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AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION CONTINUES EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the US, continues to recruit nurses who are interested in becoming emergency first responders. Nurses can access the online form for ANA’s database at www.nursingworld.org/haitirelief. Response efforts are now being coordinated through a multi-national cluster system, ANA has reached out to organizations working with the health cluster to offer support and nursing staff.

ANA has started to receive firsthand accounts from members on the ground in Haiti. To read the accounts please become a fan of ANA on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/AmericanNursesAssociation>. ANA would like to hear from any nurses who wish to share their experiences in Haiti with the nursing community. If you would like to tell your story please contact ANA’s Communications staff.

Situation Report – Haiti Earthquake 2/05/2010

- On February 3, the Government of Haiti stated that the earthquake death toll had exceeded 200,000 people with 300,000 people treated for injuries; 250,000 homes were destroyed and 30,000 business disrupted.
- Vaccination programs began on 2 February for people in makeshift settlements, focused on children under 7. The Health Cluster is also building a database of medical human resources available in country.
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Additional Resources

[Health Resources for Haiti, http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/haitiearthquake.html](http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/haitiearthquake.html). A compilation of links to resources for medical teams responding to the Haiti earthquake. The page includes Creole-language materials for non-Creole speakers to use in healthcare settings, as well information on traumatic injuries, mass fatalities, mental health, and the public health consequences of the earthquake damage. This content is always no-cost.

[Infectious Diseases of Haiti, http://www.gideononline.com/blog/wp/wp-content/uploads/The-Infectious-Diseases-of-Haiti-by-GIDEON.pdf](http://www.gideononline.com/blog/wp/wp-content/uploads/The-Infectious-Diseases-of-Haiti-by-GIDEON.pdf). This guide covers the 198 infectious diseases known to occur in Haiti and is based on the resources of the Global Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology Online Network (GIDEON).

[Joint Language University, http://jlu.wbtrain.com](http://jlu.wbtrain.com). This DOD-sponsored website has Haitian Creole language materials that can be downloaded from their home page. You can learn very basic introductory phrases along with targeted medical, police, and military terminology.

[MedlinePlus, http://medlineplus.gov](http://medlineplus.gov), AND [Mobile MedlinePlus, http://m.medlineplus.gov](http://m.medlineplus.gov). Basic health information for the general public, plus patient information on prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Also in Spanish. This content is always no-cost.

Thank you for your continued interest in assisting with responding to Haiti.

The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.