

5 stages of DISASTER RECOVERY



1 SEARCH & RESCUE

Initial search and rescue can last hours or even days.

The time immediately following the event requires a fast response in order to save lives in imminent danger. Within a few days, that phase usually passes and the work turns toward providing support to the survivors.

In the case of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the search and rescue phase stretched out for weeks.



146,835

volunteers were deployed by UMCOR in 2012.

2 EMERGENCY RELIEF

Meeting basic needs simply to keep people alive, the emergency relief phase begins in the immediate aftermath of a disastrous event.



People need food, water, shelter and medicines. Emergency relief can go on for a very long time or can end fairly quickly.

In Haiti, the relief phase following the 2010 earthquake lasted for most people well into the second year.

389,307 KITS DISTRIBUTED to 34 points (17 within the U.S., 17 outside the U.S.)



3,100

ERTs trained in 2012 by UMCOR

7 TYPES OF KITS



HEALTH



SEWING



LAYETTE



CLEANING



BEDDING



BIRTHING



SCHOOL

3 EARLY RECOVERY

In recovery, the affected population is in a more stable period of transition.

The timeline for how quickly a particular community follows this path may depend on its initial vulnerability, access to resources, adaptability and other considerations.

People have a place to get food and water and a temporary or transitional shelter that can withstand wind and rain. They can go about their daily lives, beginning to resume some kind of normal existence.

4 RECOVERY MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM

As permanent housing is being rebuilt, the social fabric of communities is strengthened.

During medium to long-term recovery, the work of building permanent physical structures to replace tents, trailers or plywood houses begins, as does restoration of social structures.

Adults have renewed opportunities to improve their livelihoods and restore their family economies.

5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community development is a means of improving on the "normal."



Development is a priority for UMCOR, and remaining in an area after a disaster provides opportunities for important long-term engagement.

Community development is the phase in which we focus on making daily life better for marginalized or vulnerable communities in which people are surviving but not thriving.

UMCOR works directly with affected communities to identify priority needs and to determine how and when to become involved.



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