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In the wake of the January 12 earthquake with its widespread damage, the whole world made the decision to help rebuild Haiti, and Haitian nationals in Haiti and abroad, though literally in shock, demonstrated a real commitment to support their fellow countrymen.

Under those terrible circumstances, the very lesson taught to us was the following : empathy and love are still meaningful concepts in today's world.

People and governments around the globe started looking at our country with compassionate eyes. In Haiti's two hundred years of history – characterized by failed policies in terms of economic and social development – this solidarity effort is, by its magnitude, unprecedented.

To us, at APROSIFA, this revival of worldwide solidarity is compelling and refreshing.

We keep working day in, day out, to strengthen the social fabric in our area of intervention , and make sure that every single person in need can be served. Our endeavor aims at giving a multiplying effect to the vast assistance labor.

The fact that people from all walks of life are sincerely interested in the rescue effort makes us feel very proud, insofar as, in the latest years, it appeared fashionable to certain individuals to show detachment as far as human sufferings were concerned.

It is for us of the utmost importance that every congresswoman and congressman know the very facts about the dire situation prevailing in Haiti : People's rights to housing, healthcare, food, education, that is, their rights to life, are not guaranteed, and this matters more than any political squabbles.

Over half a million families are still waiting to be relocated in decent housing units, where healthcare, educational services, and a certain level of social security can be assured. Their current situation is life-threatening. To date, most of the victims are sheltered in more than 450 so-called tent cities in Port-au-Prince, while 500,000 displaced people took refuge in other regions (South, Artibonite, Grand Anse, Nippes, and Plateau Central). We hope that a certain group of stakeholders involved in the current political process will put an end to their insane intrigues and take part in the rescue effort and help the Haitian people who, since the disaster occurred, have kept showing their resilience, courage and determination.

APROSIFA deems essential to uphold compassion, love, solidarity, while rejecting any disgusting political maneuvers based on egoism and the pursuit of petty personal interests.

In this respect, APROSIFA asks every congresswoman and congressman to let compassion, love and solidarity guide them , while they keep standing by the Haitian people.

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