

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

Emotional and Spiritual Care:

In collaboration with Christian Reformed Chaplaincy, trained volunteers are available to be deployed in the various phases of response.

Community Development:

CRWRC may provide consultation in specific situations for Interfaith organizations who have a long-term vision for becoming a community development organization.

DRS Mission

- Show God's love and bring hope to disaster impacted communities in North America by restoring the homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable
- Help communities build their capacity to prepare for and recover from disasters
- Provide opportunities for Christians to honor the Lord by using their time, talents and financial resources in service to others

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Disaster Response Services

supports communities
when disaster strikes



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The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) Disaster Response Services provides the following services to communities after a disaster. CRWRC works in partnership with community-based long-term recovery and interfaith organizations.

Rapid Response:

In the aftermath of major disasters, volunteer clean-up teams are deployed. They are equipped to handle tree removal, roof tarping, and power washing, in addition to providing spiritual care to disaster impacted communities.

Organizational Capacity Building:

Trained volunteers work with the community-based recovery organization to help develop its systems and become operational. This consultation is provided in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with Church World Service.

Financial Accounting:

Skilled volunteers assist recovery organizations with bookkeeping procedures and financial systems.

Community Assessment of Unmet Needs:

Trained volunteer teams conduct door-to-door surveys of long-term recovery needs. The results become the property of the requesting community-based recovery organization as a computerized database.

- This data provides accurate statistics for case management and grant proposal preparation.
- Reports provide total estimated cost for recovery, prioritized cases based on vulnerability, and detailed lists of total needs.
- Forms and limited translation services for Spanish are available.
- The database provided is compatible with standard case management systems used for long-term recovery.

Construction Estimating:

Trained volunteers determine appropriate materials, skills, and time required for home reconstruction.

Reconstruction:

Trained and supervised volunteer teams are able to repair and/or erect a house from the ground up. Team size and skills are consistent throughout the duration of the agreement between the recovery organization and CRWRC-DRS.

Teams change every three weeks. CRWRC-DRS has its own tools. The recovery organization and/or the home owner provides building materials. Cost sharing for volunteer needs varies with the specific situation.

Work Groups:

One week teams (mostly church groups) are utilized to assist in rapid response, longer-term cleanup efforts and reconstruction. Volunteers high school age and older, from low skill levels to highly skilled, are deployed to a variety of locations. Arrangements are made through partnerships with local churches and organizations in the disaster area.

