

HAC Earthquake Relief Plan

Short Term:

After the August 14th, 2021 Earthquake, the Haitian American Caucus immediately mobilized its network of grassroots organizations in order to begin organizing and providing relief for victims of the natural disaster. Collaborative efforts were made in both Haiti and the United States to assess the situation and determine the best course of action.

In times of disaster, time is of the essence and being able to respond quickly is vital to survival of those affected. HAC sourced resources locally in order to provide relief as soon as possible. Capitalizing on the supplies and materials available in Haiti directly contributed to HAC being able to respond quickly and efficiently. Furthermore, this allows us to continue efforts to strengthen the Haitian economy.

Providing relief for those impacted by the earthquake is an ongoing effort for the Haitian American Caucus. Immediate response was provided through sourcing supplies within the country and donations are being organized in the United States to continue to provide needed supplies in the Southern Region.

Mid Term, September to December 2021:

The Haitian American Caucus is committed to educating youth throughout the country. It is the belief of HAC that every child deserves the right to education because it is a key to success. In times of uncertainty, children especially need structure and a sense of normalcy.

HAC plans to support children by helping them re-enroll in school and continue their education. School supplies and materials will also be provided to aid in the transition back to their educational environments.

Long Term:

While assessing the effects of the August 14th earthquake, it was evident that there was a need for economic development and stability in the Southern Region.

The Haitian American Caucus plans to take on this issue in hopes to continue equipping adults with the tools to succeed and strengthening local communities. This will be done through providing loans, offering job training as well as creating entrepreneurial

opportunities and mentoring. In addition, HAC will also be using the Street Business School Model as the basis to train over one thousand men and women in the Southern Region on how to start, run and expand their small businesses.