



# PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE



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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities affected by crises and catastrophic events.

Following a disaster, PDA works in partnership with local communities to help meet the basic humanitarian needs of survivors, such as clean water, food, shelter, and medicine.



Paul Jeffrey, ACT

“We are stewards of God’s possibilities. As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) knit together, at our best we affirm and support a vision of wholeness and partnership that strengthens local communities and churches, helping them find God’s possibilities for witness and change in their neighborhoods.”

--Quote by Susan Ryan

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) responds annually to disasters in about 35 countries internationally and about 40 presbyteries in the United States.



Toya Hill, PDA/ACT

PDA enables training in emotional and spiritual care-giving, capacity building, and disaster preparedness and response.

In international disaster response, emergency food supplies are provided during the initial relief stage. In the recovery stage, PDA helps provide training in techniques to improve food security.



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## HOW CAN I HELP?

**Pray** — for the disaster survivors and those working to rebuild lives and communities.

**Give** — generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance general account **DR000148**.

**Stay Informed** — subscribe to the PDA Rapid Information Network PDA-RIN to receive email notices that can be included in church newsletters or bulletins — visit the PDA Web site to subscribe and for updates, situation reports, photos, and mission minutes.

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