

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 catastrophic disasters, a volunteer clean-up team that is self-contained and has its own equipment. Teams of 8-15 are equipped to handle tree removal, power washing in addition to providing spiritual care to disaster impacted communities.

Organizational Capacity Building:

Trained volunteers to 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 to assist recovery organizations with bookkeeping procedures and financial systems.

Community Assessment of Unmet Needs:

Trained and supervised 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 data base.

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

Construction Estimating:

Trained volunteers able to 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 with the exception of basements, electrical, and plumbing trades. Team size and skills will be consistent throughout the duration of the agreement between the recovery organization and CRWRC-DRS.

Teams rotate every three weeks. CRWRC-DRS does not supply 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.



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**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.

CRWRC-DRS provides help for those who are most in need and will give priority to those situations where mitigation is an integral part of the recovery.

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