

# Helping the UN Help Haiti

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The UN Foundation  
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## Humanitarian Assistance and Long-term Rebuilding

Two years after a devastating earthquake struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, the UN Foundation continues to support the United Nations in its efforts to help Haitians rebuild. We appreciate the generosity of the thousands of people who stepped up to give to the families in need. In the two years following the quake, we supported the UN's long-term recovery and reconstruction efforts in Haiti through fundraising, strategic communications, and raising awareness.

To date, the UN Foundation has raised close to \$4 million in donations:

- Nearly \$3 million was granted to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to provide food, medicine, water, and shelter following the earthquake, as well as supporting the UN's response to future emergencies like Haiti.
- \$240,000 was granted to the UN Development Program (UNDP) for their Cash-for-Work program, an initiative to offer Haitians temporary jobs to remove rubble and rebuild houses.
- More than \$776,000 was granted to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) for maternal health kits, as well as solar street lights to help keep women and girls safe at night.

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## How has the UN Foundation helped the UN Help Haiti?

**Fundraising for relief and recovery in Haiti**—In April, 2011, Dave “Phoenix” Farrell, a member of the two-time Grammy winning, multiplatinum band Linkin Park, traveled to Haiti with the UN Foundation to see firsthand how the United Nations is helping Haiti rebuild and how Linkin Park’s charity Music for Relief has already helped to protect thousands. Since the earthquake, Linkin Park’s ‘Download to Donate’ for Haiti has raised more than \$300,000 supporting the work of five organizations in Haiti including the UN Foundation.

In February, 2010, AMERICAN IDOL season 8 winner Kris Allen and UN Foundation CEO Kathy Calvin traveled to Haiti to learn about the country’s continuing needs following the earthquake. During an IDOL results show, Allen performed The Beatles’ “Let it Be” and shared footage of his trip to an audience of millions. Allen’s performance was available on iTunes, with all proceeds from downloads going to help the UN’s recovery efforts. American IDOL viewers raised more than \$250,000 which was granted to UNFPA to provide maternal health kits and solar street lights.

**Long-Term Rebuilding and Development Assistance**—The UN Foundation continues to work closely with the United Nations and the donor community to assist the people of Haiti in long-term recovery efforts.

**Health and safety for women and girls**—Even before the earthquake, Haiti was one of the most unsafe places to be a woman. Working with UN agencies and other key partners, the UN Foundation is helping women and girls in Haiti stay safe and healthy, and rebuild their communities. We have already provided \$300,000 for solar-powered street lights to keep women and girls living in camps safe at night. These funds have covered the procurement, installation and one-year’s maintenance for 125 solar-powered lamps in priority areas. The UN Foundation also donated more than \$475,000 to help UNFPA reconstruct ten clinics which provide basic and emergency obstetric, neonatal and reproductive healthcare to over 230,000 women in Haiti.

**Clean and safe cooking solutions**—About 95% of the Haitian population cooks with solid fuel. That’s almost 8.7 million people. In addition to the consequences that charcoal production has on Haiti’s forests, the use of inefficient stoves also negatively impacts the health of its people. Women and children are particularly vulnerable to burns and acute respiratory infections due to exposure to the toxic emissions. The UN Foundation’s Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and its partners – including Culinary Ambassador Chef José Andrés – are committed to working with the Haitian people to create an affordable and accessible market for clean cookstoves and fuels. In 2011, an Alliance partner distributed a total of 2,500 clean cookstoves in Haiti.

**Addressing Energy Poverty**—Haiti faces severe energy poverty. 8 million people in Haiti don’t have access to modern energy. 75% of households are using kerosene lamps, wax candles and, to a much lesser extent, private diesel or gasoline generators. After working together to provide solar street lamps to Haiti, the UN Foundation and Linkin Park’s Music for Relief are teaming up with the UN again through the Power the World Initiative to raise awareness and funds to purchase solar powered light bulbs for Haitian families. For every \$10 donated, Music for Relief will give one solar powered light bulb to a family in Haiti who doesn’t have access to electricity.. The solar light bulbs are renewable energy tools that reduce health and fire risks associated with candles and kerosene.

**Connecting the UN, Donors, and Governments**—In an emergency situation, information flow is vital in order to assist those who need it most. We continue to help the UN inform the world about the ongoing relief efforts through a series of press briefings with senior UN officials in New York, Washington, D.C., and Haiti. Following the quake, the UN Foundation connected UN officials with U.S. government officials to recovery and plan long-term efforts. Our Better World Campaign briefed the Obama Administration, the U.S. Congress, the State Department, and the international donor community to provide updates on the work of the UN and strengthen coordination of aid.

**Getting Financial Support to UN Emergency Operations**—People around the world understand that donating to the UN is one of the surest ways to get help to the people who need it most. Within hours of the earthquake, the UN’s Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) was the first to respond with a grant for \$25 million. To date, CERF has contributed \$38 million which provided food, water, medicines, and more for the people of Haiti. The UN Foundation was proud to support the UN’s quick response by committing \$1 million in the days after the earthquake to help address immediate humanitarian and reconstruction needs.

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