Operation USA: Resource Guide

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Operation USA – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

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NEWS RELEASE: Update - DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS IN HAITI

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AT THE ONE MONTH MARK:
OPERATION USA DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS IN HAITI

ASSESSMENT FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY PROJECTS BEGINS

LOS ANGELES, CA (February 15, 2010)—As the one-month anniversary of the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti in January passes, Los Angeles-based International relief agency Operation USA announced today that its Haiti disaster relief efforts continue with additional shipments of essential medical aid, alongside the assessment of long-term recovery projects.

Operation USA estimates that it has sent over $3 million in donated medical, energy, food and shelter supplies to Haiti to date. With generous corporate support from Honeywell Hometown Solutions, United Airlines, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc. and Ball Corporation, the agency has sent seven air shipments of relief supplies to Haiti in the past month, getting essential pharmaceuticals, medical, emergency and shelter supplies, generators and light towers, as well as medical personnel to partner agencies on the ground in Port-au-Prince, as well as the equally hard-hit city of Jacmel.

Three million water purification tablets are being readied for shipment for individual and family use. One million Vitamin A tablets have been ordered from a producer in Canada—a simple solution to fighting many childhood diseases. A donation of generators from Kubota Corporation is being delivered to partners on the ground in Port-au-Prince. A large-scale procurement of food, soap and utensils was made in the Dominican Republic and has been shipped to St. Damien's Pediatric Hospital/St. Luke's Schools for use within the large network they support. Two large donations of baby food are currently being processed in the U.S. Procurement is additionally underway for temporary housing items, including tents and prefab structures.

Long-term recovery projects are still being planned. Initial reports have identified the rebuilding of schools and clinics in Port-au-Prince and Jacmel as primary recovery projects to be undertaken. Projects will likely be funded in Grande-Goave and Petit-Goave as well. As implemented after the Asian Tsunami, Operation USA plans to give livelihood grants to local groups, individuals and families to re-establish themselves economically.

HOW TO HELP:
Donate online at www.opusa.org, by phone at 1.800.678.7255 or, by check made out to Operation USA, 3617 Hayden Ave, Suite A, Culver City, CA 90232.

Text "AID" to 50555 and donate $10 to OpUSA's Haiti relief efforts.

Air miles can also be donated to Operation USA through United Airlines Charity Miles program at www.united.com. Corporate donations of bulk quantities of disaster-appropriate supplies are also being requested.

FROM THE SITE:

HAITI: LOCAL PARTNER - L'Athletique d'Haiti

Operation USA began working with the Port-au-Prince based NGO L'Athletique d'Haiti following the hurricanes that hit the Caribbean in the fall of 2008. The series of storms paired with a 50% rise in food costs exacerbated the already dire circumstance, leaving many impoverished Haitians without access to basic food and nutrition. Malnutrition was at crisis level for those most vulnerable, especially children.

L'Athletique d'Haiti (LADH) is an after-school sports program that serves children from ages 6 to 17 in Cité Soleil and Bel Air, the poorest slums in Port-au-Prince. In a country where soccer is a national obsession, the lack of sports programs deprives young people of the opportunity to acquire self esteem, discipline and dedication—the skills developed through playing sports. The program additionally offers a nutritious daily meal and transportation to its participants.

To address the increased demand created by the hurricanes, Operation USA contributed to the funding of a new cafeteria for the facility. Additionally, OpUSA provided LADH with a grant to support their food program which serves children from some of the most destitute areas of Port-au-Prince and surrounding provinces.

Now, in the wake of the January 2010 earthquake, the needs have grown.

The facilities at L'Athletique d'Haiti sustained some damage in the earthquake–however, a large number of the children and families the program supported have suffered tremendously. Many of those who survived lost their homes.

The two soccer fields at LADH are currently housing as many as 500 families, sheltered in self–made or donated tents. They are being provided food and water, alongside medical care. Under the guidance of LADH's inspiring founder Boby Duval, massive food distributions have been undertaken for those living on site.

Operation USA is currently working with LADH to address both current and long–term needs. From providing material aid, shelter and water purification systems, to rebuilding infrastructure and funding for programs, OpUSA remains committed to this program.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Donations, Disaster Fund; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Baby Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Generators * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Kitchen, Cooking Equipment, Utensils * (ALL/ANY Type); Long Term Recovery, International; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies, Tents (For Disaster Survivors); Shelter, Transitional Temporary Shelter (For Disaster Survivors); Soap * (ANY/ALL Types); Vitamins * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; Operation USA
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VOAD (Southern California)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
CA

Web www.calvoad.org
Serves Southern California
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California has two state level VOADs affiliated with National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD). The purpose of VOAD is to foster more effective service to people affected by disaster through cooperation, coordination, communication and collaboration.

Southern CA VOAD (SCVOAD)
Geographical area: Counties of Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura.

CaliforniaVolunteers and VOAD
CaliforniaVolunteers works in partnership with California's two state VOAD organizations and county/regional VOADs to develop and implement statewide initiatives, programs, projects and activities to increase the capacity and enhance the capabilities of California's VOADs to prepare for and respond to disasters, emergencies, and acts of terrorism. CaliforniaVolunteers is also hosting this VOAD website.

http://www.calvoad.org./cc_voad_current.html

Following Hurricane Katrina, thousands of California volunteers from VOAD member organizations were deployed to the Gulf region to assist with relief operations.

Evacuees in California

As of December 16, 2005, more than 17,000 Katrina evacuees were estimated to be in California.

The following California counties have Katrina–related activities and long term recovery efforts underway:

Southern California:

Theresa McDonald
Catholic Charities
619–231–2828 Ext 315
Riverside County
San Diego County

Bridget Sullivan
The Salvation Army
951-784-4490
San Bernardino County

Captain Gerald Pigeon
The Salvation Army
760-644-3314
Imperial County

Captain Jerry Esqueda
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760-352-4528

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Local VOADs in Southern CA:

Imperial County:
Contact information coming soon
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Phone: (661) 397-9951 or (661) 444-7814

Los Angeles County (ENLA):

TBD (Red Godfrey, Former Chairperson)
American Red Cross
1-310-445-2670
Website: ENLA

Orange County (COAD):
Bill Stout, Interim Chairman
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1-714-481-5337

Riverside County:

Julie Pardini, Chairperson
American Red Cross
1-888-831-0031

Santa Barbara County:

Kathy Hayes, Chairperson
Santa Barbara County Food Bank
805-937-3422 Ext.101

San Bernardino County:

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2-1-1 Director
Inland Empire United Way
Phone: 909-980-2857 ex.211
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San Diego County:
Don Read
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619-446-0262

San Luis Obispo VOAD:

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805-238-9591

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Understanding VOAD
http://www.calvoad.org/files/UnderstandingVOADv4.ppt

About VOAD

National VOAD (NVOAD) coordinates planning efforts by many voluntary organizations responding to disaster. NVOAD member organizations provide more effective service and less duplication during times of disaster by getting together before disasters strike. When a disaster occurs, NVOAD or an affiliated state VOAD encourages members and other voluntary agencies to convene on site. This cooperative effort has proven to be the most effective way for a wide variety of volunteers and organizations to work together during a crisis.

According to the National VOAD website, NVOAD serves its member organizations through:

Communication – disseminating information through electronic mechanisms, its newsletter, the directory, research and demonstration, case studies, and critique.
Cooperation – creating a climate for cooperation at all levels (including grass roots) and providing information.
Coordination – coordinating policy among member organizations and serving as a liaison, advocate, and national voice.
Education – providing training and increasing awareness and preparedness in each organization.
Leadership Development – giving volunteer leaders training and support so as to build effective state VOAD organizations.
Mitigation – supporting the efforts of federal, state, and local agencies and governments and supporting appropriate legislation.
Convening Mechanisms – putting on seminars, meetings, board meetings, regional conferences, training programs, and local conferences.
Outreach – encouraging the formation of and giving guidance to state and regional voluntary organizations active in disaster relief.

State VOADs carry out the national work on a local level by convening regular meetings of their members and working together on pre– and post–disaster coordination. In California NorCal VOAD and SCVOAD are affiliated with NVOAD.

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Mitigation; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Communications; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Emergency Response; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Management
Campaigns: 2007 California Wildfires; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; Childrens Hunger Fund; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, State/County; Humane Society of the United States, The; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest; Operation Hope, Hope Coalition America; Operation USA; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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