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## PRESS RELEASE

### Botswana Gives Aid to Haiti

**Gaborone, January 15, 2010** – The Government of Botswana will donate an amount of P1 Million (One million Pula) to the Government of the Republic of Haiti as aid to the humanitarian crisis caused by the recent devastating earthquake in that country, which claimed thousands of lives and caused massive infrastructural damage, almost levelling the Haitian capital city, Port-au-Prince.

This donation is a token of the friendship, goodwill and solidarity that exists between the Government and people of Botswana and the Government and people of Haiti. Botswana believes that it is imperative that we, as developing countries, show solidarity and join forces with each other, not only for the common defence of our national interests, but also in supporting our sister countries in times like these.

The Government of Botswana wishes to reiterate the message by the United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Kin-Moon, calling upon the international community to come to the rescue and assist the Government and people of the Republic of Haiti in any way possible as they face the challenges of rescue, recovery and reconstruction in the months ahead.



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