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Relief to Haiti quake victims

Irish donations to aid agencies top €21 million

Dóchas, the umbrella organisation of Ireland's overseas development organisations, today revealed that donations to relief efforts in Haiti are being supported generously by people in Ireland.

Figures released by Dóchas show that donations to aid agencies are exceeding €21 million.

"The horrific events in Haiti and Chile have not gone unnoticed in Ireland. Despite recent calls that charity supposedly begins - and ends - at home, the people of Ireland have once again shown tremendous generosity in the face of human suffering," said Hans Zomer, Director of Dóchas.

"In the weeks since the 12 January earthquake, the Irish public have donated over €21 million to aid agencies working in Haiti. In addition, the Government has made some €3 million available to programmes to help the people affected by this enormous disaster" continued Zomer.

A Dóchas survey of NGOs in Ireland shows that, collectively, they have received over €21 million. This number is set to rise in the coming weeks, as donations continue to come in.

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NOTES FOR THE EDITOR

1. On 18 February the United Nations launched its largest ever humanitarian appeal of \$1.44 billion (€1.05 billion) to assist Haitians on the road to reconstruction.
2. Several Dóchas member organisations are working to provide humanitarian assistance in Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake. These include:
 - [ActionAid Ireland](#)

- [CBM Ireland](#)
- [Christian Aid Ireland](#)
- [Concern](#)
- [Gorta](#)
- [Irish Red Cross](#)
- [Oxfam Ireland](#)
- [Plan Ireland](#)
- [Trócaire](#)
- [World Vision Ireland](#)

Other NGOs working in Haiti include:

- [Goal](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [Haven](#)
- [Médecins Sans Frontières](#)
- [Tearfund Ireland](#)
- [Unicef Ireland](#)

3. NGO representatives have indicated that thanks to the public's generosity their short-term emergency relief work in Haiti is now funded, but that donations for Haiti are still desperately needed, as these will go towards the essential work of helping Haitians to recover and rebuild their lives in the months and years ahead.
4. Dóchas member organisations have developed a dedicated information website, outlining the key principles of effective disaster relief. The web address for this website is www.HowYouCanHelp.ie
5. Dóchas has a 2-page briefing paper on disaster relief: See http://www.dochas.ie/Shared/Files/2/Emergencies_Helping_People_Back_from_the_Brink.pdf
6. In January, Dóchas produced a detailed [briefing](#) on how Irish aid agencies respond.

Dóchas is the association of Irish Non-Governmental Development Organisations. It provides a forum for consultation and cooperation between its 43 members, and helps them speak with a single voice on development issues.

For more information, visit: www.dochas.ie

Dóchas Member Agencies

1. ActionAid Ireland
2. Action from Ireland
3. Africa Centre
4. Aidlink
5. Amnesty International-Irish Section
6. Bóthar
7. Camara

8. Centre for Global Education
9. ChildFund Ireland
10. Children in Crossfire
11. Christian Aid Ireland
12. Christian Blind Mission Ireland
13. Church Mission Society Ireland
14. Comhlámh
15. Concern Worldwide
16. Friends of Londiani (Ireland)
17. Galway One World Centre
18. Gorta
19. International Service Ireland
20. Irish League of Credit Unions Foundation
21. Irish Commission for Justice and Social Affairs
22. Irish Council for International Students
23. Irish Family Planning Association
24. Irish Foundation for Cooperative Development
25. Irish Missionary Union
26. Irish Red Cross
27. Kerry Action for Development Education
28. National Youth Council of Ireland
29. Oxfam Ireland
30. Plan Ireland
31. Progressio Ireland
32. Self Help Africa
33. SightSavers International
34. Skillshare International Ireland
35. Suas Educational Development
36. The Hope Foundation
37. Trócaire
38. Vita
39. Voluntary Service International
40. Voluntary Service Overseas
41. Volunteer Missionary Movement
42. War on Want Northern Ireland
43. World Vision Ireland