Support the HIV/AIDS Community in Haiti

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The devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12 broke a country that was already on the edge. It's heartening to see the world respond so generously.

Everyone in Haiti deserves our help, but the situation is especially dire for Haitians living with HIV/AIDS. According to UNAIDS, approximately 120,000 Haitians are HIV positive.

There are so many ways to help. The Red Cross, the William J. Clinton Foundation, Doctors Without Borders, Partners in Health and AmeriCares are all worthy of support.

Aid for AIDS, Housing Works and the MAC AIDS Fund are also all doing great work in response to this crisis.

I'd like to spotlight one organization. SEROvie is an amfAR-supported HIV/AIDS-related community group in Haiti for men who have sex with men and LGBT people. According to amfAR, many members of the group died in the quake and a staff member is missing.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission has set up a fund for SEROvie. Click here for more information and to lend your support.

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