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The President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Robert Goot, has called on Jewish Australians to give generously to survivors of the terrible earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12.

"The earthquake claimed the lives of tens of thousands of people and has left many of the survivors without homes, food, water, medical and hospital services and other basic necessities" Mr Goot said. "I urge everyone in our community to dig deep and support the recognised international aid organisations which have workers on the ground in Haiti, including Jewish organisations such as Jewish Aid Australia Limited, Magen David Adom and Zaka."

Mr Goot welcomed the prompt action of the Australian government in pledging \$10 million in emergency aid for Haiti, with further funds to follow for reconstruction, and praised the Israeli government for sending a rescue team to Haiti and setting up a field hospital with equipment, doctors and medical supplies in the Haitian capital. "Israeli rescue workers and medical staff have been working around the clock to save trapped survivors and bring relief to the injured, but the situation is dire and calls for a concerted international effort".

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