

# Harry... King of hearts

## EXCLUSIVE

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PRINCE HARRY yesterday vowed to do all he can to help the aid effort in Haiti after he had to call off plans to visit the island where at least 150,000 people have been killed by this month's earthquake.

He pulled out after the UK Government said a visit would be a strain on limited resources, with troops and aid agencies still struggling to get food, water and medical supplies to survivors.

Harry, who is in nearby Barbados raising funds for his own charity to help children in Africa, yesterday pledged to visit Haiti as soon as possible and do anything he can to boost the aid effort.

And as his compassion for sick children in a Barbados hospital aroused vivid comparisons with the caring image of his mother Princess Diana, he paid extraordinary tributes to both his parents.

But the joking 25-year-old also managed to quip that he was so drawn to children "probably because I can associate with them more", adding: "No matter how old I am I will always have the kid inside me."

Despite his royal status the third in line to the throne failed to win the interest of seven-week-old

## Shades of his mother as prince vows to help the destitute of Haiti



Jean-Luc Jordan, who was recovering from flu in Bridgetown's Queen Elizabeth II hospital.

The infant refused to open his eyes, sleeping throughout as the Prince expertly cradled him, calling out: "Hello I'm Harry."

Jean-Luc's father Michael Jordan, 42, said: "I was a great fan

of his mum and I am a great fan of him too."

Asked if he was conscious of taking after his mother, Harry replied: "I don't know if I can follow in her footsteps but William and I will always try to achieve what she achieved in the short space of time that she did."

"Like mother like son, like father like son. Both she and our father, but her especially I suppose, had that motherly touch to young children."

"I'm obsessed with children. I don't know if they like me but you know they are great fun and you can never really say no to them."

"Especially in places like this and in Africa, I love the way the kids are so happy and so grateful for the small things in life. You can't fail but get this huge fulfilment and happiness from spending some time with children."

"I will always try to stick with

working with children as long as I can - it's probably because I can associate with them more."

"No matter how old I am I will always have the kid inside me. The longer I spend with children, the longer that kid inside me will stick around."

Harry was in the Caribbean for a dinner and concert to raise money for Haiti and for today's launch of the Sentebale Polo Cup, a celebrity charity event in Bridgetown to raise money for children orphaned by HIV and AIDS in the African country of Lesotho. He set up the charity after visiting Lesotho in 2004 to make a documentary to highlight the plight of the 400,000 children affected.

In 2008 he recruited 26 comrades from the Household Cavalry to rebuild a school in the country only months after they had returned from Afghanistan.

Last night a royal spokesman said: "Prince Harry was very keen to visit Haiti if his presence on the island was thought to be beneficial."

A senior aide added: "Harry was desperate to help. As a member of the military he felt he could have made a valid physical contribution as well as boosting morale."

"However, plans are in the pipeline for him to visit in the future, when the situation has stabilised more."



**CARING:** Harry in the hospital with a vulnerable youngster and, left, his mother Diana

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