

HAITIAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
Willingness, Know-How, Resources

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HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE DISPATCH – AUGUST 30, 2021
“THE COLLISION OF HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS”

Aquin Vicinity Situation Report: As reported by the Aquin Mayor's office and the local Haitian civil defense to the staff of the Haitian Resource Development Foundation in Aquin:

1. Deaths: 35
2. Missing persons: 6
3. Number of injured: 912
4. Number of people in shelter: 49,785
5. 85% of houses in the municipality of Aquin are cracked, of which 35% of all homes are seriously damaged and 15% are destroyed.
6. Houses destroyed: 9,856
7. Houses heavily damaged: 23,698
8. Houses slightly damaged: 37,749
9. The most affected areas are:
 - Aquin town center
 - First section (Macéant)
 - Third section (Brodequin)
 - Fifth section (Mare-à-Coiffe)

Aquin Vicinity Situation Analysis: As reported by Aldy Castor, M.D., President, Haitian Resources Development Foundation in Aquin, just returned to Port-au-Prince:

1. Aquin and vicinity have been a) seriously damaged by the earthquake and storm, but and also significantly neglected by both national and foreign responders. For the past two weeks, the South's major cities, Les Cayes and Jérémie had received considerable direct relief, but the secondary cities like Aquin, Cavaillon and St. Louis du Sud, and the surrounding countryside have received almost nothing. This, despite the fact that relief trucks are visibly passing them by to reach Les Cayes and Jérémie. Small-city and rural residents are justifiably wondering why big city residents are regarded as more valuable than everyone else.
2. There is a collision of Haves and Have-Nots. In general, the Haves are the responders, both national and foreign, with the willingness, know-how and resources to deliver relief. But their mission is to deliver to specific

predetermined locations or based on mass-media and “who they know” or who they have been previously working with. On the other hand, the Have-Nots are the victims and survivors, lacking the know-how and resources to be a match for the emergency. For them, their mission is survival. As we are seeing in Aquin and vicinity, the two missions are not compatible.

Representative projects: Starting with dried food rations that HRDF has been putting away in preparedness fashion over the past several months, an emergency hot meal project has begun. HRDF’s partners are Cross Catholic Outreach and the Haitian Medical Association Abroad. Moderate amounts of cash have been raised to supplement the dried rations with cooking oil, vegetables, meat or fish, cooks, utensils and other necessities, with the goal of providing meals once a day to five hundred residents, with priority for children, pregnant women and the elderly. Elsewhere in Aquin, the International Medical Corps NGO has brought a field clinic, there is assistance from HRDF’s volunteer Community Emergency Response Team, and official support from the Aquin Mayor’s Office and national civil defense (Protection Civile).



This and the following photos: HRDF and friends cooking, serving and delivering emergency food to Aquin’s survivors







Receiving and unpacking a field clinic at HRDF's vocational-technical school brought to Aquin by the NGO International Medical Corps