

How to Help People Affected by the Earthquake in Haiti

Financial and Medical Assistance

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently providing resources and assistance to individuals and families affected by the recent earthquake in Haiti. Individuals who would like to donate to the relief efforts may text "HAITI" to 90999 to donate \$10 to American Red Cross relief for Haiti. The \$10 will automatically be billed to your cell phone account. In addition, interested individuals may donate money and blood, or volunteer through the Red Cross. For additional information on donating, please call the number listed below. Individuals interested in volunteering may contact their local Red Cross office. A complete listing of local offices is available on the website. For additional information, please visit the website.

American Red Cross
2025 East Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: 800-733-2767
Website: <http://www.redcross.org>

Doctors Without Borders

Doctors Without Borders is currently providing medical relief efforts in Haiti. Interested individuals may call and donate funds 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For additional information, please call the number listed below or visit the website.

Doctors Without Borders
333 7th Avenue, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10001-5004
Phone: 888-392-0392
Website: <http://doctorswithoutborders.org>

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is providing medical aid for survivors of the earthquake and support for efforts to recover and identify those lost. The ICRC is also providing support to the prisons in Haiti. The ICRC is currently accepting donations through the website. Individuals can donate by choosing a country and program, as well as a currency type and donation amount. For additional information on donating to this organization, please call the number listed below or visit the website.

International Committee of the Red Cross
19 avenue de la Paix
CH 1202 Geneva
Phone: ++ 41 (22) 734 60 01
Website: <http://www.icrc.org>

Partners in Health (PIH)

Partners in Health (PIH) has a history of more than 20 years of working in Haiti to provide medical care for people in need. At this time, PIH is in need of both medical personnel and medical supplies. For additional information about volunteering or making a donation, please call the number listed below or visit the website.

Partners in Health
888 Commonwealth Avenue, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02215
Phone: 617-432-5256
Website: <http://www.pih.org/home.html>

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

U.S. Fund for UNICEF is also providing assistance to Haitians affected by the earthquake. This agency provides access to adequate sanitation, safe water and basic health care. Although its Haiti offices were heavily damaged in the earthquake, this agency is still providing services and is in need of donations. For additional information or to donate, please call the number listed below or visit the website.

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

125 Maiden Lane 11th Floor
New York, NY, 10038
Phone: 800-486-4233 (800-4UNICEF)
Website: <http://www.unicefusa.org>

Food Assistance and Relief Services

Listed below are several agencies that are currently providing food and other relief services throughout the affected areas. These agencies prefer cash donations to material donations, as cash donations are the most efficient means to helping the victims of the earthquake. To donate, or for additional information on the relief efforts, please call the numbers listed below or visit the websites.

Action Against Hunger

Action Against Hunger has already begun relief operations, and is currently distributing food and water throughout the disaster area.

Action Against Hunger

247 West 37th Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10018
Phone: 212-967-7800 x 117
Website: <http://www.actionagainsthunger.org>

Action Aid International

Action Aid International is a global relief organization that is also assisting with food relief in Haiti.

Action Aid International

1420 K Street Northwest, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 800-957-1768
Website: <http://actionaidusa.org>

American Friends Service Committee

American Friends Service Committee is providing food, water, and hygiene kits throughout Haiti.

American Friends Service Committee

1501 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Phone: 888-588-2372
Website: <http://afsc.org>

Concern Worldwide US, Inc.

Concern Worldwide US, Inc. is an international organization that helps promote awareness about humanitarian issues and provides direct financial support to countries in need. Concern Worldwide US, Inc. has an active program in Haiti that was established in 1994. The organization has sent additional volunteers and is continuing to send supplies to earthquake victims. Individuals can donate money on the website. All donations will be used to purchase supplies, food, water, and hygienic products. For additional information on donating to this organization, please call the number listed below or visit the website.

Concern Worldwide US, Inc.

104 East 40th Street, Suite 903
New York, NY 10016
Phone: 212-557-8000
Website: <http://www.concernusa.org>

Interaction

Individuals who are interested in assisting the victims of the earthquake may wish to visit Interaction's website. This agency is a coalition of social service agencies that provide disaster relief. Many of Interaction's member groups are currently assisting with the relief efforts in Haiti, and are asking that individuals please donate money to assist the cause. For additional information on donating to these groups, please visit the website listed below.

Interaction

1400 16th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20036
Website: <http://www.interaction.org>

Food Assistance and Educational Services

Mercy Corps

Mercy Corps is providing food and material assistance in the disaster area. This agency also provides education services related to health and agricultural needs. For additional information on donating to this organization, please call the number listed below or visit the website.

Mercy Corps

P.O. Box 2669, Dept W
Portland, OR 97208 USA
Phone: 888-256-1900
Website: <http://www.mercycorps.org>

Donating Wisely

These are just some of the many worthy organizations working to help the people of Haiti. Whenever you donate money, make sure the organization you've selected is reputable and responsible. One good website to use to verify your good opinion of a charity is Charity Navigator which can be found at <http://www.charitynavigator.org/>.

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