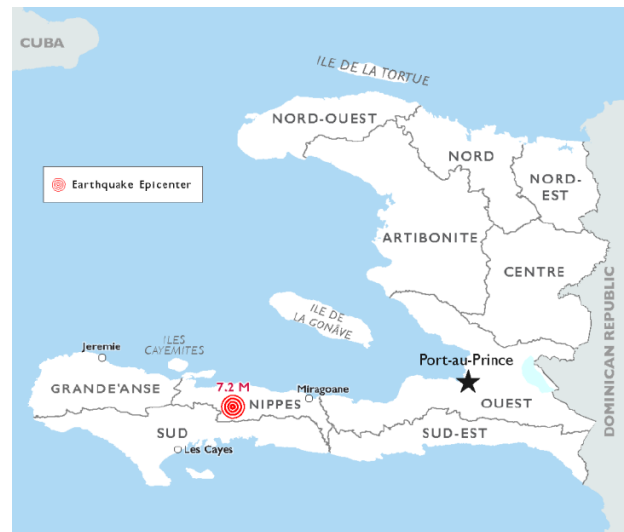


Support to the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) for Haiti - Earthquake

Surging U.S. Southern Command Assets for lifesaving support:

- Established Joint Task Force (JTF) Haiti led by [RADM Keith Davids](#) and headquartered at Homestead Air Reserve Base in Homestead, Florida.
- 2 US Coast Guard Cutters on station.
- 2 US Coast Guard helicopters (HH-60s) – conducted 3 sorties and evacuated (MEDEVAC) 15 Haitians to urgent care facilities (as of August 15).
- Re-tasked 2 information collection airborne assets to assess damage and get help where it is needed.
- Deployed a Situation Assessment Team to U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince on 15 August.
 - The 14-person assessment team will work with U.S. government disaster-assistance personnel assessing the situation in areas impacted by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake August 14.



Additional lifesaving support:

- We are moving 8 helicopters, including 3 UH-60 Black Hawks, 3 CH-47 Chinooks, and 2 HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters from Joint Task Force-Bravo (JTF-B) in Honduras to Haiti - they will be in position by August 18 to provide additional lifesaving support.
- 7 US Coast Guard cutters and one US Navy Littoral Combat Ship moving toward Haiti as of August 17.
- Working to utilize Puerto Rico National Guard helicopters.

Working with Allies / Partners:

- UK Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Wave Knight (Oiler with organic helicopter) is en route to Kingston, Jamaica to pick-up a Jamaican assistance force (approximately 3 days until arrive near Haiti).
- UK support to enabled access to Cayman Island for Joint Task Force-Bravo helicopters en route Haiti.
- Dominican Republic providing information collection support and logistics options.
- Coordinating efforts with Caribbean emergency response agencies.

Humanitarian Support:

- USAID/BHA deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to lead the U.S. government's response efforts on August 14. The DART comprises 28 disaster experts from USAID/BHA, as well as 65 search and rescue members and 4 canines from Fairfax County Fire Department.
- DOD approved USAID/BHA's request to support response efforts, including in-country transport, imagery support, and logistics assistance. Assessments to determine needs and appropriate response activities remain ongoing.