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I'm sure that you haven't been able to get away from the news of the recent devastation in Haiti. Many of you have called to find out how you can help and I'm pleased to report that we are working with the government of the Dominican Republic, JetBlue, Spirit Airline to facilitate aides' coordination at the border of Haiti and the Dominican Rep. This letter is a formal request from our office for help. We are currently in needs of medical professional and risk assessment personnel to work with the hospitals in DR. We will work in a rotation basis.

We are committed to work with other NGOs on the ground and our mission is a long term recovery effort. The housing Department and VIMCHA (Vision Multinationale Compassion pour Haiti) are working closely with Ambassador H.E. Francis Lorenzo and Mr. Shannon De Witt (786) 525-1095 to coordinate travel into Dominican Republic and Haiti. The task is not easy but the priority goes to medical personnel and the communication team. We are trying our best to provide a safe and secure environment for our volunteers and I can assured you we will be successful.

On a personal note, thank you for all of your calls and well-wishes. We have not been in touch yet with all staffs that were there before the earthquake but we are hoping for the best. If you weren't aware, before the earthquake, the Haitian people were already living in survival mode. The unemployment rate is 70% and the average person who is not part of the elite workforce is usually just trying to eat and survive. I realize how crude this sounds but it's the truth. This earthquake has turned an already desperate situation into absolute chaos and despair. Please help out in any way you can. There are various relief efforts for people to choose from so no one should feel pressured to go with one or another. Below is valuable contacts information to help coordinate our effort.

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