

URGENT ACTION

HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES RISK FORCED EVICTION

Hundreds of families left homeless after Haiti's January 2010 earthquake are being threatened with forced eviction from their makeshift camp in the Christ-Roi neighbourhood of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

A man claiming to be the landowner came to the **Christopher camp** in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, on 23 March, with a Justice of the Peace and several police officers. The Justice of the Peace handed the residents a document ordering them all to vacate the land within two days. The residents, however, have never been given the opportunity to be heard in court in order to respond to the self-styled landowner's claim to the land. The camp's residents marched to the Presidential palace on 3 April to demonstrate against the threat of forced eviction. The "landowner" told them afterwards that they had until 3 May to leave the land.

Christopher camp is on private land in the Christ-Roi neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince, and home to 345 families, 1,689 people, according to the latest data from the International Organization for Migration. The majority of the residents lived in the neighbourhood before the 2010 earthquake and built their shelters on the land when they were left homeless. The landowner originally informed them they could stay for two months. The residents, however, have never been offered adequate alternative accommodation and have nowhere to go.

Please write immediately in French or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to ensure that residents at Christopher camp are not evicted without due process, adequate notice and consultation, and that all those affected have access to adequate alternative accommodation;
- Urging them to seek durable solutions to the housing needs of the Christopher camp residents and the hundreds of thousands of others still living in dire conditions in makeshift camps.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 30 MAY 2013 TO:

President

Michel Joseph Martelly
Palais National
Rue Magny, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Fax: + 1 202-745-7215 (via Haiti
embassy in the USA)
Email:
communications@presidentmartelly.ht
**Salutation: Monsieur le Président/
Dear President Martelly**

General Director of the Haitian Police

Godson Orélus
Directeur Général de la PNH
Police Nationale d'Haiti
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Email: godore68@hotmail.com
**Salutation: Monsieur le directeur/
Dear Director**

And copies to:

Mayor of Port-au-Prince
Marie-Joseph René
151, Angle avenue Jean-Paul II et
impasse Duverger, Turgeau
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Email:
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Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country.

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

According to the latest data from the International Organization for Migration there are still approximately 320,000 displaced people living in makeshift camps, three years and three months after they were left homeless by the devastating earthquake of 12 January 2010. Nearly a quarter of them, some 75,000 people living in 105 camps, are now threatened with forced eviction.

The residents of Christopher camp live in basic shelters; they have no access to drinkable water or adequate sanitation. However, any relocation process must respect their rights to adequate housing and they must not be subjected to forced evictions.

Name: Residents of Christopher Camp

Gender m/f: Both

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