



## Crisis Recovery International

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*Our volunteers pay their own expenses and 100% of your donations go to projects in international communities. Please consider donating now for long-term RECOVERY and RECONSTRUCTION; when the need is great and the donations are sparse.*

### HAITI earthquake January 12, 2010

As news coverage begins to document the earthquake damage, it appears thousands of people are dead from the 7.0 magnitude earthquake. The full scope of the disaster is still unfolding. There are over 9 million people in Haiti in an area slightly smaller than the size of Maryland. Reports are now saying that there may be 50,000 dead and 2 million homeless.

Right now the emergency in Haiti is for food, water, medicine, and search and rescue. This part of the disaster is called the RESPONSE. Search and Rescue groups will be going into the country to try to find people who might still be alive but buried under rubble. Medical personnel will be headed into the country to help take care of people who have been hurt in the disaster. Disaster mortuary professionals will help take care of the dead. Large humanitarian organizations and governments of countries will be sending in supplies and making commitments for massive amounts of equipment and provisions that they will be sending to Haiti in the near future. This is the time that the disaster is in the public consciousness and people are opening their hearts and wallets to try to help the victims of the disaster. The majority of the donations will be given at this time as the disaster is replayed over and over on television. This phase takes from days to a few weeks.

Although the majority of donations for a disaster typically go to immediate, short-term assistance, these affected communities will need support for many years to come. Sustained financial involvement helps them rebuild their lives so that they do not become dependent on handouts. This part of the disaster is called RECOVERY. The Response phase is finished and survivors begin to try to put their lives back together. Consider supporting long-term RECOVERY with donations. The shock from the disaster has dissipated during this phase and now survivors wonder how they will get money and assistance to rebuild their lives. CRISIS RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL begins work at disasters during the RECOVERY phase. This phase takes from weeks to months.

When CRISIS RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL goes into an area, we want to go in after the Response phase is finished. As desperately as groups for the Response phase are needed immediately after the disaster, they also use resources. Their responders will require food, gasoline for cars, housing, and water to sustain their own teams. CRISIS RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL does not want to use resources that are needed for the Responders. We go into areas after the area is stable and the resources to sustain our workers are in place. We will continue to work with groups in the RECONSTRUCTION phase which might last from months to years.

It is the goal of CRISIS RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL to work with local organizations and provide assistance so that they can empower residents in their community to establish individual ability to be self-supporting as they recover from the disaster. Our volunteers pay their own expenses and 100% of your donations go to projects in international communities. Please consider donating now for long-term RECOVERY and RECONSTRUCTION; when the need is great and the donations are few-and-far between.

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