



American Red Cross

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

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Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the American Red Cross is still at work helping the people of Haiti, 18 months after the January 2010 earthquake. The American Red Cross responded to the earthquake immediately, working with the Haitian Red Cross and our Red Cross partners to provide emergency food, water, relief supplies and medical care to hundreds of thousands of people. Given the scale of the disaster, the evolving needs of the survivors and the time required for recovery, the American Red Cross launched a multi-year recovery program focusing on the five areas described below.

Housing

Balancing the immediate needs of those left homeless with the complexity of the rebuilding process, the Red Cross is working to provide homes in three phases: emergency, transitional and permanent.

- The global Red Cross network began distributing emergency shelters, such as tarps and tents, immediately after the earthquake. Almost 900,000 people have already benefited from these supplies, and we are continuing to replace tarps and tents as needed.
- More than 1,800 temporary homes for approximately 9,000 people have been built to date with funding from the American Red Cross, working in partnership with other organizations. Transitional homes for at least 20,000 more people will be built by the end of 2011 with our funding. The global Red Cross network has already helped build more than 10,000 temporary homes, which are housing more than 50,000 people.
- The American Red Cross is also developing a \$100 million program to repair and build permanent homes for families in and around Port-au-Prince, where the housing shortage is the most acute. This multi-year program will integrate water and sanitation support, health and disaster risk reduction activities, as well as livelihoods opportunities.

Disaster Preparedness

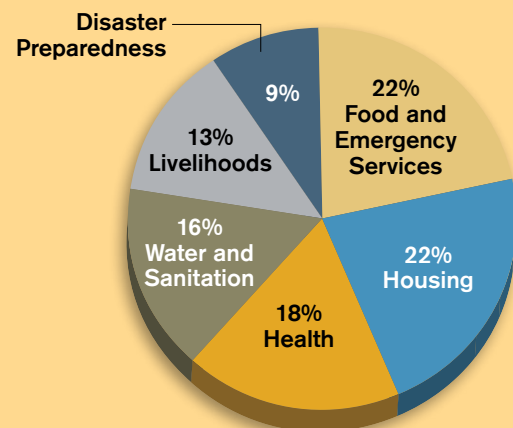
With the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season upon us, the American Red Cross continues work begun just after the earthquake to prepare vulnerable populations. We are training local disaster response committees, reinforcing embankments, digging drainage ditches and installing simple early warning systems. We are also installing solar lights to enhance the security of camp residents, especially women and children.

Facts at a Glance

The global Red Cross network is:

- Working to transition some 30,000 families into safer, more secure homes.
- Continuing the distribution of emergency shelter materials, and has already reached about 900,000 people with these supplies.
- Providing medical treatment at Red Cross health facilities, which have treated nearly 230,000 people since the earthquake.
- Providing clean drinking water for tens of thousands of people each day.
- Teaching some 500,000 people how to better prepare for and respond to disasters.
- Building latrines, which already serve 404,000 people.
- Pre-positioning emergency supplies for about 125,000 people for use during the 2011 Atlantic hurricane season and other emergencies.
- Supporting livelihoods, and has already provided cash grants and microloans to help more than 220,000 people with basic needs and to invest in small businesses.

American Red Cross Spending to Date



To date, the American Red Cross has received \$484 million in donations and has spent and signed agreements to spend \$295 million on Haiti earthquake relief and recovery efforts.

*Housing includes emergency shelter as well as transitional and permanent homes.

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Our disaster preparedness programs have already reached more than 120,000 people in 40 camps, and the program will continue to expand.

The Haitian Red Cross, supported by Red Cross partners, has sent out millions of text messages in Creole with information on how vulnerable families can prepare. The Haitian Red Cross has also worked with Red Cross partners to invest in building a disaster operations center that can be used to coordinate a response and has pre-positioned emergency relief stocks for 125,000 people around the country.

Health

The earthquake injured hundreds of thousands of people and decimated Haiti's already limited health infrastructure. In less than 18 months, the American Red Cross has:

- Conducted health and hygiene education campaigns that have taught hundreds of thousands of Haitians about how to protect themselves from and treat diseases such as cholera, malaria and HIV/AIDS.
- Provided millions of dollars worth of operational support to three hospitals and dozens of smaller cholera treatment facilities. Thanks to our support of Project Medishare, a leading trauma hospital in Haiti—Bernard Mevs—has been able to keep its doors open.
- Provided support for the reconstruction of a rehabilitation clinic for disabled Haitians
- Supported the vaccination of nearly 1 million Haitians against deadly diseases.

Water and Sanitation

The earthquake damaged much of Haiti's already limited water and sanitation infrastructure, posing a serious public health risk, particularly for residents living in densely populated tent communities where disease can travel quickly. To manage this risk, the American Red Cross has built latrines and showers and is working on waste collection and improving drainage. The Red Cross network is providing clean, drinkable water to tens of thousands of people every day.

Combating Cholera

When cholera first struck Haiti in late 2010, the Haitian Red Cross and its Red Cross partners immediately jumped into action. The American Red Cross responded with urgently needed supplies, staff and expertise in disease prevention. We have since set up distribution points for oral rehydration salts, purchased relief supplies and supported cholera treatment centers and prevention programs run by partners around the country. This spring a new surge in cholera cases began with the onset of the rainy season, and the Red Cross has intensified efforts to respond to the outbreak. Recognizing that cholera will be in Haiti for years to come, we are committed to ongoing education and prevention efforts to stem the spread of this deadly disease.

Livelihoods Support and Host Family Assistance

The American Red Cross has reached more than a quarter of a million Haitians with financial assistance so they can choose for themselves what they need most to recover from the earthquake. We have supported both earthquake survivors and host families through a combination of cash-for-work programs, market fairs, cash grants, payment of school fees and micro-finance activities.

Looking Ahead

We are committed to working with the Haitian Red Cross and the Haitian people to help the country recover from the earthquake and to build safer, more resilient communities. Our work is aligned with the Haitian government's plan to move people from camps to neighborhoods. Although our plans will likely evolve to respond to changing needs, we expect to continue our focus on housing, health, water and sanitation services, livelihoods and disaster preparedness. We anticipate working in Haiti for the next three to four years, until every donated dollar has been spent.