



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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DISASTER RESPONSES IN 2010

INTERNATIONAL

Community development in India

As part of its continued response to the 2004 South Asian Tsunami, the ELCA worked with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of India to help meet the needs of the dalit community in Villipalyam village. The ELCA helped to construct 112 homes and was part of launching a new three-year campaign for community development.

Contribution: \$170,144.21

Partner: United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India



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Disaster risk reduction in Indonesia

The ELCA continues to work with its companions to prepare and educate communities in disaster risk reduction. This included administering disaster preparedness workshops, working for better land use and forest conservation. We also provided access to and knowledge of medical care and water sanitation.

Contribution: \$454,142.84

Partner: Center for Disaster Risk Management & Community Development Studies, Universitas HKBP Nommensen

Hospital crisis in Zimbabwe

Months of political upheaval and severe food shortages left hospitals unable to retain staff. This led to hazardous conditions within the hospitals and morgues. Working with the local church, the ELCA was able to help restock food, medical and sanitation supplies to improve the level of care provided by the hospitals.

Contribution: \$40,325

Partner: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe

Mudslide in Uganda

A mudslide in the mountainous regions of the country led to 300 deaths and left thousands homeless. The ELCA helped to plant over 98,000 trees and worked with 530 farming families to restore and rehabilitate degraded land.

Contribution: \$40,000

Partner: Lutheran World Relief



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Earthquake in China

A 7.1-magnitude earthquake left over 2,500 people dead and destroyed 150,000 buildings. Due to the location's remoteness, some of the outlying villages did not receive immediate or sufficient relief. We provided emergency food, household items and medical care and helped rebuild 50 homes in response to the earthquake.

Contribution: \$20,000

Partner: Amity Foundation



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Food crisis in Malawi

A prolonged drought and an army worm outbreak led to over 200,000 households having little to no access to food sources. The ELCA provided 390 families with food assistance as well as recovery and prevention plans.

Contribution: \$20,000

Partner: Evangelical Lutheran Development Services of Malawi

Hurricane in El Salvador

In 2009 Hurricane Ida caused heavy winds and rain. This led to over 7,000 families being affected by mudslides, flooding and wind damage. We responded with food and water packages to help meet the continuing needs of those still experiencing the affects of the hurricane.

Contribution: \$10,000

Partner: The Lutheran World Federation



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Flooding in China

Heavy rains and a series of three typhoons left southern and central China with massive flooding. Upwards of 110 million people were affected with millions of homes being destroyed or underwater. We worked with companions to provide families with access to food, shelter and household items.

Contribution: \$25,000

Partner: Amity Foundation & China Christian Council

Tropical cyclone in Myanmar

Tropical Cyclone Giri hit Myanmar leaving over 50,000 people homeless. We provided 200 families with a month's supply of dry food and helped to build the church's ability to respond to future disasters.

Contribution: \$11,094

Partners: Companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran Church of Myanmar

Flooding in Uganda

Heavy rains caused severe flooding in Uganda. The overflowing sanitation, rotting crops and standing water were prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. This increased the potential risk for a major humanitarian crisis. Helping to alleviate this crisis, we were able to supply 90 of the most affected villages with clean water, improved sanitation and food assistance.

Contribution: \$10,000

Partner: The Lutheran World Federation



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Tropical storm in Nicaragua

Following Tropical Storm Matthew, weeks of intense rain led to destroyed homes and crops. The ELCA, particularly the South Dakota Synod, supported efforts to supply displaced families with basic food provisions, medicine and personal hygiene kits. We also helped restock peasant farmers with seeds for late-season planting.

Contribution: \$33,790.45

Partner: Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope

Flooding in Guatemala

Heavy rains caused major flooding and mudslides which damaged homes and destroyed crops. After the rains, we supplied 245 families with water purification kits to help with clean water and the prevention of potential disease.

Contribution: \$9,750

Partner: The Lutheran World Federation



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Disaster preparedness in Sudan

The anticipated January 2011 Sudanese referendum, where southern Sudanese would vote to potentially break away from Sudan, raised concerns of an impending humanitarian crisis. Resources such as food, water and sanitation supplies were sent so that any potential crises would be reduced.

Contribution: \$400,000

Partners: The Lutheran World Federation

Earthquake in Indonesia

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake triggered a tsunami that struck the Mentawai Islands, off the coast of Sumatra. Most coastal villages were completely destroyed by the onrush of waves causing over 15,000 people to be displaced. The ELCA, with its companions on the ground, helped supply those displaced with temporary shelter, hygiene kits, clothing and medical attention.

Contribution: \$25,000

Partner: Center for Disaster Risk Management & Community Development Studies

DOMESTIC

Flooding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Nearly two years after record floods inundated the city of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the ELCA was one of ten participating denominations in an ecumenical rebuild project. The project, which lasted for six weeks, helped more than a dozen families return to their homes. Volunteers from around the Midwest, and even further, traveled to Cedar Rapids to work side-by-side. A grant was used as a continuation of the flood response, which first began almost immediately after the flood waters receded. Program Director Kevin Massey and Associate Program Director Mike Nevergall spent a week in Cedar Rapids during the project, painting a house and completing trim with a group of volunteers from Ohio.



FEMA/Andrea Booher

Contribution: \$50,000

Partners: Church World Service, Lutheran Social Services in Iowa

Flood waters in Nashville, Tennessee

Heavy rains on top of regular spring flooding caused devastating flood waters in and around Nashville. The ELCA has worked with partners to aid in the recovery there. Grants were provided to support work in establishing volunteer housing and hospitality centers at two area congregations. We have also participated in a variety of local long-term recovery groups which have been established to support families in affected areas. More than a year later the need still exists for those with specialized construction skills to assist with clean-up, rebuilding and recovery activities.

Contribution: \$110,000

Partner: Lutheran Social Services in Tennessee

Tornado in Wadena, Minnesota

A powerful EF-4 tornado devastated the small town of Wadena and a number of smaller communities in the surrounding area. The ELCA played a major role in the response that has unfolded. The Rev. Del Moen, who serves a two-point church call in the Wadena area, has been a key leader in the long-term recovery efforts. With the financial support from people like you, a recovery group was able to support a full-time case management supervisor, full-time volunteer coordinator and full-time construction supervisor. Work continues in and around Wadena, with a number of families still hoping to return home soon.



FEMA/George Armstrong

Contribution: \$35,000

Partner: Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota

2010 Member Organization of the Year

The ELCA Disaster Response—domestically serves as Lutheran Disaster Response and was honored to be named the 2010 Member Organization of the Year for the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. The Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster movement brings together the leaders of secular and faith-based nonprofit disaster response organizations, and has more than 50 national member organizations. The award was presented in May 2010 and was accepted by Director Kevin Massey, who was joined on stage by a dozen Lutheran Disaster Response network members from around the country.

CHILE

Chile earthquake and tsunami, February 2010

An 8.8-magnitude earthquake, the largest in the past 50 years, struck Chile in late February 2010. Along with causing its own devastation, the earthquake also triggered a tsunami, the dual impact causing major damage. More than 400 people lost their lives and over 370,000 homes were severely damaged or destroyed. In total, over two million households were affected. Much of the response was slowed with nearly 40 percent of the roads and bridges either left impassable or in severe need of repair.



ELCA Disaster Response

The ELCA has contributed \$268,400 that provided 1,500 families with immediate food, temporary shelters and training in hygiene and sanitation in the affected areas of Chile. We also helped rebuild the lives of 72 families severely affected by the earthquake and tsunami and contributed to the reconstruction of their homes.

Sergio, Lorena and their two children, Fabian and Carolina, live in Coronel, Chile. Sergio and his family were one of many families whose home was destroyed by the 8.8-magnitude earthquake. They were left with nothing but one room standing. Amongst the destruction and devastation, the family has found hope. Thanks to support from the ELCA, they were able to find access to emergency aid and are rebuilding part of their home.

Partners in response: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile, Foundation of Social Aid of Christian Churches
Contribution: \$200,500

Response:

- Provided 1,500 families with immediate food, shelter and sanitation
- Rebuilt homes and livelihoods of 72 families



Sergio and his family pose in front of their new home.

PAKISTAN

Flood in Pakistan, July 2010

Severe heavy rains during the monsoon season of 2010 led to more than 17 million people affected by flood waters. Between flooded crops and homes, many people were left without a roof over their head or food to eat.

The flood waters contributed to an environment that was ripe for disease. Dirty, standing water served as a breeding ground for mosquitoes and unsafe drinking water. To make things worse, 400 health facilities were shut down due to sustained flood damage, leaving those who did fall ill little chance of immediate care.



ACT/ICCO/Saskia Bolt

ELCA Disaster Response

The ELCA was able to provide families with much needed food and clean water. We also helped construct temporary shelter for those whose homes were destroyed by the waters. Mobile health units were set up to create access to swift medical attention for those who were sick, helping to prevent the further spread of disease.

Fifty-year-old Royan Bibi lost everything when destructive floodwaters washed away her house in July 2010. Thanks to the support of people like you, she was able to receive medical assistance through one of the mobile health units. Seeing first-hand the destruction the flood waters had on her mother, Royan's daughter voluntarily offered a room in her home to house medical treatment through the mobile health unit. Women from surrounding villages were provided hospitality along with medical assistance.



Royan sits with a child also affected by the floods.

Partners in response: Lutheran World Relief and Church World Services

Contribution: \$210,000

Response:

- Hygiene kits for 500 families
- Clean water for 5,000 families
- 3 mobile health units
- Food assistance for 38,500 people
- Shelter for 17,000 people

HAITI

Haiti earthquake, cholera outbreak and hurricane, January 2010

The most powerful earthquake to strike Haiti in more than 200 years devastated the country on January 12, 2010. Nearly 250,000 people were killed, 300,000 injured and more than a million people left homeless.

After the earthquake, due to the lack of access to clean water and poor sanitation a cholera outbreak occurred in October of 2010. Over 2,000 people died from the outbreak and over 93,000 people were hospitalized. ELCA Disaster Response assisted in meeting the immediate health needs of communities affected by the cholera outbreak. Working with the community, education and awareness were provided to prevent future outbreaks.

Then, in November 2010, Hurricane Tomas hit Haiti. The hurricane led to 16,000 people voluntarily evacuating their homes. Of those 16,000, just under 13,000 sought refuge in temporary shelters such as schools, churches and public buildings.

ELCA Disaster Response

The ELCA has been present in Haiti for more than 20 years. This relationship enabled a quick and effective response immediately following the January earthquake. This came in the form of food, water and shelter to meet the immediate needs of those affected.

ELCA Disaster Response assisted in meeting the health needs of communities affected by the earthquake and the cholera outbreak. We worked to minimize the risk of the disease but also provided education on how to prevent future outbreaks.

After the hurricane, the ELCA responded by supplying 1,700 families with food, water and hygiene kits. Roofing repair also took place so that families could be kept dry.

The ELCA has pledged a five-year commitment to continued engagement with the Haitian people—as they continue to rebuild their lives, literally from the ground up.



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Jauvalda Francique is three years old and eager to go to school—especially since the school she'll be going to is brand new and her parents helped build it. The school building in Jauvalda's home town of Léogâne in Haiti was nearly destroyed by the earthquake. With help from ELCA Disaster Response, a new school building has risen from the rubble, designed to withstand earthquakes, floods and hurricanes.

Partners in response: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti, Lutheran Church of Haiti and The Lutheran World Federation

Contribution: \$4,318,664.35

Response:

- Food, blankets, mosquito nets, shelter, farming supplies for 8,200 families
- Removal of rubble, rebuilding of roads, construction of community centers
- Chlorine, soap and aquatabs for 13,000 people to combat the spread of cholera
- Community training on how to stop the spread of cholera
- Food, water and hygiene kits to 1,700 families following the hurricane
- Re-roofing of 300 homes



ACT/Maria Havalá