



Communiqué

CDF Haiti Relief Fund reaches \$180,000 - Thank you!

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[The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada's \(CDF\)](#) relief efforts launched in the wake of the January 12th earthquake in Haiti has raised \$180,000 for the Haiti Relief Fund. Thank you for your support!

In partnership with the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU), the funds will be used to finance the rebuilding of Haiti's credit unions so they can assist members and support local relief efforts.

"I am grateful for the response by CDF's donors from across Canada. In supporting CDF's partnership with WOCCU for the Haiti Relief Fund we demonstrated the strength of co-operation among co-operatives and the concern for community on a global level," said Wayne McLeod, CDF President.

Canadian co-operative and credit union support has helped WOCCU reach the one million dollar milestone.

"The fact that so many individuals, credit unions and credit union organizations have responded to our call illustrates the compassion and unity found within our movement," said Pete Crear, WOCCU president and CEO. "We are honored and humbled to be able to help the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere begin its rebuilding efforts after suffering such a terrible disaster."

WOCCU staff is currently working with credit unions, credit union leagues and the national regulator to provide short-term emergency relief in the form of food, water and tents in Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince as well as in Léogâne. Efforts also are underway to research possibilities for establishing a credit union-to-credit union remittance network to allow Haitians living abroad to cost effectively send money to friends and relatives back home. A WOCCU team is developing a long-term plan for rebuilding damaged credit unions.

While CDF is no longer accepting donations towards the Haiti Relief Fund, please check the CDF website for updates. You can still donate directly towards [WOCCU's Haiti Relief Fund](#).

[The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada's \(CDF\)](#) is the charity of choice for Canadian co-ops and credit unions. CDF raises money to support the development of co-operatives and credit unions in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Co-operatives and credit unions have proven to be effective tools in helping poor people work their way out of poverty. The money raised by CDF is primarily used by the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA), in its efforts to reduce poverty in more than 20 countries around the world. CCA is a national association representing co-operatives in Canada.