

## World Vision's Haiti experts discuss earthquake response challenges, achievements

**MISSISSAUGA, Ont. (Dec. 9, 2010)** – World Vision Canada's "Haiti experts" will offer their perspectives on the earthquake response on **Thursday, December 16 at 10 a.m. (ET)**. Media will gain insight into key issues such as:

- Shelter construction and resettlement challenges
- Role of the Haiti Interim Recovery Commission
- Update on the cholera epidemic

Over the past year World Vision has assisted thousands of Haitian children and families through a multi-million dollar, multi-sector earthquake response.

**WHAT:** World Vision update on Haiti earthquake/cholera response

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 16, 2010 (10 a.m. – 11 a.m)

**WHERE:** World Vision Canada  
1 World Drive  
Mississauga, ON

**WHO:** Opportunities will be available for one-on-one interviews.

**Dave Toycen, President & CEO, World Vision Canada** Dave was on the ground in Haiti within 48 hours of the earthquake; he visited again in June and will return in January. Whether in conversations with camp residents or meetings with government leaders, Dave's primary concern is always the well-being of Haiti's children.

**Mike Weickert, Operations Manager, Cholera Response** Mike is currently leading World Vision's cholera response in Haiti.

**Tanis McKnight, Program Manager - Haiti** Tanis oversees Canadian support to World Vision's field operations. She spent a month in Haiti immediately following the earthquake and has returned periodically to monitor projects over the past year. She lived in Haiti in 2003.

**Jonathan Papoulidis, Senior Policy Advisor - Haiti** Through meetings with Haiti's Prime Minister Bellerive, Bill Clinton and Canadian government, Jonathan has brought forward innovative strategies to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Haiti, while improving overall response coordination. Jonathan previously served as UN Special Advisor and Chief of Policy and Programs for the recovery efforts in Aceh, following the 2004 Tsunami.

**VISUALS:** Display of Haitian children's drawings  
World Vision's mobile technology used in Haiti  
Photos and video b-roll

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