

Building a Bridge to Haiti (Facts)



Facts about the earthquake:

- The quake struck on January 12, 2010 at 4:53 p.m.
- The 7.0 magnitude quake's epicenter hit just 10 miles west of Port-au-Prince and its 2 million inhabitants
- 3 million people in need of emergency aid after major earthquake
- The major quake sent 33 aftershocks so far ranging in magnitude from 4.2 to 5.9
- Haiti has no real construction standards.
- November 2008: Following the collapse of a school in Petionville, the mayor of Port-au-Prince estimated about 60% of buildings were shoddily built and unsafe in normal circumstances.

General Facts about Haiti:

- Discovered by Columbus in 1492.
- Haiti won its independence from France on January 1, 1804.
- Population of nearly 10 million people.
- Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.
- 80% of the population in Haiti is living under the poverty line.
- Most Haitians live on less than \$2 a day.
- More than two-thirds of the labor force do not have formal jobs.
- Haiti is slightly smaller than Maryland.
- The Haiti telecommunications infrastructure is among the least developed in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Haiti has 14 airports; 4 have paved runways.
- Haiti's capital is Port-au-Prince, a coastal city with about 2 million inhabitants.