

Quick Tips Regarding Donations for Haiti Earthquake Relief for USOps Staff

In-Kind Donations

For those wanting to make donations of gifts-in-kind

1. Distinguish between high value donations (e.g. large industrial equipment, planes, ships, etc.) and household goods etc.
 - a. High value, large donations – refer to Rich Balmadier - - rbalmadi@crs.org
 - b. Household, smaller quantity items - - “Thank you so much for your kind offer. CRS is not able to accept these sorts of in-kind donations for our response in Haiti. “ If you need more – you can say “ Because of logistical difficulties in shipping US-based items to Haiti quickly, monetary donations to CRS will help quake survivors more effectively than in-kind donations.” Still need more? “Items we can purchase in Haiti and the Dominican Republic also help give vital support to the local economies.”

Volunteers

1. Distinguish between general volunteers and highly skilled medical personnel *who speak French and/or Creole*.
 - a. General volunteers – “Thank you for your generosity. At this time CRS is still assessing the situation and is not seeking volunteers.”
 - b. Medical personnel - - CRS has a medical coordinator on the ground in Haiti assessing the situation and evaluating how we can best continue our HIV and related health programs, as well as what other medical response we may be able to assist with, including trauma care. As of January 16, 2010, Michele Broemmelsiek and Mychelle Farmer are taking the information on skilled medical personnel. Contact information and CVs should be sent to mbroemme@crs.org **and** mfarmer@crs.org. Again – we want to pre-screen for fluency in French and/or Creole and have them send a CV and their credentials to Michele and Mychelle.

As of January 16, 2010 CRS has committed **\$25 Million** for our relief efforts in Haiti

Monetary Donations

Mailing Address:

Catholic Relief Services

P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

Website:

www.crs.org

Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Text Message: Text **RELIEF** to **30644**

Wire Transfer

Name of Bank: Bank of America

Account name: Catholic Relief Services

Account number: 4467060469

ABA Number 026009593

Swift number: BOFAUS3N

93% of all donations go directly toward helping those in need (programs) 7% administrative

Media

Please direct national/major outlet media calls to:

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