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The Principality takes action in aid of Haiti

Following the violent earthquake that hit Haiti on Tuesday 12th January, the Principality of Monaco has decided to unite all the players involved in humanitarian action (Government of Monaco, Monegasque Red Cross and twenty or so NGOs) to support a joint project: MONACO COLLECTIF HAÏTI. Funds raised will be used to help rebuild the country.

Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world, already severely weakened by the passage of 4 cyclones in 2008, has just been hit by a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake, the biggest in the region for over 200 years.

The current estimation announced about 75,000 deaths, 200,000 injured, and 1,000,000 displaced, perhaps even more in the days to come. (*Source : Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - OCHA*).

In order to face this disaster, H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco has decided to unite all those involved in humanitarian action in the Principality and his Government, via the Office of International Cooperation, to support a joint project: MONACO COLLECTIF HAÏTI¹.

A meeting bringing together all the entities concerned was organised on Friday 15th January at the Ministry of State in order to agree on the implementation terms of this joint initiative.

The entities present decided to take action for the recovery of the country. Funds raised will be used, in cooperation with the local authorities, to help rebuild public facilities, mainly in the health and/or educational sector; in compliance with the environmental, seismic and anti-cyclonic standards in order to establish a sustainable project.

Thirty or so countries, via their specialised emergency organisations, are already taking part in the efforts to help the victims and at present, the priority is focused on reconstruction.

For anyone who would like to take part in that project, please make your check payable to MONACO COLLECTIF HAÏTI and send it to the organization of your choice that will transfer it to the special fund especially created for the occasion.

¹ *The following organisations are already involved in this initiative:*

Act For Nature, ADSF, Aide au Père Pédro Opéka, Alliance Française, AMADE Monaco, AMADE Mondiale, Amitié Sans Frontières Internationales, AMREF, Artistes en Mouvements, Association Monaco Asie, CARITAS, Children & Future, Croix Rouge Monégasque, ECPACT Monaco, Fight Aids Monaco, Gouvernement Princier, Les Amis du Liban, Lions Club de Monaco, Mission Enfance, Monaco Aide et Présence, NAMASTE, Needs International, Ordre Souverain de Malte (Association Nationale monégasque), Peace and Sport, WFE, SEB.

You can also make a transfer payment on the special account. The bank details are the following :

Account holder : MONACO COLLECTIF HAITI
Bank code : 17569
Bank sort code : 00001
Account Number : 71037200006
Code : 51
Bank's name : COMPAGNIE MONEGASQUE DE BANQUE
IBAN : MC58 1756 9000 0171 0372 0000 651
BIC : CMBMMCXXXX

In 2008, Monegasque NGOs involved in humanitarian action initiated the Monaco Collectif Humanitaire project, run by the Monegasque Red Cross and coordinated by the Monegasque Cooperation, in order to provide surgery in the Principality to children whose pathologies could not be operated on in their country of origin.