



# Medical priorities for earthquake survivors

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# Medical priorities

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- Earthquake related:
  - (Search & rescue)
  - Immediate surgical care – trauma, burns
  - Crush syndrome
  - Post-operative care & rehabilitation
  - Mental health
  - Control of epidemic diseases, tetanus
- General medical needs:
  - Emergency obstetrics & surgery
  - General medicine
  - Patients on chronic treatments (HIV, TB, non-communicable diseases)
  - Prevention (antenatal care, EPI, etc)

# Haiti earthquake

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- January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 – 7.0 Richter scale
- Urban context, slums, poor...
- Destruction of infrastructure: airport, port, roads blocked, no water, electricity
- 300'000 death, 300'000 wounded
- Complete lack of coordination
- For MSF: present in the country with surgical teams at the time of the earthquake





























# Other

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- Urgent medical needs:
  - Emergency obstetrics & surgery
  - Emergency medicine
  - Patients on chronic treatments (HIV, TB, non-communicable diseases)
  
  - General medicine
  - Prevention (antenatal care, EPI, etc)