

# Haiti: We must Help!

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Comrades, friends,

Given the news coming from Haiti, our concern continues to grow for the needs of the people there and the militarization of the humanitarian responses.

As Jubilee South, we believe that our help must be both immediate and continuing over the medium term. We need to act in each country and globally to address the “humanitarian invasion”, pressing to finally cancel the outstanding debt claims against Haiti and to ensure that cooperation is given on the basis of the full participation of the Haitian people and respect for their sovereignty and rights. In that sense, find attached copy of the letter to be delivered on Monday in Montreal, expressing our views and grievances before the ministerial meeting to prepare the conference of “donors” to Haiti in March. Other initiatives will follow in the coming days and we count on your active support.

Our material contribution can be directed to cooperate with the work of PAPDA and the organizations with which they coordinate. Specifically we propose to “adopt” PAPDA as our target for immediate reconstruction, channeling to our comrades there, the financial resources, and any other form of assistance, we are able to provide.

We know there is still an urgent need for many humanitarian essentials, but it is also urgent that popular organizations in Haiti are able to rebuild their ongoing operational functions. For that, we must help to ensure that they have a place to work with all the basics, such as computers, power generator, communications, mobility, etc..

As Jubilee South, we would thus propose that in each country we seek to promote solidarity and to contribute to the work of PAPDA. They are already coordinating responses with a group of organizations including SOFA (World March of Women), PODHDD (Platform of Human Rights organizations) ICKL, ITECA, and others. They already have two health centers up and running, and we await a fuller report of their actions and needs, from the mission of Dominican organizations that just returned from Port-au-Prince, in which JS members and closely related organizations such as Via Campesina, the Cry of the Excluded, the Alliance of Inhabitants, Compa, the Assembly of Caribbean People, etc, all participated.

Camille was able to confirm today the details of a bank account that PAPDA has set up to channel international solidarity. Those details, as well as updated contact information for Camille and the rest of PAPDA follow below.

We believe that Haiti can overcome this situation as a free and sovereign people. It's in the hands of every one of us to do everything possible to support them. It would be good also that we exchange information among us on the actions that are mabeing taken. As Camille has said, “... we never needed you more!”. Together we will respond to their need.

With a warm embrace,

Sandra Quintela and Beverly Keene

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**UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PAPDA:**

The physical address of the temporary operational center

(PAPDA ICKL-SOFA-PODHDD-ITECA-SAKS-PACJ):

Canape Vert - Rue Fernand - Impasse Gabriel No 6, Port au Prince

(These are the offices of a local NGO called FIDES.)

Phones to communicate with PAPDA / Camille Chalmers:

Mobile: 509 3837 1899 / 509 3461 1455

Email: camille.chalmers @ papda.org

**PAPDA BANK ACCOUNT FOR CHANNELING SOLIDARITY SUPPORT:**

Account Name: Camille Chalmers and Marc-Arthur Fils-Aimé

Account Number: 130-1012-457066 (checking account)

Bank Name: Unibank SA, Port au Prince, Haiti

Swift code: UBNKHTPP

UniBank has many accounts to receive money in Euros or U.S. dollars:

1) At Wachovia bank in New York (BIC Code: PNBPUS3NNYC. ABA / Routing: 026005092). The account of the UniBank there is: 2000192002189

2) At Société Générale, 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York (BIC Code: SOGEUS33. ABA / Routing: 026004226). The account of the UniBank there is: 194,980

3) At Société Générale, Paris la Defense Cedex 92,972 France (BIC Code: SOGEFRPP. Count UniBank there in Euro: 003-01-50607-0 IBAN: Fr 7630003 06990 00301506070 53)

4) In Bank of America, London England (BIC code: BOFAGB22. UniBank Count in euro: 6008 23805023 IBAN: GB33 BOFA 1650 5023 8050 23. In sterling account: 6008 23805015 IBAN: GB33 BOFA 1650 5023 8050 15

5) Banque Nationale du Canada International Commercial Operations, 1010 Rue de la Gauchetière Ouest, Suite 750 Montreal PQ Canada H3B 5K7, BIC Code: BNDCCAMM. Count UniBank there: 097608-236-001-001-01 (Dollars canadieneses) 097608-240-002-001-01 (USD)

6) In Banque Royale du Canada, 180 Wellington Street West Toronto, Ontario M5J 1J1 Canada - BIC Code: ROYCCAT2. Account UniBank d ela there: 09591-406-583-5 (USD) / 09591-390-111-3 (\$ CAD)