

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

Hurricane Sandy Relief Information

Name of Organization: Direct Relief International – In the US, Direct Relief provides support to over 1,000 nonprofit community clinics and health centers in all 50 states and Washington D.C. by providing them with medicines and medical supplies for their low-income and uninsured patients.

1.	What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to Hurricane Sandy?
	\$1,722,438
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?
	Yes, all funds will be used solely for Hurricane Sandy relief.
3.	Approximately how much has your organization spent to date on Hurricane Sandy relief?
	\$289,902
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?
	<p>Direct Relief has committed \$1 million in cash and made its entire inventory of medications and supplies worth \$25 million available for Sandy relief.</p> <p>Direct Relief is providing medicines, medical supplies, and personal care items to health facilities and organizations that serve people affected by the storm and most vulnerable to its effects in Haiti, and in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. As part of Direct Relief’s Hurricane Preparedness Program, essential medicine and medical supplies were already pre-positioned in Haiti and in the United States. To date, Direct Relief has provided an additional 34 emergency deliveries of medicines and supplies valued at \$760,000 and weighing over 26,000 lbs. to 19 safety-net health centers and clinics in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Shipments have included Tdap vaccine, nutritionals, respiratory supplies, and diabetes medications and supplies (including insulin, test strips, meters, and glucose tablets).</p>

Direct Relief has also joined with the [National Association of Community Health Centers \(NACHC\)](#) and established a special fund to support the patients of nonprofit health centers and clinics in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. (amounts contributed this fund are included in the numbers in Section 1 above) To date, \$250,000 has been granted to The Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center network of clinics in New York, New York, to support three clinics in Red Hook and the Rockaways. As the needs become clearer and with input from NACHC and the State Primary Care Associations, further grants to nonprofit clinics and health centers are planned in the first quarter of 2013.

Direct Relief, the only U.S. nonprofit organization licensed to distribute prescription medications in all 50 states, has been supporting health providers in Haiti since 1964 and in New York and New Jersey since 2007.

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 Joseph P. Addabbo Family Center received a \$250,000 grant after suffering catastrophic damages caused by Hurricane Sandy to three of their community health centers, two in the Rockaways and one in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Nonprofit clinics and health centers are invited to apply for a grant from the Sandy Safety Net Fund, a charitable endeavor established in collaboration between Direct Relief and the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). Applicants go through a vetting process and site visits to determine the need for the funds requested.

Contributions to this fund are restricted and used only on activities to assist communities affected by Hurricane Sandy as jointly determined by the two organizations.

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 your organization determine the need for assistance?

No, Direct Relief has not and does not intend 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.

All funds raised for Hurricane Sandy relief will support organizations and health centers providing medical and health services to the affected populations.

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Name and title of representative

Date

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