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## **American Red Cross Responds to Worst Quake in 200 Years**

*\$200,000 already released along with relief supplies from Panama warehouse*

**Port au Prince, Haiti, January 13, 2010** — The American Red Cross is responding to this disaster, and will be working with Red Cross partners in Haiti and with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. At this time, the American Red Cross has:

- Released \$200,000 for immediate response action.
- Making available all the relief supplies at its warehouse in Panama (enough for 5,000 families) in support of relief efforts. These supplies include blankets, kitchen sets, and water containers to meet immediate needs of survivors.
- Sending a disaster specialist immediately to Haiti to support response efforts.
- Will send several experienced disaster specialists standing by to be deployed if requested.

The American Red Cross will continue to monitor the situation and communicate with the Haiti Red Cross and International Federation for future immediate action.

“Financial contributions is the *best* way to help those impacted by this disaster,” says Scott Snyder, executive director of the Red Cross in Butler. “The needs of each family are so different and it’s costly to try and send ‘stuff’ that far away. Additionally, by infusing cash into the economy it will help rebuild the area even faster.”

You can help the victims of countless crises around the world each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, which will provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance and other support to help those in need. The American Red Cross honors donor intent. Donations can be sent to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013, or made by phone at 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish) or online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

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