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Saskatchewan Reaches Out to Haiti

SCIC member agencies are on the ground working in Haiti and collecting donations

Regina, January 18/2010 — On Friday the Government of Saskatchewan announced a donation of \$250,000 to the Red Cross for emergency relief in Haiti. The Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC) applauds this generous contribution, and the efforts being made at all levels of government in Canada.

In disasters such as this, many generous Saskatchewan people want to help and send donations through those organizations working in the region. SCIC believes that organizations with preexisting relationships respond efficiently, providing critical aid including water, food, shelter and medical care. SCIC salutes the work of their many member agencies currently on the ground in Haiti working to help people through this disaster. "In the months and years to come Haiti will need much reconstruction support," says Debra-Jay Albus, Executive Director of SCIC, "and SCIC will continue to support it's member agencies, ensuring people working on international development are part of an energized, supportive network."

Currently, SCIC has several member organizations doing work on the ground in Haiti including:

- Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace- www.devpc.org
- Christian Reformed World Relief Committee- www.crwrc.org
- Cooperative Development Foundation - www.cdfcanada.coop
- Hope International Development Agency- www.hope-international.com
- Mennonite Central Committee- <http://sk.mcc.org/>
- Oxfam Canada- www.oxfam.ca
- Plan Canada- www.plancanada.ca
- Primate's World Relief and Development Fund- www.pwrdf.org
- Save the Children- www.savethechildren.org
- The Salvation Army- www.salvationarmy.ca
- UNICEF Canada- www.unicef.ca
- United Church of Canada- www.united-church.ca
- World Relief Canada- www.wrcanada.org
- WUSC- www.wusc.ca (Donations to WUSC will be sent through one of their Canadian partners, the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation, who has a large presence on the ground in Haiti).

Each of these organizations is accepting donations for relief and reconstruction efforts in Haiti. Donations can be made through their websites or by calling their main offices.

"Organizations already working on the ground with local partners and communities, can make effective contributions and respond quickly, ensuring that aid monies make it where it is most needed, quickly and efficiently," says Albus. "Many of these organizations will be in Haiti for the long term helping its citizens and institutions rebuild."

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