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Haiti earthquake facts and figures

The 12 January 2010 earthquake in Haiti left a death toll of more than 210,000 people and as many as 300,000 were injured, according to official figures. More than 600,000 people have fled Port-au-Prince to other regions of the country unaffected by the quake putting strain on the limited resources of several communities.

According to the most recent estimates from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), there are 460 camps with a total population of 1,170,000 people in Port-au-Prince alone. The largest camp in Port-au-Prince hosts an estimated 50,000 individuals.

The vast majority of the displaced population in camps are children: 720,000 have been affected by the earthquake and 300,000 have been displaced to other communities.

At least twenty police stations in Port-au-Prince and elsewhere have been severely damaged or collapsed during the quake. This has compromised the capacity of the police force to maintain security and enforce the law.

The infrastructure of the judiciary in and around Port-au-Prince has collapsed or is severely damaged. As a consequence, the back-log of cases is building up. Files of recent and past cases have been lost or burned after the earthquake.

In addition, shortly after the earthquake all the prisoners escaped from the National Penitentiary. Although the external wall of the prison was not damaged by the quake, the main door was left open prompting the flight of more than 4,200 prisoners.