

Timeline of Relief Efforts in Haiti

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Tzu Chi's Immediate Response to the Haiti Earthquake

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake strikes Haiti on January 12, 2010. Tzu Chi immediately established an emergency coordination center in Tzu Chi USA headquarters (San Dimas, CA). On January 13, Tzu Chi has focused the immediate relief in Haiti on: (1) Relief aid distribution, (2) Medical assistance, and (3) Global fundraising.

WEEKLY TIMELINE: as of 2/12

| Date | Event |
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| February 12 | |
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On February 6, Tzu Chi medical & dental team started to provide services in Tabarre. Not only did the T

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On February 8, Tzu Chi started its relief work program around Impact for God Church, providing the part

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On February 10, a relief goods distribution was held at the St. Mary Church. 2,290 people received good

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On February 11, a large-scale distribution was held at the Impact for God Church, benefiting approximat

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On February 10, the CEO of Tzu Chi USA, along with the Executive Vice President of Tzu Chi USA and

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Tzu Chi attended meetings with other NGOs and US peacekeepers. US peacekeepers said Tzu Chi can

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On February 12, a month after the earthquake in Haiti, Tzu Chi held a joint prayer service at the Impact

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On February 12 at 4:53pm EST, Tzu Chi USA, launched a nationwide campaign to observe a minute of

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Shifts of Tzu Chi volunteers and doctors and medical personnel from the Americas will be stationed in H

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As part of Tzu Chi's immediate relief efforts, several small-scale distributions will continue to be held, wh

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Gatherings/trainings will be held continuously with local Tzu Chi volunteers and relief work program part

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In the next few weeks, Tzu Chi will gradually enter into mid-long term relief phase in Haiti. Tzu Chi will c

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Tzu Chi's Prior Relief Efforts in Haiti

Tzu Chi has previously provided aid to Haiti in 1998-1999, 2004 and 2009. In January 2009, Tzu Chi relief team in the Americas traveled to Haiti to provide relief after the country was struck by numerous hurricanes in 2008. Tzu Chi volunteers from the US, Dominican Republic and St. Martin provided supplies including rice, corn powder, cooking oil, sugar, salt, instant noodles, tarp, eco-friendly blankets, buckets (for food storage), vitamins, dental kits and a set of portable dental equipment, benefiting 3,343 households in poverty stricken areas in Port-au-Prince and Cité Soleil. There were also other long-term plans for charitable and medical assistance.

WEEKLY TIMELINE: 1/30 ~ 2/5

| Date | Event |
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| February 5 | |
| - | On January 29, Tzu Chi relief team distributed aid to an orphanage in Pernier, benefiting 150 people. |
| - | On February 1, Tzu Chi conducted a large-scale distribution at IHCD in the city of Tabarre, benefiting 3,343 households. |
| - | During the distribution, the USAID Senior Advisor for Special Project as well as deputy mayor of the city of Tabarre were present. |
| - | Tzu Chi attended UN meeting and will continue to do so. Tzu Chi met up with the mayor of Tabarre. |
| - | Tzu Chi relief team held gathering with its local volunteers, local residents, Haitian police, Jordanian relief team and other organizations. |
| - | Tzu Chi relief goods (including tarps, tents, 500 portable restrooms, instant rice, instant corn powder, etc.) were distributed. |
| - | On February 6-8, Tzu Chi medical team will provide medical & dental services in Tabarre. |
| - | Starting February 8, Tzu Chi will conduct a relief work program in the vicinity of the distribution site. |
| - | On February 10-11, Tzu Chi will be holding large-scale distributions and providing medical & dental services. |
| - | Several small-scale distributions will also be held continuously, while large-scale distributions will be held on February 10-11. |
| - | On February 12, Tzu Chi will work with local churches to conduct a prayer in the city of Tabarre (for the victims of the earthquake). |
| - | Tzu Chi will focus its relief work in the city of Tabarre. Tabarre has also been chosen by UN to be a relief site. |
| - | Shifts of Tzu Chi volunteers from the USA, Dominican Republic and St. Martin that will be stationed in Tabarre. |
| - | Tzu Chi continues to prepare for and emphasize the importance of mid- and long term relief in Haiti. |
| - | Master Cheng Yen, the founder of Tzu Chi, continues to urge all volunteers to use selfless Great Love. |



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An earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale rocked the Republic of Haiti on the 12th of January 2010. Tzu Chi Foundation has initiated a global fundraising campaign to deliver the love from people around the globe to the affected people in Haiti.

Tzu Chi's relief team, including volunteers and doctors from the US and the Dominican Republic, is currently preparing to provide relief. The Foundation is preparing relief aid and medical supplies to be delivered to Haiti when possible.

Tzu Chi will continue to provide updates on its relief efforts.

TIMELINE: 1/12 ~ 1/24

| Date | Event |
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January 24

- 2nd relief assessment team arrives in Haiti in the morning. They visit an orphanage.
- Tzu Chi volunteers in the Dominican Republic visit the injured earthquake survivors at Hospital Municipal.
- 4,615 volunteers throughout the US are mobilized to conduct street fundraisers over the weekend.
- 2nd assessment team will conduct assessment relating to transportation, security, communication, and other needs.
- According to the asst. manager of OECC, he sees how united the Haitians are after this earthquake.
- Tzu Chi relief assessment team plans to meet with local volunteers in Haiti and to initiate a relief work plan.
- Tzu Chi relief assessment team will visit the survivors in shelters as well as meet with other humanitarian organizations.
- Tzu Chi USA is in the process of integrating nationwide volunteers and medical manpower and resources.
- Currently, global headquarters (Taiwan) still has 52,800 eco-friendly blankets and 30,000 sets of utensils.
- Tzu Chi will focus on areas that have not been helped, instead of going into the center of Port-au-Prince.
- Tzu Chi continues to prepare for mid-long term relief in Haiti.

January 23

- Nationwide street fundraisers continue in the US on 1/23 and 1/24.
- Tzu Chi has received full support from OECC, and will set up a temporary base in OECC office in Port-au-Prince.

January 22

- The first shipment of goods (including eco-friendly blankets, instant rice, instant powder, utensils, etc.) arrives in Haiti.
- Tzu Chi continues to attend meetings with other organizations, as well as conference calls with the OECC.
- The 2nd relief assessment team from the US arrives in the emergency coordination center in the Dominican Republic.

January 21

- The Tzu Chi relief assessment team and Senator Rodriguez arrive in Haiti. The team visits an orphanage.
- Tzu Chi will bring propane gas stoves from the Dominican Republic to cook hot meals for the people.
- Tzu Chi relief team will set up a base in a local volunteer's office. The office can store up to 6 cargo containers.
- A Tzu Chi volunteer in Haiti says a government building is now occupied by around 2,500 survivors.
- Congressman Joel in Haiti visited Tzu Chi global headquarters in 2009, after Tzu Chi provided relief to his constituents.
- Tzu Chi's second relief team will arrive Tzu Chi Emergency Coordination Center in the Dominican Republic.
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- Tomorrow, the relief assessment team plans to visit a government building sheltering 2,500 survivors.
- The founder of Tzu Chi, [Master Cheng Yen](#), continues to emphasize that one person can do one thing, and

January 20

- Tzu Chi Emergency Coordination Center in the Dominican Republic prepares for the relief assessment team.
- Tzu Chi relief assessment team, along with Senator [Roberto Rodriguez Hernandez](#) and

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- People in 29 countries have joined in the first phase of Tzu Chi's global fundraising campaign.

January 18

- The CEO of Tzu Chi USA as well as a team of volunteers from the US arrive at the Tzu Chi Emergency Coordination Center in the Dominican Republic.
- Teams of volunteers from the US will be stationed in the Dominican Republic for the next few months.

January 17

- Integrate nationwide medical manpower to be on standby for the next few months to provide medical assistance.
- Global fundraising campaign continues. US volunteers hold nationwide street fundraisers.

January 16

- Tzu Chi volunteer in Haiti scheduled to attend FEMA meetings in Haiti.
- Tzu Chi announces it will provide mid-term and long-term relief in Haiti, besides immediate relief.
- First phase of global fundraising campaign in 16 countries: US, Canada, UK, Denmark, Paraguay, and others.
- US Tzu Chi volunteers hold nationwide street fundraisers (23 locations in Southern California alone).

January 15

- Tzu Chi Emergency Coordination Center establishes contact with local volunteer in Haiti.
- Tzu Chi establishes Emergency Communication Center at Tzu Chi's Dominican Republic office.

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- Relief team and first shipment of supplies are on standby, prepared by [The International Humanitarian Aid Association \(TIHAA\)](#).
- 500,000 packs of instant rice

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500,000 packs of corn powder

20,000 eco-friendly fleece blankets

50,000 sets of eco-friendly eating utensils

- Other supplies: used clothing, medical kits, medical supplies, vitamins, ointments .

Notes on supplies:

* Instant rice is ready to be served after 40-50 minutes in cold water or 20 minutes in hot water

* Each eco-friendly fleece blanket is made from 70 recycled PET bottles

January 13

- Meeting with Tzu Chi Global HQ (Taiwan), Tzu Chi USA and Tzu Chi Dominican Republic office, for

1. Relief aid distribution

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2. Medical assistance

3. Global fundraising

- Coordination meeting with other humanitarian organizations.

- Tzu Chi relief team and [Tzu Chi International Medical Association](#) (TIMA) doctors are on standby

- Tzu Chi's global fundraising campaign kicks off.

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