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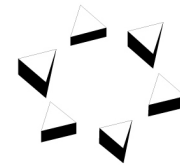
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Jewish Coalition for
Haiti Relief

JEWISH COALITION FOR DISASTER RELIEF AIDS VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

The Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief (JCDR), an alliance of U.S. and foreign Jewish agencies that provide a united Jewish response to humanitarian disasters, formed a special coordinating group in response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

In the emergency phase of the relief effort, JCDR collaborated with the Afya Foundation to ship hundreds of mattresses and blankets, as well as medical supplies to Partners in Health, a local NGO in Haiti, which distributed the much needed items to earthquake victims. JCDR also partnered with Chabad to deliver truckloads of food and basic necessities to Haiti on a humanitarian, non-sectarian basis. In addition, JCDR partnered with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to provide immediate relief by working with local partners to provide water, food, shelter, and emergency health care in Port-au-Prince.

To initiate long term rebuilding efforts, JCDR is working with YouthHaiti to provide ecological sanitation and improved crop production in a rural village outside of Port-au-Prince, which has been absorbing many of the capital's refugees. Partnering with the American Jewish World Service (AJWS), JCDR has issued a grant to EarthSpark International to distribute solar lamps in Haiti. In addition, to assist the Haitian Diaspora community in the US, JCDR is supporting the National Association of Jewish Chaplains in sending disaster certified chaplains to work in collaboration with local clergy and organizations on arranging programs and services for the spiritual needs of this population.

The Haiti coordinating group is comprised of twenty JCDR member organizations committed to supporting the recovery of those affected by this massive humanitarian crisis. Relief and reconstruction efforts are being coordinated to ensure that Jewish organizational best practices in humanitarian assistance are implemented to aid Haitian victims of the earthquake.

The Haiti relief coordinating group's members are currently working on the ground through a network of partners providing assistance and relief to victims. Members are also supporting the efforts of Israeli emergency teams and NGOs in Haiti. Additionally, the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief has released a wide appeal for financial assistance to support this Jewish response to the needs of the Haitian people.

About the Jewish Coalition of Disaster Relief (JCDR):

JCDR coordinates a unified Jewish response to natural and man-made crises that occur outside of North America. Comprised of 45 primarily North American Jewish organizations that are national in scope, the Coalition represents the full spectrum of Jewish life and demonstrates the age-old Jewish tradition of *tikkun olam*, or helping to repair the world.