

# Makgoba flies to quake-hit Haiti

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Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Thabo Makgoba left on Tuesday for a week-long "pastoral visit" to Haiti, which was hit by a devastating earthquake in January, his office said.

More than 220 000 people died in the quake, and thousands are still housed in sprawling camps.

The office said in a statement that Makgoba would present a cheque for \$15 000 donated by his parishioners in southern Africa, towards the diocese of Haiti's relief and reconstruction work.

He would also discuss how further funds raised in southern Africa for Haiti might best be used.

Makgoba's visit was meant to give expression to the tenet of the world-wide Anglican communion that "when one part weeps, all suffer together".

The archbishop would spend time supporting Bishop of Haiti Jean-Zach Duracin, both personally and in his pastoral work.

At the end of his visit Makgoba would travel with Duracin to Florida, where Duracin's wife was in hospital in a stable condition, following treatment for injuries sustained during the earthquake.

The archbishop was travelling with Imtiaz Sooliman, founder of South African-based The Gift of The Givers Foundation, which was funding the visit.

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