

Relief Organizations

Listed below are some of the relief organizations currently on the ground in Haiti.

InterAction - The largest alliance of U.S.-based international development and humanitarian nongovernmental organizations.

The best way to help is to donate financially to organizations responding to a disaster. Cash allows relief professionals to procure exactly what is needed in a disaster situation and ensure that donations are culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate. Cash donations do not use up other scarce resources, such as transportation, staff time or warehouse space. As needed, cash can also be transferred quickly to where needed, helping bolster the economy of the disaster-stricken region.

All the agencies listed below have been vetted through Guidestar to confirm their IRS designation. News reports, COF, CNN, and others mention the agencies below as being on the ground, providing direct support to Haitians.

Doctors without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)

<http://doctorswithoutborders.org/index.cfm>

EIN 13-3433452

- 800 medical staff already on the ground
- One of the group's main priorities is to reestablish a level of surgical capacity as soon as possible.
- The agency is sending out a 100-bed hospital with an inflatable surgical unit, consisting of two operating rooms and seven hospitalization tents. MSF is also trying to secure more medical staff.

American Red Cross (International Response Fund)

<http://www.redcross.org>

EIN 53-0196605

- Contributing an initial \$1 million from the International Response Fund to support the relief operation.
- Has opened its warehouse in Panama to provide tarps, mosquito nets and cooking sets for approximately 5,000 families.

Salvation Army

<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>

EIN 13-3485289

- Salvation Army Haitian Relief Team is bringing a water filtration system that will be able to purify up to 10,000 gallons of water per day.
- A Salvation Army base of operations has been set up in south Florida to act as a supply line to the country where food, water, medical equipment, fuel, and other supplies are scarce and desperately needed by both earthquake victims and relief workers.

WorldVision

<http://www.worldvision.org>

EIN 95-1922279

- Providing tarpaulins for temporary shelter, blankets, collapsible water containers, hygiene kits, and cooking sets.
- World Vision has been working in Haiti for more than 30 years and had 370 staff members in Port-au-Prince when the quake hit. Although World Vision's office in the capital sustained significant damage, all staff were confirmed safe and are initiating a response to the devastation.

United Nations Foundation Inc. (Central Emergency Response Fund)

<http://www.unfoundation.org/>

EIN 58-2368165

- Decisions are based on needs on the ground, as reported by UN Humanitarian Coordinators.
- Devastation to facilities of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH). This ongoing peacekeeping effort, comprised of over 9,000 international forces, has been in place since the mid-1990s to enhance stability in the country providing them with a broad range of local contacts and support.

CARE

<http://www.care.org/>

EIN 13-1685039

- Has started food distributions using stocks of high-protein biscuits from warehouses in Haiti.
- 133 staff that is already on the ground is coordinating with U.N. agencies and other aid organizations to gather more detailed information about the damage and will rapidly scale up their response based on those assessments.

Mercy Corps

<http://www.mercycorps.org>

EIN 91-1148123

- Long history of helping earthquake survivors meet immediate needs and recover what they've lost.
- Aided families after earthquakes in Peru in 2007, China and Pakistan in 2008, and Indonesia last year.

Past responses to natural disasters have included:

- In 2005, \$50,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund for relief efforts in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina in a matching program; \$1,000 to the National Human Society for animal rescue efforts, and \$10,000 to the local Red Cross to assist with persons displaced by the hurricane.
- In 2008, \$10,000 to Foundation for the People of Burma for the Cyclone Nargis Relief Efforts in Burma
- In late 2008, \$10,000 to the American Red Cross to help with the costs of housing persons displaced by the ice storm.