

**New York State Office of Attorney General
Charities Bureau**

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: Church World Service

1. What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?

As of December 20, 2012, Church World Service has donations and pledges of \$328,610.76.

2. Will these funds be used solely for Hurricane Sandy relief? If not, approximately what portion will be used for Hurricane Sandy relief and what other purposes will funds be used for?

A majority of the funds received designated for Hurricane Sandy relief will be used solely for that purpose. The only exception would be the administrative and fund raising costs related to processing some of the solicited donations only (e.g., on-line giving, direct mail, etc.). These administrative and fund raising costs would not exceed 13.9% of the donation.

3. Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?

To date, Church World Service has spent \$105,947.90 of the funds raised for Hurricane Sandy, primarily for purchasing blankets and shipping. In addition, donated material resources provided to date total a value of \$834,892. These material resources include blankets, baby kits, hygiene kits, school kits, and emergency clean-up buckets.

For reference the Church World Service appeal for Hurricane Sandy response in the US totals \$618,000. The budget is as follows:

- \$125,000 for purchasing material resources and shipping
- \$300,000 for emergency response long-term recovery group grants
- \$175,000 for long term recovery group training
- \$18,000 for communications

4. What services has your organization provided to those affected by Hurricane Sandy? What populations or geographical areas are being served by your organization in response to Hurricane Sandy? What services does it expect to provide in the future?

Church World Service Emergency Response Specialists are working with state, regional, and local Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, known as VOADS, and with FEMA, our member denominations and other agencies to determine where CWS and denominations can help and are needed.

Some of the agencies include Long Island Council of Churches, the Long Beach Latino Civic Association, the New York City VOAD, the New York Disaster Interfaith Services, the South East PA VOAD, and other state VOADS.

Church World Service is providing material resources, including blankets, hygiene kits, school kits, baby kits, and clean-up buckets to local agencies in affected states. We are beginning discussions with established and newly forming long-term recovery committees for future training.

The agencies and groups receiving the material resources are: Community Food Bank of NJ (Hillside, NJ); U.S. Army Reserve (Beaver, WV); Nassau County Office of Emergency Management (Bethpage, NY); Adventist Community Services (Bronx, NY); the Long Island Council of Churches (locations on Long Island, NY); Church of God Christian Academy (Far Rockaway, NY); Congregational Church for South Hempstead (South Hempstead, NY); Recovery House of Worship (Brooklyn, NY); Project Hope Charities, Inc. (Jamaica, NY); Catholic Charities (Hicksville, NY); AME Zion Church (Brooklyn, NY); Lehigh County Emergency Management (Allentown, PA); The Salvation Army (Hempstead, NY).

For the future, Church World Service will assist communities in developing long-term recovery plans; providing technical and financial support; and providing on-site long-term recovery training.

5. Has your organization provided funding to other organizations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts? If so, which organizations have received those funds and what is the approximate dollar amount provided to them? How does your organization determine the need for funding?

The funds expended to date relate to the purchase of blankets and shipping costs for the donated material resources. The agencies receiving the material resource shipments are noted above.

Church World Service will be providing long-term recovery group grants moving forward. The grant proposal process and criteria will be provided to the long-term recovery groups and agencies. The approval of the grants will be based upon meeting the criteria and available funding. The plan is to provide 60 grants of \$5,000 each.

6. Has your organization provided, or does it intend to provide direct financial assistance to individuals, families, or businesses for Hurricane Sandy relief? If so, what is the approximate dollar amount that your organization has provided to date and approximately how much direct financial assistance does it expect to provide in the future? How does organization determine the need for assistance?

Church World Service is not planning to provide direct financial assistance to individuals, families, or businesses.

- 7. Does your organization have a plan in place on how to use any surplus funds not spent for Hurricane Sandy relief? If so, please describe that plan.**

Church World Service would expect to spend any funds provided for Hurricane Sandy relief for that purpose.

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