



**Oggetto: Earthquake in Central Italy Italian Red  
Cross**

Attn. Global Giving

Dears,

I want to express the gratitude of the Italian Red Cross for your generous contribution you decided to give us, and for the help you wanted to give, through us, to the people who were affected by the earthquake in Central Italy.

Several months have passed since the severe earthquake which have occurred in Central Italy between August and January.

Since August the Italian Red Cross remains active on the territory with its volunteers, operators, vehicles and facilities. From below our project and fundraising macro- areas in this emergency:

- **Health and psychological care, socially useful services (elders, children, disabled people)**
- **Strengthening of the civil protection structure, creation of temporary facilities of public utility**
- **Support to economic activities, local development in the long term**
- **Specific programs and activities for vulnerable groups, strengthening of local resilience to natural disasters, training and capacity building**

A constant presence since the first stage of the emergency. In all four Regions hit by the earthquake responded 5.500 volunteers and rescuers, more than 2.000 vehicles. The meals taken up by Italian Red Cross in the field kitchen are more than 145.000.

The winter period was really intense because of, in addition to the earthquake emergency, there was the cold - weather emergency with heavy frosts and snowfall. The volunteers and the IRC rescuers were not stopped by the difficulties and they just kept assisting people who needs help. In this phase was essential the work of psychological support (fundamental for the people hit by the earthquake but also for the rescuers).

The Italian Red Cross, in particular the Earthquake Unit, is working on projects with the aim of rebuild the facilities but also the social and economic tissue, according to local Institutions and IRC Local Committees.

From this perspective the project "Health Posts" has been carried out through the allocation of 23 health posts on reviving primary healthcare services in the hit areas.

In this course of action takes place the health care Center of Cascia (PG) and the support for farmers thanks to provision of 100 hay-bale. The IRC is also engaged to build up a network to meet the population needs, examples of these are the multi-purpose Centres that will be carried out in Amatrice and Muccia.

Support the Red Cross not only means build together relevant human and social projects, but also contribute to the existence of the largest humanitarian organization in the world, giving it the strength to immediately be present wherever and whenever needed.

Renewing my gratitude for your gesture, I am sure we could have your support even in the future.

Sincerely

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