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www.rotary.org/FOUNDATION

ADRA; Initial \$25,000 of aid committed. Assessment team evaluating affected area and preparing broader response. Providing food and shelter for train passengers that are stranded in Tokyo. www.adra.org/

AMERICAN RED CROSS; Gifts to the American Red Cross International Relief Fund will support their disaster relief efforts to help those affected by the earthquake in Japan and tsunami throughout the Pacific. www.redcross.org

AMERICARES; Emergency team is on full alert, mobilizing resources and dispatching an emergency response manager to the region. www.americares.org/

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CONVOY OF HOPE; Disaster Response team established connection with in-country partners who have been impacted by the damage and are identifying the needs and areas where Convoy of Hope may be of the greatest assistance. www.convoyofhope.org

DIRECT RELIEF INTERNATIONAL; Emergency response team has mobilized and will continue to monitor the situation worldwide to provide assistance as appropriate and needed in support of the recovery effort. www.directrelief.org

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS; Sent two three-person teams attempting to get to the worst-hit areas in Iwate and Miyagi prefectures. Another 25 MSF medical and logistical staff in Japan are on standby to respond once the situation has been assessed.

www.doctorswithoutborders.org/donate

EFCA; TouchGlobal Crisis Response is in contact with EFCA ReachGlobal staff in Japan assessing the situation to provide relief to those affected by the Japan earthquake and resulting tsunamis. www.efca.org

GLOBALGIVING; Established a fund to disburse donations to organizations providing relief and emergency services to victims of the earthquake and tsunami. www.globalgiving.org

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS; Putting together relief teams, as well as supplies, and are in contact with partners in Japan and other affected countries to assess needs and coordinate our activities. www.internationalmedicalcorps.org

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL; Providing over US\$1.25 million, or 100 million Japanese Yen, for immediate relief. This includes major catastrophe and emergency grant funds as well as designated donations from Lions around the world. LCIF is also monitoring the impact to other Pacific Ocean nations.. www.lionsclubs.org

MERCY CORPS; On behalf of Peace Winds Japan. Mercy Corps is accepting donations to help survivors of Japan's earthquake and tsunami through our long-standing partner, Peace Winds Japan. Your donation will be used to meet immediate and longer-term needs of earthquake survivors. www.mercycorps.org

OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL; Teams are currently staging at the Philippines office, preparing their gear and supplies until they are ready to deploy in the coming days. OBI is

also poised to send medical and humanitarian relief supplies from locations in the U.S.A. either by ship or aircraft, and possibly deploy additional personnel from the Philippines and other locations into the hard-hit area. www.ob.org/

OXFAM USA; Oxfam is poised to respond if disaster strikes vulnerable countries in its path.

www.oxfamamerica.org

SALVATION ARMY; The Salvation Army has been in Japan since 1895 and is currently providing emergency assistance to those in need. www.salvationarmy.org

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SAVE THE CHILDREN; Mobilizing to provide immediate humanitarian relief in the shape of emergency health care and provision of non-food items and shelter. www.savethechildren.org

SHELTERBOX; ShelterBox responds instantly to natural and man-made disasters by delivering boxes of aid to those who are most in need. The box includes a tent for a family of 10, cooker, blankets, water purification, tool kit and other items survivors need to rebuild their lives in the days, weeks and months following a disaster. www.shelterbox.org

WORLD VISION; World Vision staff members are on high alert, preparing to respond. worldvision.org

SHELTERBOX RESPONDING TO JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) is mobilizing after a massive earthquake struck Japan. The earthquake, measuring 8.9 in magnitude, triggered a tsunami that's caused extensive damage. The latest reports coming out of Japan have shown cars, ships and buildings being swept away with waves of up to 10 meters high slamming into the coast. Areas across the Pacific Basin have been put on tsunami alert including Russia, Guam, the Philippines, Taiwan and Hawaii.

ShelterBox Response Team members Lasse Petersen (AU) and Mark Pearson (UK) are heading to Japan and begin ShelterBox's international response. 'The scenes we're seeing are catastrophic,' said Lasse. 'Whole homes are being washed away and our thoughts go out to all the families who are facing this disaster. The epicenter was in Japan so our first team are mobilizing to head there but we continue to watch very closely the path of the tsunami. We're very aware the worst may not be over.'