2009 American Samoa Tsunami: Resource Guide

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Methodist Church (Past Shelter)

Walk–in Resource

Church/Shelter

Alofau, AS 96799

Phone 622–7221
Service Temporary

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Services offered: Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
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Diocese of Samoa–Pago Pago, Roman Catholic

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church

Fatuoaiga, Pago Pago, AS 96799

Phone 699–1402
Contact John Quinn Weitzel
Service Temporary

source: http://www.catholic–hierarchy.org/diocese/dsamo.html

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 596, Fatuoaiga, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799
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VOAD – American Samoa VOAD (VOASD)

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LTRC, VOAD

Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS) compound at Kanana Fou., Kanana Fou, AS

Phone 684–699–9809
Web www.asvoad.org
Serves American Samoa
Eligibility Impacted by the AS Tsunami
Checks payable to ASVOAD
Service Temporary

In collaboration with other community agencies on the ground, ASVOAD volunteers have been engaged in disaster response and relief since the incident occurrence. The soon shift will give concentration to recovery.

For those persons needing assistance, or have any queries with references to the services that have been made available for our community, please CALL our ASVOAD office for more details ––– (684) 699–9809.

SOURCE: Samoanews.com

Press Release December 2009
What is ASVOAD and why is it important to know about them?

After a period of inactivity, the local American Samoa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ASVOAD) reconstituted immediately to foster necessary services to the people affected by the tsunami–earthquake disaster of 29 September. ASVOAD began to bring in new members and opened invitations to faith–based, voluntary, and non–profit organizations to spearhead relief and recovery efforts.

The Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS) has established and donated administrative support for ASVOAD, providing workspace and telephone lines. The CCCAS has made available the grounds, staff, and resources of the Church to accommodate the needs of the ASVOAD. The ASVOAD meetings are generally held at the CCCAS compound which also houses the multi–agency donation warehouse (MADW) and facilitates collection, sorting and distribution of in–kind donations.

Reverend Samuelu T. Tialavea, Jr., General Secretary of the CCCAS currently serves as ASVOAD's Chairman. The remaining executive officers are Vice Chair, Mr. Jim Mahoney, President, Rotary Club of Pago Pago, American Samoa; Secretary, Mrs. Faaalu Faletoese Iuli, Executive Director, American Samoa Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and Treasurer, Dr. Falema'o "Phil" Pili, American Samoa Community College's Chief Financial Officer.

Other volunteer staffing supporting the executive board are: National VOAD (NVOAD) Point of Contact, Mrs. Evelyn Sa'o–Stevens from the Pualele Foundation; Public Information Officer, Pastor Vickie Haleck, Founder & Executive Director, Teen Challenge; the Territorial Voluntary Agency Liaison (TVAL) & Donations Coordination Team Chair, Mrs. Easter Asi–Bruce, Program Manager, American Samoa Disaster Relief and Recovery Program; and the FEMA VAL, Mr. Charles Craig.

The unique partnerships of ASVOAD and NVOAD enables the leveraging of resources providing the capability to implement the Long Term Recovery Plan (LTRP). The italicized text in the following paragraphs are snapshots from the recently published LTRP detailing ASVOAD activities that have already been accomplished.

The Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) established a strong working relationship with the CCCAS to begin the groundwork for long–term recovery efforts. The MDS has secured housing quarters at one of the CCCAS housing units.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) responded opening their church halls as shelters. LDS members transported evacuees to nearby shelters, delivered food and water, as well as securing durable medical equipment. The LDS brought in 15 wheelchairs, 20 crutches, and 2 walkers.

FEMA supported ASG by providing a short term housing kit consisting of a two–person tent (Yurt), with a liquid fuel two burner stove, fuel container and fuel lantern and flashlights. 1200 tents were distributed to 657 families. American Red Cross (ARC) also complemented this with a cooler that contained comfort kits, work gloves, hammer and flash lights along with cots. Off–island groups distributed lots of food and supplies.

World Vision, with the Alofa Tunoa Ministries has been in the villages with donations of food, water and personal care packages. The Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief provided purified water at the disaster sites to families with 5–gallon water bottles; they bought the islands entire stock.

The ARC, through the national organization, brought 87 volunteers in from their Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) system. ARC also had Americorps volunteers' plus 273 local volunteers. ARC distributed tuna, powdered milk, crackers, spam, sugar, flour, potatoes, onions, rice, 446 cases of dry ramen noodles, 8,721 cases of water and 99,490 snacks. Additionally, ARC strategically distributed by implementing the "Hot Shot" approach, 2,205 blue tarps, 548 sleeping mats, 12,500 trash bags, 443 empty 50–quart coolers and 120 pallets of bulk supplies from Hawaii. ARC was able to serve 65, 288 persons through its bulk distribution efforts.

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) also brought in volunteers to support the on–island affiliate Catholic Social Services (CSS). CCUSA also gave $10,000 to CSS.

Save the Children (STC) also distributed 270 kits of school supplies in addition to setting up Child Friendly Spaces at several locations including the DRC.

Tzu Chi Foundation (TCF) distributed debit cards to families identified by ASG. TCF provided $89,400 to 481 families. In–kind donations to various local agencies and to ASG, including food and clothes have also been distributed.

Convoy of Hope and Hands On Disaster Relief groups were on the ground assisting in the relief efforts and bridging relations with ASVOAD to help with recovery initiatives.

Feed the Children one 40–foot container and one 20–foot container, containing 672 mid–weight sleeping bags, 504 duffle bags, 2,304 four–person Coleman dome tents w/carry bag and 5,760 flashlights w/o batteries.

Five Community Resource Sites (CRS) were established in the harder hit villages by ASVOAD through coordination by CCUSA and served as points of distribution for in–kind goods to all villages. The CRS were opened for five days when first launched.

To recap, what is ASVOAD? In a nutshell, ASVOAD is comprised of a diverse and talented mix of experienced, humanitarian, compassionate Samoans anxious to help our island heal by helping to rebuild homes and lives. Why is it important to know about them? The composition of their organization, partnership with American Samoa Disaster Relief & Recovery Program and the national resources at their fingertips gives them the most strategic advance in quality expedition of implementing recovery efforts as outlined in the recently published LTRP.

The Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) recently formed as well as sub–committees to begin rebuilding homes and lives for our disaster survivors. Look for follow on articles pertaining to the recent creation of the LTRC and sub–committees.

For more information please visit them online: http://www.asvoad.org or contact them at 699–9809.

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AS VOAD looking for wheelchairs and crutches

The American Samoa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster is appealing to any families with wheelchairs, bedpans and crutches that are not being used, to please donate them for tsunami victims.

Pastor Vickie Haleck, the public relations Officer for VOAD says many individual who were injured in the tsunami are in need of these equipment.

She says the organization has been able to provide for some victims but there's still a waiting list. Today the AS VOAD is receiving 15 wheelchairs and crutches donated from Samoa. Haleck says these were arranged by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.

Pasor Haleck thanked the LDS church and the people of Samoa who donated the equipment even though they were also affected by the tsunami.

She said they have already lined up people to receive the wheelchairs and crutches from Samoa and they still need more. If you're able to help please call VOASD at 699–9809 and 254–0554

Services offered: Case Management, Long–Term Case Management; Case Management, LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Counseling, Spiritual; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Catholic Charities USA; Convoy of Hope; CWS ~ Church World Service; Feed The Children; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA); Hands On Disaster Response; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Save The Children; Southern Baptist Conference Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; 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; World Vision
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–Day Saints (Past Shelter)

Walk–in Resource

Church/Shelter
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Contact LDS
Email SauPr@ldschurch.org
Service Temporary

source: http://www.hawaii.edu/hivandaids/American_Samoa_Yellow_Pages.pdf

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints,
The Pago Pago Samoa Stake

Stake Office 633–2480
Aua 1st Ward 644–1563
Aua 2nd Ward 644–1564
Aunu'u Branch 622–7106
Auto Ward 622–7396
Fagasa Branch 633–4709
Pago Pago 1st Ward 633–4353
Pago Pago 2nd Ward 633–7800
Tulao 1st Ward 622–7164
Tulao 2nd Ward 622–7685
Vatia Ward 644–2353

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
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American Samoa Government, Dept of Social Services

Info/Hotline · Open

Government Agency
Territory of American Samoa, Pago Pago, AS
Phone (684) 633–1187
Contact Director, Leilua Stevenson
Email lstevenson@dhss.as
Web www.americansamoa.gov/departments/depts/hss.htm
Service Temporary

Deputy Director: Tuifagalilo P. Vele

Department email: hss@americansamoa.gov

MAILING ADDRESS:
American Samoa Government
Territory of American Samoa, Pago Pago, AS
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FEMA – Declared Disasters & Emergencies – American Samoa

Info/Hotline · Open

Pago Pago, AS
Web www.fema.gov/news/disaster_totals_annual.fema
Service Temporary

Disaster Assistance in American Samoa Tops $33 million
18 Mar 2010 01:16:01 –0500
http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=11988

Pago Pago, AS –– In the six months since an earthquake and tsunami struck American Samoa and caused extensive damage and loss of life, federal assistance has topped $33 million. Another $107 million is in the pipeline for later distribution.
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
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First Chinese Baptist Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church
Pago Pago, AS
Phone 5166271734
Web www.immanuel.net/Overseaschurch/cities.asp?ST=121
Service Temporary

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 3983
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Pago Pago National Park

Walk–in Resource · Open

Federal Agency
Pago Pago, AS 96799
Phone 011–684–633–7082
Contact Mike Reynolds, Superintendent
Email NPSA_Administration@nps.gov
Service Temporary

http://www.nps.gov/archive/npsa/tutuila.htm
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American Samoa 2009 Tsunami NEWS (MEDIA REPORTS)

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ASVOAD article–
http://samoanews.com/viewstory.php?storyid=11257&edition=1260489421

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http://samoanews.com/viewstory.php?storyid=9080

local news in above link

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http://www.ldschurchnews.com/articles/57960/8–LDS–members–are–believed–among–fatalities–of–earthquake–tsunami–in–the–Samoas.html

see pictures in above link

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http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/09/29/ap/australia/main5351423.shtml

Home World AP – Australia PAGO PAGO, American Samoa, Sep. 29, 2009
Residents Flee Tsunami After Strong Quake In Samoa

Strong Quake Strikes Between Samoa And American Samoa, Causing Residents To Flee From Tsunami

SEE MAP AT ABOVE LINK

(AP) A powerful earthquake with a magnitude of up to 8.3 struck in the South Pacific between Samoa and American Samoa around dawn Tuesday, sending terrified residents fleeing for higher ground as a tsunami swept ashore, flattening at least one village. There were no immediate reports of fatalities.

The quake hit at 6:48 a.m. Tuesday (1748 GMT) midway between the two island groups. In Apia, families reported shaking that lasted for up to three minutes. The U.S. Geological Service, which estimated the magnitude at 8.0, said the quake struck 20 miles (35 kilometers) below the ocean floor, 120 miles (190 kilometers) from American Samoa and 125 miles (200 kilometers) from Samoa, with a 5.6–magnitude aftershock 20 minutes later.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center put the quake's magnitude at 8.3 and issued a general alert for the South Pacific region, from American Samoa to New Zealand. It said there were indications a tsunami wave could be "destructive" along some coastlines. Several hours away from the epicenter, Hawaii was put under a tsunami watch, with five emergency centers opened as a precaution.

New Zealander Graeme Ansell said the beach village of Sau Sau Beach Fale was leveled.

"It was very quick. The whole village has been wiped out," Ansell told National Radio from a hill near Samoa's capital, Apia. "There's not a building standing. We've all clambered up hills, and one of our party has a broken leg. There will be people in a great lot of need 'round here."

A five–foot tsunami wave swept into Pago Pago, capital of American Samoa, shortly after the earthquake, sending sea water surging inland about 100 yards (meters) before receding, leaving some cars and debris stuck in mud. Electricity outages were reported, and telephone lines were jammed.

The staff of the port ran to higher ground, and police soon came by, telling residents to get inland. Several students were seen ransacking a gas station/convenience store.

In Fagatogo, water reached the waterfront town's meeting field and covered portions of the main highway, which also was plagued by rock slides.

In Samoa, the powerful quake jolted people awake.

"It was pretty strong; it was long and lasted at least two minutes," one resident told local radio.

"It's the strongest I have felt, and we ran outside. You could see all the trees and houses were shaking," he said.

Sulili Dusi told New Zealand's National Radio that "everything dropped on the floor and we thought the house was going to go down as well. Thank God, it didn't." Along with neighbors, they fled to high ground.

She said the tsunami hit the south side of the island, and some "cars have been taken." She did not elaborate, but added "we just thank God no life has been taken yet."

Another resident, Dean Phillips, said the southern coast of Upolu island had been struck by the tsunami.

"The police are sending everybody up to high ground," he said.

Local media said they had reports of some landslides in the Solosolo region of the main Samoan island of Upolu and damage to plantations in the countryside outside Apia.

There were no immediate reports of injury or serious damage from local emergency services, but people reported cracks in some homes and items tossed from shelves.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu issued a tsunami warning for numerous islands in the Pacific, including the Samoas, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, French Polynesia and Palmyra Island.

The center posted a tsunami watch for Hawaii, Vanuatu, the Marshall Islands, Solomon Island, Johnston Island, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Wake Island, Midway Island and Pitcairn.

In New Zealand, a tsunami alert was issued by national Civil Defense, and the nation's national emergency center was activated.

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Associated Press writer Keni Lesi contributed to this report from Apia, Samoa.

http://www.detnews.com/article/20090930/NATION/909300366/1020/Tsunami–hits–Samoa––American–Samoa–in–Pacific

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Tsunami in South Pacific islands kills nearly 100
Keni Lesa and Fili Sagapolutele / Associated Press

Apia, Samoa –– A massive tsunami hurled by a powerful earthquake flattened Samoan villages and swept cars and people out to sea, killing at least 99 and leaving dozens missing Wednesday. The toll was expected to rise.

Survivors fled the fast–churning water for higher ground on the South Pacific islands and remained huddled there hours after the quake, with a magnitude between 8.0 and 8.3, struck around dawn Tuesday.

The quake was centered about 125 miles (200 kilometers) from Samoa, an island nation of 180,000 people located about halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii. It was about 120 miles (190 kilometers) from neighboring American Samoa, a U.S. territory that is home to 65,000 people.

Four tsunami waves 15 to 20 feet (4 to 6 meters) high roared ashore on American Samoa, reaching up to a mile (1.5 kilometers) inland, Mike Reynolds, superintendent of the National Park of American Samoa, was quoted as saying by a parks service spokeswoman.

The same day, western Indonesia was rocked by a strong underwater quake, briefly triggering a tsunami alert for countries along the Indian Ocean and sending panicked residents out of their houses. The alert was later canceled.

The Samoan capital, Apia, was virtually deserted by afternoon, with schools and businesses closed. Hours after the waves struck, fresh sirens rang out with another tsunami alert and panicked residents headed for higher ground again, although there was no indication of a new quake.

In American Samoa's capital of Pago Pago, the streets and fields were filled with ocean debris, mud, overturned cars and several boats as a massive cleanup effort continued into the night. Several buildings in the city –– just a few feet above sea level –– were flattened. Several areas were expected to be without electricity for up to a month.

In Washington, President Obama has declared a major disaster for American Samoa.

In a statement issued early Wednesday, Obama said he and his wife, Michelle, "will keep those who have lost so much in our thoughts and prayers."

Hampered by power and communications outages, officials in the South Pacific islands struggled to determine damage and casualties.

Samoan police commissioner Lilo Maiava told The Associated Press that police there had confirmed 63 deaths but that officials were still searching the devastated areas, so the number of deaths might rise soon.

At least 30 people were killed on American Samoa, Gov. Togiola Tulafono said, adding that the toll was expected to rise as emergency crews were recovering bodies overnight.

"I don't think anybody is going to be spared in this disaster," said Tulafono, who was in Hawaii for a conference. He added that a member of his extended family was among the dead in the disaster.

Authorities in Tonga confirmed at least six additional people dead in the island nation west of the Samoas, New Zealand's acting Prime Minister Bill English said. He said Tongan officials told him that four people were missing after the tsunami swept ashore on the northern island of Niua.

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd told Seven Network in Australia that two Australians had died, including a 6–year–old girl. The British Foreign Office said one Briton was missing and presumed dead.

Samoan Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi looked shaken Wednesday on board a flight from Auckland, New Zealand, to the Samoan capital of Apia.

"So much has gone. So many people are gone," he told reporters on board. "I'm so shocked, so saddened by all the loss."

Malielegaoi said his own village of Lepa was destroyed.

"Thankfully, the alarm sounded on the radio and gave people time to climb to higher ground," he said. "But not everyone escaped."

Gov. Tulafono said that because the closeness of the community, "each and every family is going to be affected by someone who's lost their life." He spoke to reporters before boarding a Coast Guard C–130 plane in Hawaii to return home. The plane, which also carried officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and aid, was scheduled to arrive at about 7 a.m. local time (2 p.m. EDT; 1800 GMT). The U.S. disaster agency said it was also preparing supplies stored in Hawaii for transport to the island chain.

A New Zealand P3 Orion maritime surveillance airplane had reached the region Wednesday afternoon and had searched for survivors off the coast, he said. It was expected to resume searching at first light.

The Samoa Red Cross estimated that about 15,000 people were affected by the tsunami.

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Residents in both Samoa and American Samoa reported being shaken awake by the quake early Tuesday, which lasted two to three minutes and was centered about 20 miles (30 kilometers) below the ocean floor. It was followed by at least three large aftershocks of at least 5.6 magnitude.

The quake came Tuesday morning for the Samoas, which lie just east of the international dateline. For Asia–Pacific countries on the other side of the line, it was already Wednesday.

The dominant industry in American Samoa –– tuna canneries –– was also affected. Chicken of the Sea's tuna packing plant in American Samoa was forced to close although the facility wasn't damaged, the San Diego–based company said.

The effects of the tsunami could be felt nearly 5,000 miles away (7,500 kilometers) on a Japanese island, though there were no reports of damage or injuries there.

U.S. officials said strong currents and dangerous waves were forecast from California to Washington state. No major flooding was expected, however. In Los Angeles, lifeguards said they would clear beaches at about 8 p.m.

While the earthquake and tsunami were big, they were not on the same scale of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, said Brian Atwater of the U.S. Geological Survey in Seattle. That tsunami killed more than 230,000 in a dozen countries across Asia.

Sagapolutele reported from Pago Pago, American Samoa. Associated Press writers Ray Lilley in Wellington, New Zealand; Jaymes Song and Herbert A. Sample in Honolulu and Seth Borenstein and Michele Salcedo in Washington contributed to this report.

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage
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American Samoa Government, Homeland Security

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.americansamoa.gov/departments/dhs/dhs.htm
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
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American Samoa Government, Medical Services Authority

Info/Hotline · Open

Government Agency
633–4590, AS

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Service Temporary

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American Samoa Government, Unified Coordinated Command

Info/Hotline · Open

Local Assistance Center
AS

Phone Emergency Operations, for Survivor Assistance: 699–3800
Web www.americansamoa.gov
Service Temporary

PROCLAMATION, STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
September 29, 2009
2:00 P.M.

See proclamation at:

http://www.americansamoa.gov/tsunami/gov–proclamation.pdf

EMERGENCY OPS:

http://www.americansamoa.gov/tsunami/unified–coordination.htm

Emergency Operation Center in Tafuna:
For Tsunami or Earthquake assistance, please call 699–3800

Representative from Tualauta District, Larry Sanitoa
ASDHS (Homeland Security) Director Mike Sala
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Congregational Christian Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church
AS
Web www.oikoumene.org/en/member–churches/regions/pacific/samoa/congregational–christian–church–in–samoa.html
Service Temporary

from the website:

The Congregational Christian Church in Samoa traces its beginnings to the arrival in 1830 of missionaries sent by the London Missionary Society, accompanied by missionary teachers from Tahiti and the Cook Islands and a Samoan couple from Tonga. They arrived at a time of fierce warfare and fighting between local chiefs, and the people who were weary of violence and bloodshed readily received the missionary's gospel of peace.
When a renowned paramount chief of a much respected family lineage officially accepted the new religion, all his followers and kinsfolk immediately followed suit. Within a few years, virtually the whole of Samoa was converted to Christianity. A burning zeal for the gospel was engendered within the spirit of the newly converted nation. Huge numbers of people soon offered themselves for overseas mission work. In 1839, only nine years after the arrival of the LMS, the first twelve Samoan missionaries left for mission work in Melanesia. Ever since then, and up to 1975, Samoans have continued to take the gospel message to other Pacific islands, e.g. Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Niue, Tokelau, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Wallis & Fortuna. Many of these early Samoan missionaries never returned home; they occupy many of the un–named and unmarked graves in the islands of the Pacific.

Within the first years of their work, the LMS missionaries developed a Samoan alphabet and put the language into written form. The setting–up of the first printing press in Samoa (1839), only the second in the Pacific region, was a mark of the missionary zeal to bring the people to understand the gospel through the written word. By 1855 the whole Bible was translated into Samoan. The missionaries also introduced a monthly journal – the Church Chronicle – which continues to this day. Malua Theological College was established in 1844, with the main objective to teach and educate local students so that each village of Samoa would eventually have a theologically educated pastor as spiritual leader. By the end of the 19th century, a pattern of ministry had emerged. It was modeled on the Samoan village structural organization and aimed at preserving, as much as possible, the value systems of the Samoan way of life. The church community functions in the same way as the village, where five main groups – matais (titled men), spouses of matais, untitled men, unmarried women, and children – each have their own individual and corporate roles and responsibilities for the maintenance of order and welfare. The village congregation is the basic unit of the CCCS with the pastor as the spiritual leader.

The Samoan church during the missionary period engaged itself in the "social redemption of humanity". This vision was based on the church's understanding of God's sovereignty. It saw the divine purpose of redemption not in individual terms only but also in corporate, social and political terms. The newly acquired faith had its focus on the transformation of life and society. That legacy remains a motivating force in the nation's idealism as well as in the church's commitment to active social efforts. The church has been able to maintain five high schools, one girls' college and one theological college.

Since the second half of the 20th century, the Samoan church has continued to forge ecumenical relationships with other churches locally, regionally and internationally. Now it has become a transnational church with eight districts (synod or diocese) outside Samoa: one in the USA, one in Hawaii, three in Australia and three in New Zealand. It has one congregation each in Fiji and American Samoa.

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Local: American Samoa 2009 Tsunami FEMA Press Releases/Fact Sheet

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FEMA
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http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=49609

Territory of American Samoa
Background Fact Sheet

Release Date: September 30, 2009
Release Number: HQ–09–112Fact Sheet

Governor: Governor Togiola Tulafono

Capital:

Name: Pago Pago
Time difference: UTC−11 (6 hours behind Washington, DC during Standard Time)

Population:

Of the 65,628 American Samoans, 91 percent of the population is under 65 years old, with a median age of 23 years. 92% of total population lives in urban areas (2008)

Size and Geography:

At 199 square km, the U.S. Territory is slightly larger than Washington DC.
American Samoa has 116 km of coastline and claims 200 nautical miles of exclusive economic zone.

Pago Pago has one of the best natural deepwater harbors in the South Pacific Ocean, sheltered by shape from rough seas and protected by peripheral mountains from high winds; strategic location in the South Pacific Ocean.

Quick Facts:
Nationality: American Samoan(s) (US nationals)Ethnic groups:
Native Pacific islander 91.6%, Asian 2.8%, white 1.1%, mixed 4.2%, other 0.3% (2000 census)

ECONOMY – overview:

American Samoa has a traditional Polynesian economy in which more than 90% of the land is communally owned. Economic activity is strongly linked to the US with which American Samoa conducts most of its commerce. Tuna fishing and tuna processing plants are the backbone of the private sector, with canned tuna the primary export. Transfers from the US Government add substantially to American Samoa's economic well being. Attempts by the government to develop a larger and broader economy are restrained by Samoa's remote location, its limited transportation, and its devastating hurricanes. Tourism is a promising developing sector.

Labor force – by occupation:
agriculture: 34%
industry: 33%
services: 33% (1990)

Photo –
http://www.photolibrary.fema.gov/photolibrary/photo_details.do?id=42713

Tafuna, AS, December 14, 2009 -- David Kulberg, FEMA Mitigation Specialist, explains "continuous load path" construction technique to build strong, earthquake and wind-resistant dwellings. Anufe Lavatai, right, and Faitio Faatea, left, customers of C.B.T. Ho Ching & Co., listen while cashier Tulai Lilomaiava looks on. FEMA/Richard O'Reilly.

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Media Coverage; Media, Online News Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Aug 16, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4619

Next of Kin Registry

Info/Hotline · Open

Information
AS

Web www.NOKR.org
Service Temporary

Source: http://www.samoanews.com/viewstory.php?storyid=9571&edition=1254304800

(BASED ON PRESS RELEASE) -- Deputy Director of the Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office (TEMCO) Jacinta Brown reports that the National next of Kin Registry (NOKR) has offered assistance to the territory to help re-unite families who have lost contact during the disaster.

Since 2004 NOKR has become a vital resource used globally and nationally by the National Guard and Emergency Agencies to look up Emergency Contact information for those displaced, missing or deceased.

Families can pre register themselves and potential victims. NOKR has been a listed resource in Hawaii since 2005.

Many of the potential victims may be registered in the NOKR system now.

Speaking to TEMCO, Cerney Mark of NOKR Washington, D.C. said, “I’m sure you’ve been inundated with calls from the public inquiring about family and friends. The public can register those who’ve they lost contact with and upload a secure photo in the NOKR system, this can be used by agencies to make a positive ID of victims.”

To register go to: www.NOKR.org

NOKR can also provide all emergency agencies in Samoa and those assisting TEMCO with access to the NOKR system immediately.

Services offered: Hotline, Registry, Missing Persons ("I'm Safe" People–Finder) Registry
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Oct 1, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4635

OPEN SHELTER LIST (INDEX)

Info/Hotline · Open

News Organization
AS
Web www.samoanews.com
Service Temporary

9/29:

LEONE LDS (in Malaeimi)
NUUULI CCCAS (the CCCAS church in NUUULI)
ALAO CATHOLIC
AMOULI CCCAS
ALOFAU METHODIST
ALOFAU DOE
NOAA–TULA

Services offered: Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Oct 1, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4633

Samoan Churches (INDEX)

Info/Hotline · Open

Information relief forum
AS
Web across.co.nz/AmericanSamoanChurches.html
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Oct 1, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4631

Samoan News (Local Media Outlet)

Info/Hotline · Open

News Organization
AS
Web www.samoanews.com
Service Temporary

SEE WEBSITE FOR REAL–TIME NEWS
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Oct 1, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4634

Samoan Yellow Pages

Info/Hotline · Open

Information
AS
Web www.hawaii.edu/hivandaids/American_Samoa_Yellow_Pages.pdf
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Oct 1, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4639

WSPA (World Society For The Protection of Animals) – 2009 American Samoa Tsunami Response

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Disaster Response Team
AS
Phone 1–800–883–9772
Web www.wspa–usa.org
Serves American Samoa
Eligibility Animals Impacted by the Tsunami
Checks payable to WSPA USA, Lincoln Plaza
Service Temporary

SAMOA AND TONGA: TSUNAMI

– Massive underwater earthquake in South Pacific triggered a series of tsunamis that swept coastal villages in Samoan Islands.
– On some islands, all medical facilities lost along with water supplies.

WSPA Sends 3 Veterinarian–Led Response Teams

WSPA USA, 800–883–9772, http://www.wspa–usa.org
Lincoln Plaza, 89 South Street, Ste 201 / Boston, MA 02111

WPSA has deployed three veterinarian–led Disaster Assessment and Response Teams (DART) to bring aid to the thousands of animal victims left helpless after tragedy struck the Philippines, Samoa and Indonesia.

SAMOA: After a deadly tsunami wiped out entire villages and killed more than 100 people WSPA deployed a DART to the islands. Led by Disaster Management Veterinarian Dr. Juan Carlos Murillo, the team will ascertain the tsunami's impact on the island's animals as well as treat animal victims.

MONETARY DONATIONS TO WSPA:

DONATE ONLINE:

https://www.wspa–usa.org/pages/2958_multiple_disaster_appeal_09_general.cfm

DONATE BY MAIL:

WSPA USA, Lincoln Plaza
89 South Street, Suite 201 / Boston, MA 02111
1–800–883–9772

Services offered: Advocacy, Animals (Domesticated Animals); Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Disaster/Evacuation Services
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Jan 25, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4665

PA

Mennonite Disaster Service – MDS – HQ Office

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery Services
1018 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501

Phone	(717) 859–2210 / FAX is: 717–859–4910
Web	mds.mennonite.net/Home
Hours	Mon – Fri, 8:00–5:00
Checks payable to	www.mds.mennonite.net/Donate
Service	Temporary

FACEBOOK –
Mennonite Disaster Service
https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteDisasterService

This is the MDS Update for September 2020

Early Response to Hurricane Laura
Project Director and two supporting Leadership Volunteers throughout the fall 2020 months. Specific dates, duties, and location are still developing.

We expect to begin scheduling Leadership Volunteers from our winter 2021 waitlist beginning in early October.

https://mds.mennonite.net/mds–response–to–hurricane–laura/

NOTE: Given the COVID–19 pandemic, MDS has put into place some requirements for how projects will operate in the coming months. These include some additional health & safety practices to ensure the health & safety of our volunteers, clients, and community partners. The specific practices will be put into place at each project and may be updated as recommendations and regulations change. Due to the closure of the U.S./Canadian border, the Canadian government travel advisory against travel to the U.S., and uncertainty about insurance coverage for COVID–19–related medical costs, MDS Canada is currently not sending or supporting volunteers serving in the U.S. We continue to evaluate this situation and look forward to the day when Canadians can again serve on U.S. projects.

This is the MDS Update for July 26, 2012

CURRENT NEEDS
Begin planning now for a short or long–term assignment this fall. Volunteers will be needed in Bastrop, TX, Birmingham, AL, Cordova, AL, Joplin, MO, Minot, ND and West Liberty, KY beginning in October.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed, please call (800) 241–8111 or e–mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net for more information.

This is the MDS Update for February 11, 2010

We are forming a list of skilled volunteers interested in serving in American Samoa. For more information, check our website or call (800) 241–8111.

Contributions may be sent to:
USA: 1018 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501 or
Can.: 6A–1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6
Donate Online: Donate

Telephone: (717) 859–2210 or (800) 241–8111

Remember the variety of ways you can give to MDS - volunteer your time, give money through cash donations, planned gifts, bequests and traded securities. Call our office to learn more details.

MDS project listings*
All MDS projects will close for Christmas break from December 15, 2007 – January 6, 2008 except for Johnson Bayou RV project which closes on December 20, 2007.
The MDS projects in Greensburg , Mobile and New Orleans have openings for the first two weeks of December but aside from that, all projects are currently full until March.
Occasionally there are cancellations. If you would like to be called about volunteer needs on short–notice (1–3 weeks), please call Sarah Yoder at (800) 241–8111 in advance.
*Except where noted, to schedule, all short–term and US long–term volunteers call (800) 241–8111 . Canadian long–term volunteers call (866) 261–1274 .

SEE URGENT NEEDS BELOW at bottom of list:

Toll–free Project Updates

1–800–241–8111
Volunteer Information
See projects listed below for specifics.

MDS Extension Office
6A–1325 Markham Rd
Winnipeg , MB R3T 4J6
CANADA
T: (866) 261–1274 (Can. only)
T: (204) 261–1274
F: (204) 261–1279
mdscn@mds.mennonite.net

MDS Binational Office
1018 Main St
Akron , PA 17501
USA
T: (717) 859–2210
F: (717) 859–4910
mdsus@mds.mennonite.net

Mennonite Disaster Service is a channel through which various constituencies of the Anabaptist church can respond to those affected by disasters in North America.

While our main focus is on clean up, repair and rebuilding homes, this activity becomes a means of touching lives and helping people regain faith and wholeness.

Contributions may be sent to:
: 1018 Main Street , Akron , PA 17501 or
: 6A–1325 Markham Rd , Winnipeg , MB R3T 4J6
ONLINE: www.mds.mennonite.net/donate

PROJECT LISTINGS

Bayou La Batre, Alabama
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Bayou_La_Batre__AL
This site closed at the end of March.
Completed projects

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February 11, 2010
AMERICAN SAMOA

Disaster: 2009 Tsunami

This week we again started with a number of days of very serious rains! We dash from shelter to vehicle to stay somewhat dry. This week we started at Veli's home. The family had helped us by moving their belongings into an attached "lean". We were able to replace the roof with only a five-minute rain.

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February 11, 2010
Cameron, Louisiana
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Cameron__LA
Cameron, Louisiana
The family for our fourth house could not hide their excitement as they saw the frame of their house take shape on their concrete piers. In addition to the physical changes on the houses, volunteers hoped their week of service provided some confirmation to the people of Cameron that God and God's people care about them

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Chunchula, Alabama (RV Program)
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/RVProgram
This site is closed at the end of February.
Completed projects

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February 11, 2010
Diamond, Louisiana
DISASTER: 2005 GULF COAST HURRICANES
URGENT NEEDS

A Project Director and an Office Manager are needed from Mar. 4 to Mar. 20 in Diamond, LA. Office Managers are responsible for bookkeeping and general office duties and Project Directors are responsible for the leadership of the project. If you are interested, please call (800) 241-8111 in the US or (866) 261-1274 in Canada.

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GREENSBURG, KANSAS
Disaster: May 2007 Tornado
Day volunteers call (985) 291-1296 , overnight volunteers call (800) 241-8111 to schedule.

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JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
This is an RV project.
closes on December 20, 2007.

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Hackberry, Louisiana (RV Program)
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Hackberry__LA
Completed projects

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LIVINGSTON, TEXAS
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
This site will open on January 6, 2008

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April 12, 2007
Mobile, Alabama
DISASTER: GULF COAST HURRICANES
There is space for volunteers from December 1-15.

http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Mobile__AL

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February 11, 2010
NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA - RV

Disaster: 2008 Hurricane Ike RV Project
The house we are working on now is getting the old siding ripped off, insulated and new siding put up. We are painting as we go. We will also build a porch and put shutters on the house.

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February 11, 2010
NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA
Disaster: 2008 Hurricane Ike
Several of the volunteers helped Ms. Jacqueline finish packing and moving her belongings so repairs to the floors could begin. Winds from Hurricane Ike damaged the roof, allowing water to come into the house, damaging the floors as well. Rotted flooring has been replaced with new wood.

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February 11, 2010
New Orleans, Louisiana
DISASTER: 2005 GULF COAST HURRICANES
Despite having a smaller crew this week, much was accomplished. The Ms. H house had all of the walls and ceilings covered with sheet rock plus one and a half coats of mud were applied. The Mrs. G house had most of the inside of the house covered with sheet rock, and mudding got off to a good start.
Convent address: 2710 Gentilly Blvd.,
New Orleans , LA 70122

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NEWTON, TEXAS
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
This is an RV project. This site will open on January 6, 2008

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February 11, 2010
CHEEK, TEXAS
Disaster: 2008 Hurricane Ike RV Project
Mr. Chris's house was put on hold until Thursday, waiting for approval to repair more than was originally scheduled. When we began working on the house we found much more damage than met the eye at first glance. As soon as we were granted approval, Jim and Pete began to pull out the bottom half of the drywall to rid the house of mold and also allow for rewiring.

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February 11, 2010
Pass Christian, Mississippi
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
We dedicated Miss Rose Marie's house on Tuesday. Several of her siblings, children, grandchildren, and neighbors showed up for the celebration. Several of our volunteers took part in presenting Miss Rose Marie with a Bible, a wall-hanging, a house key, and an occupancy permit. Tears filled her eyes as she thanked everyone involved in completing her home. She is very excited to be able to "come back home".

PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI (Coordinated by Storm Aid Group)
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes

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April 12, 2007
Point Aux Chenes, Louisiana
DISASTER: 2005 GULF COAST HURRICANES

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February 11, 2010
DULZURA, CALIFORNIA
Disaster: 2007 Wildfires
Another week has come and gone, and once again we are happy with progress made. We got another permit last week and this week the ground work started on the P-L home. God continues to guide, give wisdom and safety, and provide the skills needed for the jobs to move forward.

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February 11, 2010
RAMONA, CALIFORNIA
Disaster: 2007 Wildfires

By the end of the week the James' house had transformed itself from stem walls into a house with trusses in place ready to receive the roof sheathing. The weather cooperated and much work was accomplished.

Urgent Needs
There is a need for project leadership various MDS projects. Call (800) 241–8111 to schedule.

http://mds.mennonite.net/Volunteer

Skilled and long–term volunteers always needed
MDS is always looking for workers skilled in building trades, site supervisors, project directors and cooking staff. If you fit any of these categories, please register that you would be available to volunteer with MDS, if not immediately then perhaps in the near future.

This is the Mennonite Disaster Service update for November 21, 2007.

Visit us on the web at: www.mds.mennonite.net
MDS Activity Summary (information to pass along):
Toll–free volunteer Information/scheduling line: (800) 241–8111

Services offered: Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Skilled Labor, Volunteer; Jobs, Paying; Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2020 Hurricane Laura; Mennonite Disaster Service; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
Updated Sep 13, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/789

Samoa

Archdiocese of Samoa–Apia, Roman Catholic

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church
P.O. Box 532, Fetuolemoana, Apia
Phone 20400
Contact Alapati Lui Mataeliga, Archbishop
Service Temporary

source: http://www.catholic–hierarchy.org/diocese/dsaap.html
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Oct 1, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4628

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–Day Saints

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church
Vaitele Street., Pasega, Apia
Phone (685) 64230
Web www.ldschurchtemples.com/apia
Service Temporary

from the website:

Adjacent to the sprawling campus of the Church College of Western Samoa (a combined elementary, middle, and high school), the Apia Samoa Temple stands on the western outskirts of Apia in Pesega.
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami
Updated Oct 1, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4630

VA

SBCV Disaster Relief (Southern Baptist Convention – SBC of Virginia)

Info/Hotline · Open

Church – Disaster Relief
HQ: 4101 Cox Road, Suite 100, Glen Allen, VA 23060
Web www.sbcv.org/disaster_relief
Service Temporary

2011 Tornado –
Disaster Relief Teams Serve in Pulaski
http://www.sbcv.org/disaster_relief/article287431c4435584.htm

Nationwide volunteer opportunities on this site in response to disaster

Ministry Regions
A Decentralized Approach
At the SBC of Virginia, we believe strongly that having a local missionary in the area, working hand–in–hand with God's people, will have a far more meaningful impact on the spread of the Gospel than we could hope to provide from a central location. Because of this, we've divided our state into five ministry regions, each having dedicated church planting strategists and church health strategists to assist local churches with their individual needs.

Our five ministry regions are as follows:

North
Serving the region
in and around the Shennandoah Valley, Northern Virginia, and Greater DC

Central–East
Serving the region
in and around Greater Richmond, the Piedmont, and the Northern Neck

Central–West
Serving the region
in and around the Roanoke Valley, Greater Lynchburg, and the Southside

Southeast
Serving the region
in and around Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore

Southwest
Serving the region
in and around Appalachia, the Highlands, and the New River Valley
The Southwest Region includes the following counties:

Bland, Buchanan, Bristol, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd,
Galax, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Norton, Patrick, Pulaski,
Radford, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe

Rebuilding the Gulf
There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the Gulf Region. Churches may contact the following numbers directly if they desire to serve. It is requested that if you take a long term rebuild trip, to please contact Mark Gauthier at mgauthier@sbcv.org upon your return to report that the good news might be shared.

Volunteer Opportunities
Florida – Wilma and 2004 Rebuild
800–226–8584 ext 3121

Louisiana – Katrina Rebuild
877–487–4658 ext 265 (DR Trained)
504–235–6462 (not trained in DR)

Mississippi – Katrina Rebuild
601–292–3334 (DR Trained)
601–292–3335 (not trained in DR)

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Support for "All" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types); Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
Updated Apr 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4722

Worldwide

HumanitarianReform.org (an effort of One Response)

Info/Hotline · Open

Human Rights
Web www.humanitarianreform.org
Service Temporary

The document:

http://www.humanitarianreform.org/humanitarianreform/Portals/1/cluster%20approach%20page/clusters%20pages/WASH/Manual%20HRTWS%20in%20emergency_july2009.pdf

One Response:

http://oneresponse.info/Coordination/ClusterApproach/Pages/Cluster%20Approach.aspx

OneResponse is a collaborative inter–agency website designed to enhance humanitarian coordination within the cluster approach, and support the predictable exchange of information in emergencies at the country level. The website will support Clusters and OCHA fulfill their information management responsibilities as per existing IASC guidance. Key characteristics of the site include:

* A global entry page, where all global cluster guidance materials located on www.humanitarianreform.org is currently being migrated.
* Country or emergency specific content will be hosted on the field level site.
* A specific disaster site will be created within 24 hours, during the onset of a new emergency.
* A low–bandwidth version of the site is available, to enable access and exchange of information in poor connectivity environments.
* Information can be categorized as either public or private. This allows sensitive information to be made accessible only to cluster specific working groups.
* Clusters will directly manage their own content on the site.
* OCHA owns the website and is responsible for its management.

2. Who is the target audience for the website?

The primary audience for the website are humanitarian workers at the country level, including Cluster Leads, cluster members, OCHA, UN Common services etc. The secondary audience is global, including the global cluster staff at HQ, cluster members, donors, and OCHA.

3. What is the background to OneResponse?

In order to avoid the multitude of one–off ad hoc websites developed in each new emergency, there was inter–agency consensus in early 2008 that a single website was needed to support the predictable exchange of information in emergencies at the country level.

The inter–agency web platform was first field tested in May 2008 in response to Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar. Since then, OCHA has continued to develop the website based on the requirements and functionalities identified in partnership with the Cluster/Sector Information Management focal points and Microsoft, as well as lessons learned from both the Myanmar website and www.humanitarianreform.org. OneResponse is the successor to three different OCHA sites: www.humanitarianreform.org, www.humanitarianinfo.org, and ochaonline.un.org/fieldoffice, plus numerous ad–hoc non–OCHA sites.

In December 2008, the IASC Working Group requested the IASC Task Force on Information Management develop “an improved inter–agency web–platform to support and manage the exchange of operational information in emergencies, taking into account relevant existing web platforms and avoid duplication of existing agency web based resources”.

4. What is the role of Microsoft?

Microsoft’s collaboration with OCHA on OneResponse is based on a public private partnership initiated in early 2006, to work together on information management and information technology issues in humanitarian response. Building on this partnership, Microsoft committed to developing, hosting and supporting the Inter Agency Website, based on the functional requirements defined by the Clusters and OCHA

5. What is the role of the Clusters/Sectors in the website?

The role of the clusters/sectors is to manage their own content at the global and field level, as well as provide feedback to OCHA on changes they would like made to the website.

6. What is OCHA’s role?

OCHA’s role is to manage the website and ensure that sufficient guidance material and support is provided to the clusters so they can manage their content effectively. The IASC endorsed ‘Operational Guidance on Responsibilities of Cluster/Sector Leads & OCHA in Information Management’ requires OCHA, in collaboration with the clusters, to provide a country–specific or disaster specific humanitarian web–site.

7. How can I learn more about OneResponse?

Services offered: Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, International Policy; Advocacy, Legislation Support; Advocacy, Medical, Patient Rights; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant, Legal Services; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Social Justice; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Issues/Problems; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation,

Disaster Relief Process, Supply Management; Documentation, Standards, Health & Human Rights; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Medical, Services, Assessment, Medical Needs Assessment; New "Business" Models; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian
Campaigns: 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; Ending Extreme Poverty; One Response; United Nations – OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)
Updated Aug 18, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6179

Other locations

Citizen Action Team, Database Operations

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Anytown

Phone	978 266 2778
Web	www.reliefdatabase.org
Hours	8 AM–midnight, 7 days/week
Checks payable to	United Way of Tri–County, mail to Citizen Action Team, PO Box 2525, Acton, MA 01720
Service	Permanent

Call and help us expand the database, so it will be more useful to disaster relief workers, to help prepare for future disasters as well as to help with recovery from past disasters... Work from your home AND help the gulf!

All donations pay for fuel to ship donations to disaster zones.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Directories, Recycling; Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Businesses; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Katrina Related; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Construction/Rebuild Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Donations Coord Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Supplies, Online Supplies; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance
Campaigns: 2001 9–11; 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Fernley, Nevada Flood; 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2007 Hurricane Flossie; 2007 Midwest Floods; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2008 Hurricane Josephine; 2008 Marek/Sesnon/Sayre – California Wildfires; 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; 2008 Pacific Northwest Winter Snow Storm; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Australia Bushfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Ice Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); 2009 MidWest Floods; 2009 MidWest

Floods Support (Closed/Standby); 2009 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2009 SouthEastern Wildfires; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2009 Station Wildfire; 2009 Tornadoes; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 April, Mississippi Tornado; 2010 Arkansas Campground Flood; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 May Oklahoma/Kansas Tornado; 2010 Midwest Flooding, August; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Brazil Floods; 2011 China Earthquake; 2011 East Africa Famine; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Philippines TS Sendong; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Alabama Tornado; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2012 (June) Minnesota – Floods; 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Rainbow Rapid Response; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Gifts in Kind; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Homelessness Relief Services; International Relief & Development (IRD); United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); YouthBuild

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