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How To Help Haiti Recover From Hurricane Matthew

The hurricane has killed hundreds of people and sent tens of thousands to shelters.

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People are coming together to help Haiti after Hurricane Matthew devastated the island this week, [killing more than 800 people](#) and sending 61,500 to shelters.

The storm, which [made landfall in Haiti on Tuesday, damaged up to 80 percent of homes](#) in the south of the country, according to UNICEF. The new wave of destruction comes as thousands in the country remain [homeless from the massive 2010 earthquake](#).

Hurricane Matthew made its way to the U.S on Friday, slamming into the Florida coast and [leaving 300,000 households without power](#). Four U.S. states — Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina — have declared states of emergency.

In Haiti, organizations and individuals have come together to provide much-needed short-term relief, as well as long-term support to rebuild after the storm.

“This is the worst storm Haiti has seen in decades,” [UNICEF's Marc Vincent said in a release](#). “Our first priority is to make sure children have enough safe water.”

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People trying to walk or drive through a river in Haiti after a nearby bridge collapsed because of the hurricane.

1. Help Provide Emergency Medical Support To Those In Need

The Red Cross in Haiti has [mobilized over 3,000 volunteers and staff](#) to help communities in the wake of the hurricane. The organization is delivering first aid, medical care and shelter assistance.



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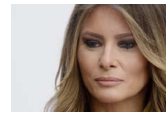
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Americares, an organization that [delivers medical aid to countries](#) worldwide, has [sent a shipment of medicine](#) and supplies to the "Hope for Haiti" clinic in Les Cayes, one of the hardest-hit areas. The group is planning other shipments, including fluids to treat cholera.

The organization plans to [deliver around \\$1.6 million in aid to Haiti](#) to help the country recover from Hurricane Matthew.

To support Americares' efforts in Haiti, [donate here](#).

Planting Peace, a nonprofit dedicated to providing [humanitarian aid](#), is giving [medication to people affected by the hurricane](#) in Haiti. One hundred percent of donations will go toward medication.

For every dollar donated, the organization will provide 100 doses of medication.

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2. Support Groups Getting Food To Those Affected By The Storm

CARE International, an organization fighting poverty worldwide, is [distributing clean water, food and emergency supplies](#) in Haiti in the wake of the hurricane. The organization is currently providing meals to hundreds of people in evacuation shelters.

“We do experience recurring crises in Haiti, people are still feeling the long-term effects of the earthquake, then the cholera outbreak in 2010,” [CARE Haiti’s Jean-Michel Vigreux said in a release](#). “The population is very strained. Strengthening people’s resilience and boosting the reconstruction are key.”

To support CARE’s efforts in Haiti, [donate here](#).

Food For The Poor, a group that provides food, housing and emergency relief to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, is sending rice, canned meats and other [food to southern Haiti](#). Over the next few weeks, the charity plans to ship 30 containers of supplies to the country.

“A hurricane is the last thing Haiti need[s] right now,” President and CEO Robin Mahfood said in a statement. “We will do our best to help them to recover.”

To support Food For The Poor’s efforts in Haiti, [donate here](#).

3. Ensure People Have Access To Clean Water And Sanitation



ANDRES MARTINEZ CASARES / REUTERS

A woman carries a laundry basket in an area devastated by Hurricane Matthew in Cavaillon, Haiti, Oct. 6, 2016.

Less than [one in five people in Haiti's rural areas](#) have access to improved sanitation, and the problem may be worsened by the hurricane.

UNICEF has sent advance emergency supplies to Haitian authorities to [reach up to 10,000 people](#). Additional supplies, including water purification tablets and plastic sheeting, are being sent to the hardest-hit areas.

To support UNICEF's efforts in Haiti, [donate here](#).

Oxfam International is distributing hygiene kits and water purification tablets to [prevent diseases like cholera](#).

"What is most urgent now is to provide safe water to prevent disease, as well as food," Oxfam's Jean Claude Fignole said in a release. "In the longer term we fear a jump in cholera, and malnutrition due to crop loss."

To support Oxfam's efforts in Haiti, [donate here](#).

Plumbers Without Borders is "desperate" for volunteer plumbers who can support hospitals in need in Haiti, Fred Schilling, a longtime supporter, told HuffPost. The aid group is working with [Build Health International](#), which has a number of projects in progress, including a 12,000-square-foot facility, which will accommodate 300 patients and their families.

To support Plumbers Without Borders efforts in Haiti, [donate here](#).

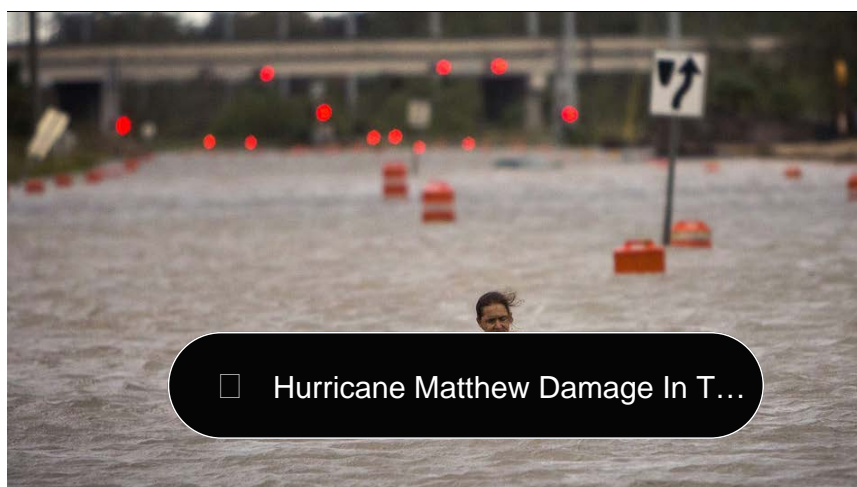
4. Help Keep Kids Safe While Parents Deal With The Storm's Impact

Save The Children has set up “child-friendly spaces” to provide kids who are unable to go to school with [spaces to play](#). It’s also offering support from trained staff while parents deal with the aftermath of the hurricane.

To support Save The Children’s efforts in Haiti, [donate here](#).

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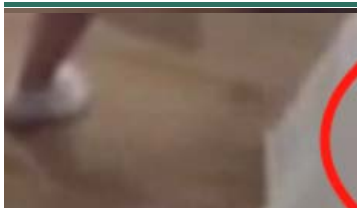
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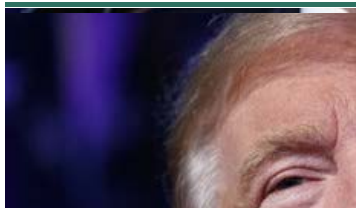
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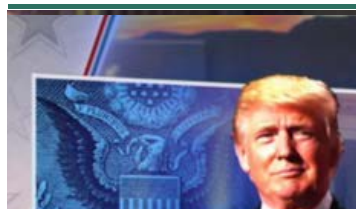
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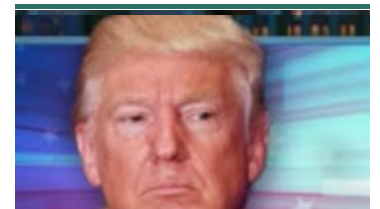
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Glenn Sparks



Though I'd like to help, I'm wary of what happens to the money I send. There are those who see disaster relief as a golden opportunity <http://www.npr.org/.../in-search-of-the-red-cross-500...> <https://fellowshipoftheminds.com/.../fraud-corruption.../>

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Marina Dale

I totally agree. I'm not giving any of my money to the Red Cross, but some of these other organizations do look likely.

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Bambi Kristan Smith · Works at Administrative assistant

Glenn, I came here to say exactly what you already have. Well done.

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Stephanie Winslow Seed

Choose any of the other amazing organizations other than the Red Cross. Just please do something! Thank you.

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Cindy S Faustin · Respiratory therapist at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital

Please DO NOT SAY RED CROSS, Half of a billion dollars was given for the earthquake 6yrs ago and they only build 6houses. Investigate that.

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They already spent that money, they need more by now

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That's exactly what I've been reading. This needs an investigation by the DOJ.

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Cindy S Faustin · Respiratory therapist at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital

Mark, are you trying to tell me that 6 houses in Haiti equal to half of a billion dollars?

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James Graham · Hohenaspe

Donate nothing to either the Clinton Foundation or the Red Cross. Both took \$ Billions for the Haiti earthquake, to this day only six new houses built. The reason the hurricane ripped these houses apart is because they are basically shanty towns.

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TriSarahtops Mylagros · Bilingual Youth Counselor at Friends of Youth

Why would you put Red Cross on this list? Why? Do you think your readers don't pay attention to what's happened the past 6 years and know that they wasted most of the money and almost none of it went to support those impacted by the earthquake??!!!!

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Sky Menesky · Teacher at New York City Department of Education

Well said.

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Frank Savage · California State University, Long Beach

I would really like it if my US Government would give one of those Billions of my tax Dollars they are giving to Israel to buy weapons, to Haiti instead.

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Ann Gallmeyer · University of Michigan

Plumbers Without Borders! Never heard of it, but it makes so much sense. They desperately need plumbers to help get hospitals back up and functioning, as well as donations.

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Debra Fleming · Grove City High School

Also their water is contaminated. Sad they haven't even recovered from the earthquake and now this.

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Mary Miller · Not telling at Maryland

There is still money donated from Haiti's last disaster that was never accounted for...at least, not to the world. Enough was donated the last disaster to build everyone in Haiti a new home. Where is that money?

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Andrew W Jones · Partner Program Specialist at Build Health International

I suggest adding the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, a very well respected organization that operates a full-service hospital in Fond-des-Blancs on the southern peninsula. It offers health care to all people, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. The staff is 98% Haitian, including the medical leadership team. SBHF has had a 4 star rating on Charity Navigator for ten consecutive years.

They are mobilizing and prepared to accept huge numbers of patients who will be in need of care in the aftermath of the hurricane. Their website is haitihealth.org and donations can be made at haitihealth.org/hurricane. Thank you for getting the word out about how people can help

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Michael Pickford

Ask the Clinton foundation (rort) for the money it supposedly allocated the last time this happened three houses and a water bottle doesn't account for the hundreds of millions supposedly spent.

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Phyllis Nicole

The earthquake devastated Port au Prince (PaP) - Jeremie and Les Cayes were largely untouched - and the money was thus in PaP. This time, PaP fared better, though not unscathed. Jeremie, Dame Marie and the southern cost were hard hit.

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Haiti is a mess and has been a mess and will continue to be a mess. Give money and it will never get there. Go there to help and you will be mugged, robbed and possibly murdered. You can't fix something that is not fixable...and Haiti is one of those places.

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Kimberly Dacas Canny · Minneapolis, Minnesota

I've been to Haiti and feel plenty safe. But here in the US I think twice when I drop my kids off at school...the mall...a movie theater. Plenty of violence here that we probably shouldn't be pointing our fingers elsewhere. And honestly, guns are expensive. They can't afford them. The only weapon I've ever seen in Haiti is a rock.

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