

SHINE/CDRS

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Program Overview

Comprehensive Disaster Response Services (CDRS) is a project of Sustainable Healthcare Initiatives Now Empowering (SHINE) based in California, USA. CDRS is dedicated to providing quick, efficient and compassionate medical and humanitarian relief and disaster recovery operations. As a small but nimble non-profit organization, CDRS is able to act swiftly to mobilize volunteers and set up direct relief operations in disaster zones. CDRS is led by Todd Shea, the Executive Director, who has extensive prior experience of providing emergency relief in New York, New Orleans, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and now Haiti. CDRS is also operating healthcare clinics in rural Pakistan and has cared for over 345,000 patients since the devastating 2005 earthquake.

CDRS's Efforts in Haiti

Todd Shea and a small team of volunteers are already in Haiti working to provide humanitarian relief on behalf of SHINE/CDRS by establishing supply lines and coordinating the deployment of aid via the Dominican Republic.

CDRS has set up a staging area at Croix De Bouqueis (45 minutes east of Port Au Prince). This staging area is being used to channel relief goods and healthcare services to people in the eastern and northern parts of the city, as well as to assist people who are fleeing eastward and northward away from the city.

CDRS is also beginning work on setting up 10 Urgent Care Centers. These facilities will serve as outpatient clinics, with established referral lines to hospitals and to the US hospital ships, so that the most serious patients are first stabilized and then transported. CDRS will place volunteer doctors, nurses and support staff at each of these facilities and ensure the teams are well looked after and safe. In addition, we are in close contact with partner healthcare agencies on the ground and are able to fill manpower and resource gaps at surrounding field hospitals.

CDRS's Funding Needs

CDRS requires approximately US\$186,000 in funding over an anticipated six week period to maintain supply lines between the Dominican Republic and Haiti, run the 10 Urgent Care Centers. To operate the supply lines, funds are needed to pay for drivers, truck rentals, fuel, and warehouses. CDRS is also looking to rent compounds for the 10 Urgent Care Centers, to staff them (with a combination of paid staff and volunteers), and to provide them with medical equipment, supplies and utilities.

Partner Agencies

For the Haiti disaster relief project, SHINE/CDRS is coordinating with World Outreach (which supports schools and churches in Haiti), Global Giving, NYC Medics, and IMANA. CDRS is also working with the U.S. State Department (in Washington, DC and the U.S. Embassy in Santa Domingo) and Partners In Heath.

Table of Funding Needs

Description (In US Dollars)	Weekly Expense	Total for 6 wk deployment
Personnel •Drivers & Support Staff •Local Doctors	2,500 1,500	15,000 9,000
Transport •Fuel •Vehicle rental •Vehicle misc.	1,200 2,500 500	7,200 15,000 3,000
Facility Rentals • Warehouse storage	1,000	6,000
Materials • Food, water and supplies for CDRS Team	1,300	7,800
Aid and Donations • Medical Supplies • Water	8,000 2,500	48,000 15,000
Accommodations • Lodging Rental in Dominican Republic • Lodging rental in Haiti	500 1,000	3,000 6,000
Communications	1,000	6,000
Misc.	7,500	45,000
Total	31,000	186,000