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Aftermath of Quake, Hundreds of Thousands of Haitian Orphans at Risk:

WWO Founder and CEO Dr. Jane Aronson Available for Interviews on the Haiti's Orphaned Children, Overseas Adoptions

WHAT: In the aftermath of Haiti's devastating earthquake, a wave of newly orphaned children have been created in the impoverished island nation. Hundreds of thousands of the country's children are estimated to have been orphaned by the recent natural disaster. Some 380,000 orphaned children had already lost one or both parents prior to the quake, according to UNICEF, the UN Children's Agency.

Natural disasters can be a traumatic experience for children, undermining a child's sense of security and normalcy. As Haiti moves from disaster relief efforts to recovery, the unique needs of these vulnerable children must be immediately addressed.

Dr. Jane Aronson, a leading expert on the world's orphans and overseas adoption, is available to speak on the unique needs of Haiti's orphaned children and essential next steps to ensure their safety and well-being during and after the crisis. She can also speak about ethical adoption practices.

WHO: **Dr. Jane Aronson**, an internationally- renowned pediatrician specializing in orphaned children and Founder and CEO of the [Worldwide Orphans Foundation](#) (WWO), is available for interviews on the Haiti's orphans and overseas adoption. WWO is an international organization dedicated to transforming the lives of orphaned children worldwide by addressing their unique needs through medical, developmental, psychosocial and educational programs. Since founding WWO, Dr. Aronson has led medical missions to orphanages in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, Russia, and Latin America.

A board certified general pediatrician, Dr. Aronson has been a practicing adoption medicine specialist for nearly 20 years and is director of International Pediatric Health Services (IPH) in New York City.

Dr. Aronson was recently recognized as one of [Glamour magazine's "Women of the Year" 2009](#) for her advocacy in drawing attention to the enormous needs of the world's orphaned children.

ABOUT WWO: Founded in 1997 by renowned adoption medicine specialist, Dr. Jane

Aronson, WWO has established humanitarian programs in Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Kenya, Serbia and Vietnam. For more information, please visit www.wwo.org. To view video clips on WWO's work in action, visit www.wwo.org/share/?p=share_video.

Background Links:

Worldwide Orphans Foundation - <http://www.wwo.org> / www.orphandoctor.com

London Times -

http://women.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/women/families/article6945062.ece

POZ - http://www.poz.com/articles/aronson_wwo_hiv_2427_17796.shtml

CBSNews - <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/12/18/eveningnews/main5996894.shtml>

Glamour Magazine - <http://www.glamour.com/women-of-the-year/2009/jane-aronson>

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