

A young girl visits a medical clinic at a Lutheran church in Jacmel, Haiti, February 9, 2010. People across Haiti continue to deal with the aftermath of the devastating January 12 earthquake.

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# HAITI EARTHQUAKE

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Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), individuals and parish groups in international relief, development, advocacy and social responsibility.

## BACKGROUND

In the wake of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday, January 12, LWR is responding to meet the immediate and long-term needs of Haiti's underserved rural people. The quake killed an estimated 200,000 people, and left millions more homeless and in desperate need of shelter and emergency assistance. In addition, already struggling rural communities are now coping with the mass migration of over 470,000 earthquake survivors. With over 14 years of experience and expertise working in rural Haiti, LWR is at the forefront of the rural response.

## LWR AND PARTNERS ARE RESPONDING

Lutheran World Relief has committed \$4 million to relief efforts in Haiti, an increase from the previous pledge of \$2.25 million. While LWR and other aid groups are focusing on emergency food supplies in and around Port-au-Prince, LWR is also filling the gap in rural communities. Through local organizations like Partnership for Local Development, LWR is providing food, water, temporary shelter and sanitation to meet short-term needs, as well as developing long-term strategies through partner World Neighbors to restore local economies, rebuild infrastructure, get people back to work, and provide for health and sanitation.

In addition to LWR's short- and long-term response in rural areas, LWR is working with partners on the ground to ensure earthquake survivors have immediate access to food, water and shelter. In the first weeks following the earthquake, LWR sent a shipment of health kits and layettes valued at over \$500,000, which has arrived and was distributed

by partners Christian Aid and Church World Service. A second shipment of quilts and kits is on its way to the Leogane region, and LWR is mobilizing more resources for future shipments. LWR partners active on the ground include Action by Churches Together members Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service, Norwegian Church Aid and Christian Aid

## YOU CAN HELP

**PRAY** – for all those affected and those who are there to help.

**GIVE** – by making a donation to the Haiti Earthquake fund, you will help ensure that LWR is able to quickly provide the most effective assistance.

To donate to the Haiti Earthquake fund:

**PHONE:** 800.LWR.LWR.2

**ONLINE:** [lwr.org](http://lwr.org)

**BY MAIL:** Lutheran World Relief  
Haiti Earthquake Relief,  
P.O. Box 17061,  
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832

You can also make an immediate \$10 donation by texting "LWR" to 40579.

Once immediate needs are met, further gifts will be used to help LWR respond where the need is greatest, in Haiti or elsewhere around the globe. Please also consider making an unrestricted donation which will enable LWR to respond quickly to the next emergency.

**LEARN MORE** –For the most up-to-date information on these ongoing efforts and how you can be a part of the recovery effort, visit [lwr.org/Haiti](http://lwr.org/Haiti)