

## Help for Haiti



**American  
Red Cross**



President Barack Obama has been receiving updates on the urgent situation in Haiti late into last night and throughout the day, and top members of his team have been convening to formulate the government response.

You can help immediately by donating to the Red Cross to assist the relief effort. [Contribute online to the Red Cross](#), or donate \$10 to be charged to your cell phone bill by texting "HAITI" to "90999." Find more ways to help through the [Center for International Disaster Information](#).

Families of Americans living in Haiti are encouraged to contact the State Department at **(888) 407-4747**.

Excerpt from President Obama's press conference about Haiti:

"Finally, let me just say that this is a time when we are reminded of the common humanity that we all share. With just a few hundred miles of ocean between us and a long history that binds us together, Haitians are neighbors of the Americas and here at home. So we have to be there for them in their hour of need.

Despite the fact that we are experiencing tough times here at home, I would encourage those Americans who want to support the urgent humanitarian efforts to go to [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov) where you can learn how to contribute.

We must be prepared for difficult hours and days ahead as we learn about the scope of the tragedy. We will keep the victims and their families in our prayers. We will be resolute in our response, and I pledge to the people of Haiti that you will have a friend and partner in the United States of America today and going forward."

President Obama's Press Conference on Haiti

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/01/13/help-haiti>

