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HAITI DISASTER RELIEF

Medications and Medical Supplies

Emergency Medical Care

Vaccination

Infection Control

Tuesday, January 12th, an earthquake struck Haiti with resulting devastation of immeasurable proportions. It is estimated by the World Health Organization (WHO) that over one third of the population of Haiti was affected, millions are homeless, and 100,000 to 200,000 may have abruptly lost their lives, with many more at risk for loss of life and limb in the next few weeks. Disease rates, including various infectious diseases will likely be of great consequence in the weeks to come. Before the earthquake, Haiti was thought to be the poorest country in the western hemisphere with 55% of the population living in households below the extreme poverty line of US\$1 per day. Moreover, 83% of the total population did not have access to sufficient sanitation and 45% lacked access to safe water. Thus, before the disaster, Haiti was challenged by high rates of malnutrition, poverty, and lack of basic necessities of life, not to mention high rates of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, among other health problems. There will be therefore even greater challenges ahead.

Relief efforts are underway by various governments and nongovernmental agencies from locations around the globe. Cooperative efforts by these are paramount. Thus, International Medical Outreach (IMO) * has made a commitment to also provide humanitarian aid in cooperation with those who share the goal of assisting as many as possible, as quickly as possible.

WHO anticipates that public health risks in the immediate future will be overwhelming**. Thus, IMO has already initiated relief efforts by actively identifying clinics, hospitals, and temporary clinical facilities. To these IMO is developing reliable supply lines to replenish emergency medications and supplies with extended expiration dates. IMO also plans to provide emergency medical care by sending specialty medical teams when appropriate for the identified health problems. IMO anticipates that the makeup of these will be of a multi-specialty nature. However, since infectious and contagious diseases as predicted by WHO** will be significant, it is IMO's intent also to develop teams to concentrate on infectious disease treatment and control (including vaccination, public health, and mass treatment program of neglected tropical diseases where appropriate).

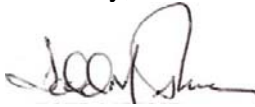
You may assist IMO's efforts in several ways.

- Donate finances.
- Donate medications and medical supplies in good working order and with extended expiration dates (beyond one year)

- Volunteer in the Houston warehouse.
- Donate your professional services to serve on a specialty team in Haiti.
- Contact us at globalhealth@priceid.com or www.imoutreach.com.

All donations to IMO designated for Haiti relief will be processed expeditiously. Moreover, since all operational costs are funded by other sources, 100% of all donations to IMO designated for HAITI DISASTER RELIEF will directly benefit the victims.

Sincerely,



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****IMMEDIATE PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS**

- **Wounds and injuries**
 - Wound infections
 - Tetanus
 - gangrene
- **Water/sanitation/hygiene-related and food borne illnesses**
 - typhoid fever
 - cholera
 - hepatitis A
 - hepatitis E
- **Diseases associated with crowding**
 - Measles
 - Diphtheria
 - Pertussis
 - Miscellaneous respiratory infections
 - Meningitis
 - Influenza
 - Tuberculosis
- **Vaccine-preventable diseases and routine immunization coverage**
 - Tetanus
 - Measles, diphtheria, Pertussis, polio
 - Hepatitis A
 - Pneumonia
 - Influenza
- **Vector-borne diseases and zoonotic diseases**
 - Dengue/Dengue Hemorrhagic fever
 - Malaria
 - Human Rabies
 - Leptospirosis
 - Lymphatic filariasis
- **Other public health risks**
 - Corpses
 - Malnutrition
 - Reproductive health
 - Sexually transmitted disease including HIV
 - Skin infection
 - Non-communicable diseases
 - Mental health and psychosocial support
 - Environmental risks and risks associated with violence
 - Interrupted power supply (spoiled food and contaminated water)
 - Inappropriate and expired medication and equipment donation

*International Medical Outreach (IMO) was established in 1993 as a nonprofit humanitarian aid organization specifically to provide healthcare worldwide to those in need. IMO officers and volunteers receive no remuneration.