

GLOBAL RESCUE DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM IN HAITI

In January 2010, a deadly 7.0 earthquake rocked the tiny nation of Haiti, devastating the capital Port-au-Prince and leaving hundreds of thousands dead, countless more injured, and nearly 1 million homeless. Within a few hours of the earthquake, Global Rescue began sending personnel and resources to the region.

Global Rescue immediately deployed field teams, comprised of both security and medical personnel, to perform on-the-ground extractions and medical services. Clients were trapped in remote parts of the country, necessitating field rescues by land, sea, and air.

Because of the nature of the disaster, the response required both medical and security services. Global Rescue's on-site medical crews worked in tandem with our physicians and partners at The Johns Hopkins Department of Emergency Medicine Division of Special Operations to ensure that every patient received the necessary care. Simultaneously, Global Rescue's security teams were charged with protection and extraction of non-injured personnel.

Global Rescue's on-site teams totaled 25 experienced responders, including special operations veterans, paramedics, and search and rescue specialists. Global Rescue personnel worked around the clock throughout Port-au-Prince and the surrounding Haitian countryside for approximately two weeks.

Successful Sample Missions Include:

- ▶ Security extraction of 14 missionaries from their collapsed compound
- ▶ Rescue and evacuation of a paralyzed 27 year old female who spent three days trapped in rubble
- ▶ Medical assessments, treatments, and medication distribution for two dozen orphans and fortification of the orphanage's security
- ▶ Overnight staffing and operations of an emergency field hospital, supporting a relief agency whose teams were subject to curfew
- ▶ Humanitarian work, including the pro bono transport of relief teams and supplies



Global Rescue's unique approach to security situations, including expert call takers, field rescue services, deployable personnel, and medical support, combined for a successful response.