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TASK FORCE SEEKS ASSISTANCE FOR HAITI'S CHILDREN

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti – U.S. Marine Brig. Gen. Ron Coleman, commander of Combined Joint Task Force – Haiti, expressed his sincere gratitude to individuals and organizations that provide assistance to the people of Haiti, especially its children.

“The Multinational Interim Force Haiti is working very closely with the interim government of Haiti and with non-governmental organizations and private volunteer organizations to deliver humanitarian assistance to those in need,” Coleman said. “But the need exceeds the resources available at present. To assist, we have established an organization known as the Civil Military Operation Center that can assist charitable groups, churches, and individuals in the U.S. and elsewhere that want to help us help the people of Haiti.”

As the situation in Haiti has stabilized, schools are reopening and children are getting back to school. But many of the schools lack basic supplies, such as pencils, paper and chalk. “The future of Haiti, as with all countries, is with the children, and they are most in need of our help,” Coleman noted.

Individuals or organizations desiring to donate may contact the Combined Joint Task Force Civil-Military Operations Center at (509) 244-9361, ext. 2094, or mifcmoc@undp.org.