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## **AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION MOBILIZES IN RESPONSE TO HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the US, is coordinating opportunities for nurses to deploy to Haiti within an established, organized response structure. Nurses who are interested should go to [www.nursingworld.org/haitirelief](http://www.nursingworld.org/haitirelief). It is absolutely critical that nurses include their specialty area of practice. A valid US Passport is a must for those interested in deploying.

ANA's Florida Nurses Association (FNA) is partnering with the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida on relief efforts. They are working with Project Medishare from the University of Miami for deployment in the coming days. The team will be outfitted with scrubs generously donated to the relief efforts by Tafford Uniforms. "We have been thrilled and inspired by the response from businesses, our members, and other nurses who have volunteered their time," commented Willa Fuller, RN, Executive Director of the Florida Nurses Association. "We're committed to doing all we can to support relief efforts in Haiti."

The Navy hospital ship, USNS Comfort arrived in Haiti on Wednesday to support relief efforts. A team of approximately 560 doctors, nurses, technicians and support staff are providing a host of medical services including primary care, trauma care, pediatric care, and orthopedic care. Staff members are from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD and the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Portsmouth, VA.

ANA received an update from the International Council of Nurses (ICN) on the situation in Haiti. Many public institutions, including the Ministry of Health, major hospitals and clinics were

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destroyed. The National Nurse School University and Faculty of Medicine collapsed. Student nurses were taking an OB course at the time. The National Nurse Midwife School (ENISF) is still standing. The University Hospital Maternity has virtually no staff. In light of these developments, ANA continues to encourage contributions to the American Nurses Foundation which has established a fund to help restore the nursing infrastructure in Haiti and the Association Nationale des Infirmières Licenciées d'Haiti. [You can donate here](#) Please visit [www.nursingworld.org/HaitiRelief](http://www.nursingworld.org/HaitiRelief) for the latest updates on the situation in Haiti and the relief efforts. The site also provides invaluable information regarding the personal and professional responsibilities for those responding in disaster situations as well as ANA's seminal publication "Adapting Standards of Care Under Extreme Conditions."

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