

Supporting Partners in Haiti After the August 2021 Earthquake

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Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with long-term development partners in Haiti after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The earthquake killed over a thousand people, caused structures to collapse and triggered landslides and flooding in the western part of the nation.

Our partners, including the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, have been assessing damage and checking in on the status of priests, parishes and community members. While the full extent of the damage has yet to be determined, initial reports are of over one thousand dead and over five thousand injured, centered in the departments of Grand Anse, Sud and Nippes. The US State Department has estimated over 1.6 million people have been affected.

“We are deeply saddened by the reports coming from our friends and partners in Haiti,” said Abigail Nelson, Executive Vice President, Episcopal Relief & Development. “We pray for their safety as Tropical Storm Grace approaches the country. We are currently mobilizing to work with an array of development partners to meet the immediate and long-term needs of affected communities.” Please pray for our siblings in Haiti and all those affected by this earthquake. Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development’s [Haiti Fund](#) will support the organization’s continued emergency response efforts in Haiti.



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