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## **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE LAUNCHES EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN HAITI**

**Montreal, January 13, 2010.** DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is launching an emergency appeal to support humanitarian aid relief in Haiti in the wake of a devastating earthquake that is estimated to have affected millions of people in the country.

The organization has already committed a first pledge of \$50,000 to Caritas Haiti, which runs 200 medical clinics in the country but is in dire need of financial resources to respond to the growing humanitarian needs of this population in crisis.

“Caritas Haiti can count on our support to help them provide first aid supplies, food, shelter and other basic necessities. Our thoughts are with the people of Haiti in this time of crisis and we are anxiously awaiting news from our partners there. We are concerned for their safety and well-being,” said Michael Casey, Executive Director of Development and Peace.

All donations made to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will be sent directly to its partners on the ground in Haiti, mainly Caritas Haiti.

Last year, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE supported eight community development projects in Haiti and provided funds for four emergencies, totalling \$600 000.

Donations to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE for the Haiti crisis can be made by phone (1 888 664-3387), on our website ([www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)) or by sending a cheque marked Haiti Emergency to the following address:

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