

# Providing Assistance to the United States after a Disaster



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# Background

***Hurricane Katrina* response: the first time the USG accepted international assistance on a large scale.**

**151: # of countries and international organizations offering cash and material assistance**



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# International Assistance System (IAS)

The system is a set of policies and procedures to:

- Accept or decline formal offers of assistance from other governments
- Procure resources not available in the U.S.
- Receive and distribute donated goods



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# International Assistance System

The system does not address offers:

- Of cash
- To state, local, or tribal governments
- From private sources
- Through bilateral or military to military agreements



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# Interagency Coordination



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# How to Provide International Assistance

- Make a **CASH DONATION** to a Non-Governmental Agency.
- Offer material assistance through the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country
- Any U.S. requests for assistance will be transmitted by the State Department to your Embassy in the United States



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# Cash donations to NGOs



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# Impacted Foreign Nationals

- **Mass Care:**
  - • Sheltering
  - • Feeding
  - • Distribution of Emergency Relief Supplies
  - • Basic First Aid
  - • Disaster Welfare Information
  
- **Emergency Assistance:**
  - • Mass Evacuation
  - • Family Reunification
  - • Household Pets and Service Animals
  - • Crisis Counseling
  - • Disaster Legal Services



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# SOCIAL MEDIA OPTIONS

## NEW WAYS OF COMMUNICATING:

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) Spanish: [www.fema.gov/esp](http://www.fema.gov/esp)

[www.facebook.com/fema](http://www.facebook.com/fema)

<http://m.fema.gov> Spanish: <http://m.fema.gov/esp>

[www.twitter.com/fema](http://www.twitter.com/fema)

[www.youtube.com/fema](http://www.youtube.com/fema)

<http://blog.fema.gov>

[www.fema.gov/widgets](http://www.fema.gov/widgets)

# Communications

## PRIOR TO, DURING and AFTER A DISASTER:

### Know Your Risk and What To Do

- Contact your local emergency management office to learn about evacuation routes and emergency plans.
- Get additional information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ([fema.gov](http://fema.gov)), Ready Campaign ([Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov)) Citizen's Corps ([citizencorps.gov](http://citizencorps.gov)), the American Red Cross ([redcross.org](http://redcross.org)) and NOAA's National Hurricane Center ([nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov)).
- Listen to the radio or television and NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for current information and be prepared to act quickly.

**Evacuate if you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.**

# Questions?



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