

## DONATE TO SUSTAINABLE DISASTER RECOVERY IN HAITI

On 12<sup>th</sup>, January 2010 a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck 15 km outside Port-au-Prince. The earthquake killed in excess of 250,000 people and left more than 1.3 million homeless. European Disaster Volunteers (EDV) is responding to this devastating earthquake by launching a community based disaster recovery programme in Port-au-Prince.

EDV is a volunteer driven registered charity which aids disaster affected communities worldwide by helping them achieve sustainable recovery. Although our origins are European, our approach is global - we welcome volunteers and donors regardless of nationality.

Our programme in Haiti will aim to do more than simply provide relief to earthquake survivors. It will centre on community based, survivor directed recovery. The programme's ultimate aim will be to foster more self-sufficient communities and give survivors the tools they need to meet their own needs.

We're currently active on the ground in Port-au-Prince pursuing the set-up phase of our programme. During this phase we're focusing on building community relationships and developing projects in close partnership with survivors.



*The remains of a church in Port-au-Prince*



*This little girl, Cynthia, visits the orphanage where EDV has already begun working. She lives in a near-by camp*

Because EDV is run almost entirely by volunteers our overhead is very low, allowing your donation to go directly to those who need it most.

If you'd like to support community based disaster recovery in Haiti, please visit [www.edvolunteers.org/donate](http://www.edvolunteers.org/donate). You can also view EDV's management accounts by following the same link if you're wondering how we're using your donation.

If you have questions, or would prefer not to give online, please email [funding@europeandisastervolunteers.org](mailto:funding@europeandisastervolunteers.org). We'd be happy to provide whatever information you require.

You can keep up with EDV's activities on the ground by following EDV on twitter ([www.twitter.com/edvmedia](http://www.twitter.com/edvmedia)) or by emailing [media@europeandisastervolunteers.org](mailto:media@europeandisastervolunteers.org) so that you can start receiving EDV's newsletter.

Thank you so much for considering supporting community based disaster recovery in Haiti, and please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have questions.



*Legal Information:* EDV's Haiti Disaster Recovery Fund will cover near future disaster recovery programmes in Haiti.

In the unlikely event that EDV fails to raise enough money to continue projects in Haiti, EDV will use funds raised to help us prepare for and respond to other future humanitarian disasters around the world. If more money than can be reasonably and efficiently spent in Haiti is raised, surplus funds will be used to help EDV prepare for and respond to other humanitarian disasters around the world.

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