

Press Release



Humanity First Canada

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Earthquake Hits Chile

Humanity First Prepares for Relief Work and Accepting Donations

Concord, Ontario, Canada – An earthquake of 8.8-magnitude struck the South American nation early Saturday in the capital city of Santiago at 3am local time tearing apart homes, highways and bridges with a current death toll of 150 which is expected to rise.

As per the early reports the earthquake was 64 times stronger than the one that devastated Haiti last month but was 22 miles below the surface making the number of casualties far fewer than those in the Caribbean nation. However, more than 1.5 million houses have been damaged by the earthquake and the country is coping with at least 33 aftershocks measuring a 5.0 magnitude or stronger.

In addition, the quake has prompted tsunami warnings in areas as far away as the western coast of the United States and Hawaii within 24 hours of the recent earthquake in Chile coast.

Humanity First has alerted its Disaster Response Team and volunteers are on standby for deployment while further assessment is being done.

Humanity First is also accepting donations for the relief work. People may go on our website www.humanityfirst.ca to donate online or they can send cheques to Humanity First.

Humanity First has also recently responded to the natural disasters in Haiti, Bangladesh, Philippines and Indonesia. Currently Humanity First is working on the long term rehabilitation phase in Haiti after the recent earthquake struck last month and plans to run orphanages, schools and medical camps in disaster struck areas of the country.

For further information, please visit our website at www.humanityfirst.ca

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Notes to editors:

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