



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE IN THE UNITED STATES

PRESS RELEASE

VOLCANIC ERUPTION ON THE ISLAND OF FOGO, CABO VERDE

CALL FOR SOLIDARITY WITH AFFECTED POPULATION

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Quincy, December 08, 2014 -The emergency situation on the Island of Fogo, namely in the area of Chã das Caldeiras has worsened in the last days with the total destruction of the two main villages of Portela and Bangaeira, calling for the solidarity of all Cabo Verdeans throughout the world and of governments and organizations, friends of Cabo Verde.

Since the beginning of the eruption on November 23, several hundreds, if not thousands of families have been displaced from their homes and in need of all kinds of assistance and services. The priority of emergency teams in the field was to evacuate the people and fortunately no loss of lives or injuries have been caused.

Given the scarcity of resources for the country to deal with the consequences of this natural disaster considered the worst in Cabo Verde, national and local Cabo Verdean authorities have put out a strong call to the international community for assistance towards the Island of Fogo and Cabo Verde, at this difficult moment of its history.

Luckily, responses from friendly organizations and countries have been very favorable.

Similarly, we recognize the prompt response from the Community in the United States, including the Cabo Verdean Association of Brockton which, five days after the eruption sent a ten thousand dollar donation to the Municipality of Santa Catarina, the initiative UnitedForFogo which in a few days was able to mobilize about fifteen thousand dollars, in addition to collecting foodstuff and a variety of goods and HarborOne Bank's immediate contribution of five thousand dollars into the account "USA FOR FOGO", among other donations that are not of official knowledge.

Worth mentioning also is the assistance of Cabo Verde's national air carrier TACV, and of the shipping company Atlantic Shipping for facilitating transport of emergency donations.

Meanwhile, following our Press Release of Nov/26/2014 and at the request of several organizations, community and religious leaders and other entities, this Consulate General, with the support of the National Alliance of Cape Verdean Organizations (NACVO) has taken the coordination of the different community initiatives in the mobilization and timely, efficient and transparent delivery of all the support towards Fogo.

Therefore, the Consulate General of Cabo Verde in the USA announces the opening of a temporary donation account at HarborOne Bank, designated "USA FOR FOGO".



All contributions made to this account will be transferred into the emergency account established by the Association of the three Municipalities of the Island of Fogo at the Banco Comercial do Atlântico (BCA).

Financial donations can be made in the following forms:

1. In person, at a counter of any HarborOne Bank branch in Massachusetts;
2. By Mail: making a check payable to "Consulate General of Cabo Verde" with a note on the memo line saying "USA FOR FOGO". Send your check by mail in an envelope addressed directly to:

HarborOne Bank/USA For Fogo, 68 Legion Parkway, Brockton, MA 02301.

3. Donations by e-checking, debit or credit card through the Consulate's website www.conscvboston.org, will be available at a date to be disclosed soon.

The Consulate has also opened a free direct telephone line to provide information about the situation on the Island of Fogo and to mobilize assistance from the Community.

The number is **1(844) FOR-FOGO** or **1 (844) 367-3646**.

For information about donating goods, call the number indicated above.

The Consulate General of Cabo Verde in the United States of America and Canada presents its gratitude to all for the solidarity expressed towards the Island of Fogo.

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