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**“Relief Response - August 14, 2021 Earthquake in Haiti”**

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BOSTON, MA – August 16, 2021 – Haitian Americans United, Inc. (“H.A.U.”), the Association of Haitian Women in Boston (“AFAB”) and other partner organizations join the Haitian community in solidarity following the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that shook Haiti on Saturday, August 14, 2021 around 8:35 AM. Near 1,300 have lost their lives and over 1,800 are left injured according to the latest reports.

“We are deeply saddened by this disaster. Once again, we are at this crucial juncture where all Haitian-American organizations, their partners, from the private and the public sector need to join in coordinating these efforts to benefit the victims”, said Rev. Dieufort Fleurissant, H.A.U. Chair.

“This is a community effort - we are putting our heads together to help our nation in serious need at this time. We welcome non-Haitians to partake in this effort,” said Carline Desiré, Executive Director at the Association of Haitian Women in Boston (AFAB).

In response to this devastating disaster, an emergency task force, the “2021 Mass. Haitian Relief Task Force”, has been created. The first meeting of the task force is scheduled for **Monday, August 16th at 6:00 PM** to announce a multi-phased community response:

- **Phase 1:** provide immediate financial assistance to grassroots entities in affected areas.
  - **Starts immediately** - beginning with prompt assessment of needs;
- **Phase 2:** assess the need for collection drives for urgent medical supplies and equipment and report to the public in the very near future.

**Donate to “Haitian American United” via check: mail to HAU P.O. Box 260440, Mattapan, MA 02126 (memo: “Haiti August 2021 Earthquake”); or by direct deposit: East Boston Savings Bank: Account # 07-774-15001; or on [paypal.me/donatetohauinc](https://www.paypal.com/donate?to=hauinc).**

**NOTE** - (1) A formal guiding principles document is available on listed websites to address issues of equity and transparency. (2) A full list of donation items will be published on the websites mentioned above. (3) A full list of partner organizations will be shared.

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**ABOUT Haitian Americans United, Inc. (“H.A.U.”)**

Haitian-American United, Inc. (H.A.U.) works to improve the quality of life for Haitians and Haitian-Americans in Massachusetts and Haiti. Read more: [www.hauinc.org](http://www.hauinc.org).

**ABOUT Association of Haitian Women in Boston (“AFAB”)** is dedicated to empowering low-income Haitian women and their children. Read more: [www.afab-kafanm.org](http://www.afab-kafanm.org).