



# Supporting Communities When Disaster Strikes

**World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) provides these services to community organizations in the days, months, and years after a disaster.**

## **Early Assessment**

In the days and weeks immediately following a disaster, trained volunteers provide spiritual care to survivors, network with other responding organizations, develop relationships with community leaders, and gather information to plan longer term support.

## **Clean-up and Debris Removal**

Volunteers help by mucking out flooded homes, removing downed trees, completing minor repairs, and tarping roofs after a disaster.

## **Unmet Needs Assessment**

An Unmet Needs Assessment is the process of conducting a community-wide survey to identify vulnerable survivors who need help with recovery, generally five to twelve months after a disaster. This information is then used by the local recovery group to walk alongside the identified survivors, connecting them with needed resources and support in their community.

## Organizational Capacity Building

Trained volunteers provide advice and guidance to local recovery groups, equipping them to expand their ability to help the disaster survivors in their communities over the long term.

## Reconstruction

There are three different approaches for home reconstruction.

- **Long-term Site:** World Renew DRS makes a long-term commitment to a community to send back-to-back teams of skilled volunteers for up to nine months at a time. World Renew DRS provides volunteer leaders, construction coordination, and labor as well as the volunteer housing. Volunteers give one to three weeks of their time. The local recovery group provides the materials and case management.
- **Group Trips:** Intermittent groups of volunteers from churches, schools, families or businesses spend a week repairing homes under the direction of a local recovery group who coordinates work projects and tools and materials for the group. Volunteer housing varies but could be in a community center, church, a camp, etc.
- **Facilitated Site:** World Renew DRS makes a commitment to send back-to-back groups of week-long volunteers for two to four months to one community to repair homes. A World Renew DRS site leader coordinates the work projects, tools, and materials for the group. World Renew DRS also sets up housing for the volunteer groups. The local recovery group provides the materials and case management.

## Construction Estimating

Trained volunteers make personal visits to homes to determine appropriate materials, skills and time required for repair and construction. This information is then provided to the local recovery group to use for planning the recovery process and repairing homes.

## Mission of World Renew DRS

- To show God's love and bring hope to disaster-impacted communities in North America by restoring the homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable,
- To help communities build their capacity to prepare for and recover from disaster, and
- To provide opportunities for Christians to honor the Lord by using their time, talents and financial resources in service to others.

World Renew DRS carries out its mission through services at every stage of recovery, in partnership with other organizations and volunteers.

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