News Release

Nunavut Responds to Urgent Relief Efforts

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 18, 2010) – The Government of Nunavut is responding to the urgent relief efforts and assistance needed by Haitians affected by the devastating earthquake on January 12.

The Government of Nunavut will contribute $25,000.00 to the Canadian Red Cross for urgent relief efforts in Haiti.

Nunavut responded to the call for help and assistance following the 2004 Asian Tsunami. Once again, Nunavummiut are showing their generosity and compassion for their fellow human beings in Haiti during this time of great need.

In the spirit of *Tamapta/ᑕᒪᕐᑕ: Building our future together*, the Government of Nunavut will work with partners, including municipalities and community organizations, on coordinating fund-raising activities in Nunavut's communities.

"The principles of Inuit societal values have always guided us to serve and to provide for those in need," said Premier Eva Aariak. "This disaster of enormous proportions is having a devastating impact on the people of Haiti and Nunavummiut want to help," said Premier Aariak.

"We want to ensure that donations in Nunavut are pulled together as quickly as possible and I am delighted to see the support from our municipalities in organizing fund raising efforts in the communities," says Community and Government Services Minister Lorne Kusugak.

"We have always been able to depend on our municipal leaders and administrators to help those in need, and I am confident our teamwork in the coming weeks will ensure a coordinated approach to our relief efforts in Haiti," said Premier Aariak.

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