



## Message to CNA members on the disaster in Haiti

Fellow nurses:

People across the globe have been following the tragic events taking place in Haiti in the wake of the devastating earthquake. We are all deeply sorrowed by the magnitude of the human suffering taking place and our hearts go out to the victims and their friends and families in this time of terrible uncertainty. The mass loss of lives of nursing and midwifery students and faculty has especially touched members of the nursing community in Canada and abroad. We mourn our fallen colleagues. These deaths are a reminder of the significant support that is needed to help Haiti rebuild not only its physical, but also its human, infrastructure – now and well into the future.

Our thoughts and sympathies also go out to the friends and family of nurse Yvonne Martin of Elmira, Ont., who died before she could embark upon her mission to deliver humanitarian aid to the people of Haiti. Special appreciation goes out to our colleagues involved in the emergency response effort who courageously and selflessly devote themselves to the alleviation of human suffering.

We recognize the extent to which the short-term emergency and humanitarian efforts call for coordinated and expert interventions. Since the earthquake struck, CNA has been working with national and international agencies to stay abreast of the humanitarian responses as they unfold, and to identify where and how we can provide support to our nursing colleagues and others in Haiti.

### **If you would like to help**

To offer direct assistance to the people of Haiti, CNA encourages you to make a donation to the [Canadian Red Cross](#) or [Médecins Sans Frontières](#) (Doctors Without Borders).

The Canadian government has announced that it will match donations made to these organizations, so your generosity will have double the impact!

Let's stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

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