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## Humanity First Responds to Ecuador Earthquake **7.8 Magnitude Earthquake killed more than 400, Thousands Injured, Buildings & Infrastructure Extensively Damaged**

**Vaughan, Ontario, Canada** – On Saturday 16th April 2016, a powerful earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter Scale hit the central coast of Ecuador killing over 400 people, injuring thousands, and causing extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure. Pedernales – near the earthquake's epicenter – has been declared a disaster zone and a state of emergency remains in six provinces (Manabí, Esmeraldas, Santa Elena, Guayas, Santo Domingo and Los Ríos).

Within 48 hours of the earthquake, Humanity First Canada dispatched a disaster response team who is currently on the ground and working in close coordination with local government authorities and United Nations. Additional teams are on standby and will be deployed on needs basis.

Commenting on the relief work, Dr. Aslam Daud, Chairman Humanity First Canada said, "the devastation caused by earthquake in Ecuador may be small compared to many other recent disasters, but for the victims, even if there is one, it is a life changing experience. One loss of life is the biggest disaster for that family. Humanity First volunteers are there to assist the injured and displaced by providing, blankets, food, medicine, clean water and other emergency supplies."

Humanity First is accepting donations for the relief work. People are requested to donate online at [www.humanityfirst.ca](http://www.humanityfirst.ca), by cheque or by calling us at **416-440-0346**. All donations are tax-deductible.

Humanity First has also recently responded to the natural disasters in Nepal, Haiti, Bangladesh, Japan, Philippines, Pakistan and Indonesia. More recently Humanity First is actively sponsoring and resettling Syrian Refugees in Canada. To date, it has resettled hundreds of Syrian Refugees in Canada and many more are expected to arrive this year.

For further information, please visit our website at [www.humanityfirst.ca](http://www.humanityfirst.ca)

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### Notes to editors:

Humanity First is an International Non-Profit Charitable Organization established to promote and safeguard the preservation of human life and dignity. Humanity First is a non-political, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with communities around the globe to improve the quality of life for some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Directors, Officers and Aid Workers of Humanity First are unpaid volunteers. Humanity First has been granted a special consultative status with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council ([ECOSOC](http://www.un.org/ecosoc)).

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