



## Haitian Scouts in action. The scout alliance prepares.

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Geneva, January 18th 2010- throughout the weekend the World Scout Bureau has been on the lookout for any news coming from Haiti and has been successful in contacting the representatives of the National Scouts Association in Haiti. Hundreds of Scouts visited the association's president, Gerard-Marie Tardieu, regularly, either to offer their assistance or to accept rescue missions. Below are a series of the efforts made so far, as reported to us by our brothers and sisters of the Haitian Scouts ([refer to the map](#))

The Scouts of Jacmel have helped the firemen to find and rescue victims trapped under rubble. They have also helped in the distribution of food and water to the victims.

The Scouts of Saint-Marc have put in place a makeshift clinic which provides primary care to the injured victims coming from Port au Prince.

The Scouts of the Saint-George group and Caleb have helped over 2000 survivors, to reach the borders of the Dominican Republic in their personal cars so that the wounded may be treated, despite the high gas prices (about 7-8 \$ per gallon or 6 litres). Through local committees, the two groups have been able to provide many of the survivors with food and shelter in their own homes.

The Scouts of the Gideon de Carrefour group have pulled out about 300 cadavers from under the debris and saved about 725 victims. They have fabricated coffins for the dozen scouts who died. Further more, they have dug a communal trench to bury 150 of the deceased individuals.

There is an ever present desire from Scouts around the country to come in aid of the population affected by the earthquake, which almost destroyed Port au Prince, Petit Goave, Leogane, Jacmel and Grand Goave. Despite this strong will, they are void of the necessary tools except for their own desire to help.

A mission for the evaluation of the International Scout Aid will leave Paris in a few hours to assess and re-adapt the plan of action designed last Friday to the needs of the current situation. The mission consists of a volunteer member of the Scouts et Guides de France, a journalist of the french magazine La Vie, and will be supported by the representative of the Movimiento Scout Catolico of Spain. World Scouting is also in collaboration with the High Commission for refugees and UNICEF.

### Contact:

With the collaboration of the National Scouts Association of Haiti, the Scouts et Guides de France and the World Scout Bureau an initiative has been put into place which has mobilized the international scout fraternity.

For further suggestions or information you can reach via the focal point of the operation at the World Scout Bureau, at the following address: [haiti-solidarity@scout.org](mailto:haiti-solidarity@scout.org)