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

Life-saving aid and assistance continues arriving at the direction of USAID/BHA. We are working on delivering aid and assistance where it is most needed as fast as we possibly can. Partner nation contributions to this effort have been significant.

Support to USAID/BHA from Department of Defense/JTF-Haiti Assets Providing Lifesaving support

Help continues arriving: As of 10:00 AM EDT on 22 August 2021, Joint Task Force (JTF) Haiti conducted 204 missions, saved 335 people, and delivered over 88,000lbs of vital aid, as Department of Defense capabilities join those from the U.S. Coast Guard (assets now under JTF-Haiti) to continue to rapidly respond. Military capabilities include:

- USS Arlington (LPD 24) is on station off the coast of Haiti bringing:
  - Two (2) MH-60S helicopters, capable of transporting personnel and life-saving supplies as needed
  - Marines from 2d Marine Division (2d MARDIV), II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF).
- 12 military helicopters are supporting the people of Haiti under JTF Haiti:
  - 8 JTF-Bravo out of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay
  - 2 Puerto Rico National Guard out of Dominican Republic
  - 2 U.S. Navy from USS Arlington

Working with Allies / Partners:

International support to Haiti to save lives and ease suffering includes:

- Argentina’s providing an aircraft with medical personnel and supplies.
- Colombia efforts include a C-130, a Casa C-295, and other capabilities.
- UK Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Wave Knight facilitating refueling operations.

Humanitarian Support:

U.S government’s lead federal agency: USAID’s Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) continues to expand relief operations to more areas impacted by the August 14 earthquake. As of August 21, DART disaster experts and urban search and rescue teams have reached 11 hard-hit communities in Grand’Anse, Nippes, and Sud departments to conduct search and rescue operations and assess needs, and additional missions are continuing today. USAID partners also continue to deliver urgently-needed relief supplies and aid in affected communities.