



ALERT No. 8 Earthquake in Haiti

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How to Ship to Haiti

Transportation of commodities to Haiti is a topic of concern for most NGOs. Recently, we participated in a Rebuild Haiti/ USAID conference call focused on the subject of transportation. In this call, valuable information was given on what are the best ways to arrange transportation. It appears that finding information on this is a topic is scarce.

The main ways one can arrange for the transportation of aid is summed up as the “Three Ps”

1. Pay – Paying for transportation is the quickest and easiest form of shipping aid.
2. Partner – Partnering with another organization can help reduce the cost of the shipment. Keep in mind that **AmericasRelief Team** helps NGOs find transportation for their humanitarian aid. We also bring our partners together for this purpose.
3. Post - You can visit the www.usaid.gov/Haiti website and register. Through this portal, you will be able to post your organization's needs and will be matched with donors that fit with your need.

AmericasRelief Team has created a Logistics/Transportation Guide to help NGOs reference the critical components of shipping humanitarian aid to the crisis region. Visit the following link to obtain or download the **AmericasRelief Team** Logistics/Transportation Guide:

<http://americasrelief.org/pdf/LogisticsTransportationGuide%28Edit%203%29100224.pdf>

When making arrangements for sending humanitarian aid, it's good to apply and consider these key points:

- While receiving monetary donations to ship aid, allow room in the budget to cover the costs associated with transportation of commodities and distribution on the ground.
- Partnering with other organizations can help avoid bottle neck affect. This will create less clogging in the delivery system.
- Take into consideration what items are being sent and to whom they are for. By doing research, you can avoid sending items that may be considered culturally insensitive or irrelevant.
- Try to send items that will help the recovery of local economy.

- Make sure you have a consignee or partner on the ground that is able to receive and distribute aid. Often, materials go unclaimed due to lack of planning in this area. Don't allow your efforts to be in vain.
- Think ahead by making arrangements with customs for clearance or duty.

How Do We Work?

AmericasRelief Team works together in a coordinated basis with the governments of the Caribbean country, the U.S. government, donating corporations, air & sea cargo carriers, logistics companies, non-governmental experts and others to assess damage when disaster strikes, and then effectively channel strategic emergency relief to the most affected areas.

OUR MEDIA PARTNERS



We are proud of our media partnership; created to give South Floridians an opportunity to reach out and help those who have been directly affected by catastrophic events.



AmericasRelief Team

AmericasRelief Team is a Florida private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters.

AmericasRelief Team reacts to immediate crisis, provides ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief.

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