Merck Foundation. The construction of this school will allow us to begin meeting one of our goals which is creates jobs in Haiti. The firm construction will use local workforce for this prefabricated school and our other projects.

The Jewish Renaissance Foundation with its Operation Lifeline in Haiti is working closely with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to make sure that we are addressing the issues of healthcare by sending medication to fight the cholera outbreak, education, clean water and jobs by building a Medical Center, a School, and a Safe Haven for children in the City of Leogane which was at the epicenter of the Earthquake and not duplicating any project. The Mayor of this City has already donated more than 300 acres of land to erect the project.

To sum up, the quake has affected all Haitians even their family in the Diaspora. Our commitment is to help the Haitians to address their basic needs and long term challenges. At this stage, it is vital to reach a level of funding in addition of generous support from all our partners.

The Jewish Renaissance Foundation through its Operation Lifeline in Haiti takes the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing interest, support, and contributions and urges you to continue working on its side to change and save lives of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. As a matter of fact, "We are One People, One Heart".