



Embajada de México
Dinamarca

Press Release MEXICO AIDS HAITI

Copenhagen, January 21st, 2010

The Embassy of Mexico in Denmark informs the Danish media about the significant role that Mexico has had in the rescue and aid activities in Haiti.

Mexico has showed its sympathy with the Haitian people after the earthquake that collapsed Port au Prince on January 12th, and was one of the countries that sent help to Haiti within the first 35 hours after the natural disaster. Until yesterday, Mexico had sent 10 airplanes, with 208 specialists, and a ship-hospital with 48 specialists from the Mexican Navy, to support the island with supplies, humanitarian help and rescue equipment. President Felipe Calderón has, as well, announced the donation of 8 million dollars to Haiti

Among the most notable actions by the Mexican rescue team was the rescue of a 65 year old lady, who had been buried under the debris for 8 days, on Tuesday 19th. **The elements of the Mexican army that traveled to Port au Prince have also had an outstanding performance since they recovered a significant number of weapons belonging to the Haitian police and prevented, with this action, further violence from the affected citizens.**

Mexico's own experience with earthquakes and natural disasters has prepared the army, the rescue services and the civil society to react in situations where people are in need.

Among the equipment that was sent by air are:

- 2 power plants
- 1 water treatment plant
- 500 kg of surgery equipment
- 21.5 tons of food supplies

In the ship “Huasteco”, which arrived in Port au Prince yesterday, were sent, among other supplies:

- 500 kg of medicine
- 8821 bags and 9048 boxes of food supplies
- 500 kg of beans
- 500 kg of rice
- 4 water treatment plants
- 2000 vaccines
- 3000 liters of fuel
- 2150 liters of gasoline
- food supplies, medicines and a power plant donated by private companies and the civil society.

The “Huasteco” will remain in Port au Prince an indefinite amount of time functioning as hospital.

On January 22nd, the Papaloapan ship will sail from Veracruz with more supplies, the ship has a capacity of 1200 tons.

The specialized personnel that were sent to Haiti include civil protection staff to conduct search and rescue activities, debris removal and damage valuation. The medical staff is composed by doctors, orthopedic specialists, nurses and first aid.

The Embassy of Mexico considers that the above information is important in order to have a complete picture of the international relief actions in Haiti.

Should you have any enquires or request for an interview with the Mexican Ambassador Mrs. Martha Bárcena Coqui do not hesitate to contact us:

Tel. 45 39 61 05 00

Email: info@mexican-embassy.dk