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Dear Friends,

As a generous supporter of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), I want to report to you on our emergency response to the catastrophic earthquake that devastated Haiti on January 12.

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of individuals like you, Doctors Without Borders has been working in Haiti for 19 years and, at the time of the earthquake, we had a field staff of 800 people already on the ground in Port-au-Prince. Our colleagues operated three hospitals in the capital, including a surgical trauma center, emergency obstetrics hospital, and emergency stabilization center – all of which sustained severe damage and needed to be evacuated.

Yet, despite this setback, within the first 24 hours of the disaster our medical teams set up clinics in tents to treat the enormous influx of men, women and children in desperate need of help. They immediately began administering emergency aid to thousands of people who came with crushed limbs, open fractures, head traumas and burns. Long time Doctors Without Borders medical staff say they have never seen so many serious injuries.

Because of the widespread damage throughout the area, Doctors Without Borders teams were forced to treat patients in very rough conditions with no medical structures in place to take the most serious cases. On the grounds of our damaged Trinité trauma hospital, surgery took place in an improvised operating theater in a converted shipping container. In Carrefour, a district of the city that was badly affected, Doctors Without Borders began working in one of the few hospitals still standing with two operating theaters.

While the Doctors Without Borders teams in Port-au-Prince struggled to treat as many injured people as possible, Doctors Without Borders' international emergency response network quickly mobilized. Within 48 hours we had dispatched seven cargo planes containing over 125 tons of supplies, including a 100-bed inflatable field hospital, hospitalization tents, medicine and supplies essential to caring for people in need during this crisis.

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Throughout the first week, we were frustrated by the difficulty getting our flights into Haiti. The bottleneck at the airport forced us to bring an additional 70 emergency response staff members over land through neighboring Dominican Republic. The inability to use the airport also caused a 24-hour delay in the arrival of Doctors Without Borders' life-saving medical equipment. Fortunately the situation has since improved and our cargo is now on the ground.

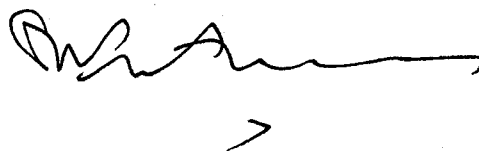
As they waited for critical supplies to arrive, Doctors Without Borders emergency teams worked around the clock to help those in the most critical state. By January 20, eight days after the earthquake struck, Doctors Without Borders had treated 5,000 people and performed 900 surgeries.

As I write to you today, the situation in Port-au-Prince remains dire. A number of our Haitian staff and their families did not survive the devastation. Public parks are packed with men, women and children with nowhere to go. We are very concerned that the widespread lack of water and sanitation could lead to an outbreak of disease, causing more suffering and further overwhelming the medical situation.

Be assured, in the coming weeks and months, Doctors Without Borders will do everything we can to respond to the medical needs of those affected by this horrific tragedy. In addition to this critical effort, we are continuing to help the men, women and children caught in crises in 68 countries.

Tragedies on the scale we are experiencing in Haiti don't happen every day, yet throughout the world there is a constant need for emergency humanitarian medical aid to help people affected by epidemics, armed conflicts and natural and man-made disasters. The reason Doctors Without Borders was able to be in Haiti to start saving lives immediately was solely due to the funding we received from generous donors like you. On behalf of the people of Haiti and every Doctors Without Borders staff member, thank you for your past and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Delaunay', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sophie Delaunay
Executive Director

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