

HELPING HAITI

The International Red Cross said that up to 3 million people may have been affected by Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti. The biggest need is money. Here's some information from CNN and other reputable organizations offering assistance, along with information for loved ones.

The U.S. State Department has set up a hotline for information on family members who may be in Haiti: 888.407.4747. This number is for information on U.S. citizens in Haiti only.

You can text donations for Haiti relief from your cell phone. In addition to your donation amount, standard text messaging fees will apply. Red Cross: Text HAITI to 90999 (\$10 donation)

Web sites where you can offer money, your time, and other ways to help. (Stations: You may want to post the links you mention on the air on your Web site.)

Providing Basic Needs:

- American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) 1.800.Red.Cross
- CARE (www.care.org) 1.800.521.CARE
- Save The Children (www.savethechildren.org) 1.800.728.3843 or 203.221.4030
- American Jewish World Service (<http://ajws.org>)
- William J. Clinton Foundation (www.clintonfoundation.org)
- World Concern (www.worldconcern.org/haiti-earthquake/)
- Mercy Corps (www.MercyCorps.org)
- U.S. Fund for UNICEF (www.Unicefusa.org) 1.800.4UNICEF
- YELE Haiti founded by Wyclef Jean (www.wfp.org) Text YELE to 501501 to donate \$5

Providing Medical Aid:

- International Medical Corps (www.imcworldwide.org) 1.800.481.4462
- Doctors Without Borders (www.doctorswithoutborders.org) 1.888.392.0392
- Operation USA (www.opusa.org) 1.800.678.7255
- World Health Organization (www.who.int/en)
- AmeriCares (www.AmeriCares.org) 1.800.486.HELP
- Direct Relief (www.directrelief.org) 1.805.964.4767 or 1.800.676.1638
- Christian Global Health organization (www.medicalteams.org) 1.800.959.4327

Providing Food:

- Salvation Army (www.salvationarmyusa.org) 1.800.SAL.ARMY
- World Food Programme (www.wfp.org)
- Food For The Poor (www.foodforthe poor.org)

Providing Shelter:

- Habitat for Humanity International (www.habitat.org)
- Shelterbox (www.shelterbox.org) 941.907.6036

FBI Warns Of Haiti Earthquake Scams

As the world looks for ways to help victims of Haiti's earthquake, the FBI is now warning that there are also con artists looking for ways to scam people by using the tragedy. The FBI says first and foremost, be skeptical when you surf the Internet or your telephone rings from someone claiming they're raising funds for Haiti's disaster. If you think scammers are rare, the FBI said it was suspicious of nearly all of the 4,600 Web sites soliciting money on behalf of Hurricane Katrina victims in 2004. And within an hour of the World Trade Center attacks, scam sites popped up on the Internet. In addition to being skeptical, the FBI says be suspicious and do your homework. Be careful about spam that pops up in your e-mail address book. You might want to check out the Web site www.scambusters.org/charity.html or www.bbb.org/us/charity/ for more information on how to keep from getting scammed.