

Serving Survivors

The United Methodist Response to the Hurricanes of 2005

FAST FACTS

- We're at the two-year mark of a five-year planned response! United Methodist long-term response to the unprecedented wind and water damage from several large hurricanes in 2005—Dennis, Katrina, Rita, Stan, Wilma—has assisted about 60,000 survivors in that time.
- Gifts received for Hurricanes 2005 (UMCOR Advance #982523) are sustaining long-term recovery work in many Annual Conferences, as well as internationally.
- Did you know? Case management is considered the best practice in long-term recovery. Family by family problem solving, with a caring case manager accompanying each family, plus cash assistance, is the core of UMCOR's response in the Gulf Coast.
- Additional funds are disbursed as previous disbursements are spent down.
- In-kind donations—supplies, water, shovels, flood buckets—were distributed from UMCOR Sager Brown, the relief supply depot in Baldwin, Louisiana, in the initial weeks of the emergency and relief phases. These were valued at \$7.6 million. Louisiana Annual Conference, working in the New Orleans area, distributed 88 percent of the shipments.
- Vulnerable farmers in Nicaragua and Guatemala received assistance from UMCOR through our international partners.

Response Timeline: September 2005: emergency grants; October 2005 start-up funds during emergency and relief phases; April 2006 and April 2007, long-term recovery funding.

Response / Partner	Total Committed through April 2008	Total Disbursed as of June 30, 2007	Purposes and Number of People Helped From Inception to June 30, 2007	Total and Partial Rebuilds
Louisiana Annual Conference	\$20,474,389	9,622,891	Direct assistance, rebuilding, case management, initial relief for 16,973 individuals affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita	3,301
Alabama West Florida Annual Conference	2,763,262	1,385,185	Direct assistance, rebuilding, case management, initial relief for 2,571 individuals affected by Hurricanes Dennis and Katrina.	161
Florida Annual Conference	2,148,156	1,553,983	Direct assistance, rebuilding, case management, initial relief for 26,027 survivors of hurricanes Katrina and Wilma	5,400
Mississippi Annual Conference	11,967,353	5,918,372	Direct assistance, rebuilding, case management, initial relief for 6,827 individuals	15,037*
GRACE Community Services, Houston, Texas	4,084,186	1,216,511	Direct assistance, case management, disaster preparedness training for African American communities in Houston	n/a
Texas Annual Conference	4,551,477	2,006,554	Direct assistance, case management, rebuilding, for 4,766	348

			individuals affected by Hurricane Rita	
Other Annual Conferences	336,650	336,650	Direct assistance, case management for Hurricane Katrina survivors displaced to those conferences, serving approximately 2,203 displaced individuals.	n/a
Other UM Institutions	658,806	658,806	Emergency grants to United Methodist institutions destroyed by Hurricane Katrina so they could continue to provide social services to their constituents	
UMCOR Training	393,967	393,967	Training of new case managers to fortify ability to respond to a disaster the magnitude of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Dennis, Wilma.	
Disaster Program Support	1,011,931	292,602	Special ministries such as spiritual and pastoral care, call center set up	
Local Faith-based Case Mgmt. Agencies affiliated with UMCOR	2,300,000	1,987,439	Disaster case management agencies serving special populations. Covers gaps in social service funding. Direct assistance, case management for approximately 4,000 survivors.	
Katrina Aid Today Local Service Agencies (programs ending in October 2007)	5,000,000	4,137,337	Faith-based disaster case management agencies serving localized and special populations, approximately 8,000 survivors. Committed as a good-faith gesture in securing a government grant from FEMA.	
Katrina Aid Today Start-up Costs	70,428	70,428	Grant writing and implementation costs (refunded by grant)	
International Response	1,500,000	920,829	Aid to vulnerable farm families in Nicaragua and Guatemala to restore wells and farmlands destroyed by Hurricane Stan	
UM Social Services Properties	1,000,000	992,437	Rebuilt service agencies serving vulnerable populations, such as children and disabled, in the affected states, and also serving displaced Katrina survivors outside the Gulf states.	
Volunteer Housing	750,000	750,000	Built dormitory housing on UM church sites for the 136,000+ volunteers who have served in the region so far.	
Racism Awareness Training	500,000	250,000	Training for case managers and others in the impact of racism on the communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina.	
Total	59,510,605	32,493,991		
Total Received	66,472,160		Any remaining balance is expected to be approved for additional direct assistance and case management activity at April 2008 UMCOR board directors meeting.	

* Full and partial rebuilds in Mississippi include 2,557 through the Conference Recovery Program and 12,480 homes through local churches that received UMCOR materials or funding outside the Conference system.

Two Kinds of Direct Service

<p>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Help survivors meet financial and material needs</p>	<p>Examples of Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mortgage/Rent Medical costs Utility bills Child/elder care Replacement clothing Building supplies 	<p>CASE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Connect survivors with needed benefits, providers, and services</p>	<p>Examples of Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist survivors with their recovery plans Enrollment in job training Advocacy with insurance companies Referral to housing contractors Advocacy with government agencies for health, shelter, benefits
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