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GAIN Canada on the ground in Port-au-Prince

Langley, B.C. – (January 16, 2010) – Global Aid Network (GAIN) Canada representatives Bill Blaney and Aaron Rogers, landed in Port-au-Prince on Saturday morning to help local staff and volunteers with disaster response.

Through the national director in Haiti, Esperandieu Pierre, GAIN is mobilizing and organizing a network of churches and local volunteers to begin distributing aid. Despite the devastation around them they are operational on the ground.

The Canadian team is helping Pierre and his network respond to the injured, the hungry and the homeless. People have been advised not to sleep in their homes for fear that structures could still collapse. It is estimated that up to 3 million people are displaced and roaming the streets as fear of looting and violence rises.

The first stage of the emergency response is to get medical assistance to the injured and food and water to survivors. As people move out of Port-au-Prince in search of food and water, the need grows even more when they discover the nearby cities have no supplies as well. GAIN is sending immediate financial assistance to Pierre and his network of churches. The GAIN office in Germany along with their partner has arranged 45 tons of medical supplies to be flown in tonight and then 50 tons of babyfood in the next five days.

GAIN is in need of urgent financial contributions in order to respond to the needs of the Haitians. Without immediate food, water and medical supplies to treat the injured, many more will die. Donations can be made online at www.globalaid.net or by phone at 1.800.563.1106 and will be eligible for the Canadian Government matching funds.

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