HURRICANE IDA RESPONSE & RELIEF

Hurricane Ida is the first hurricane to have a significant impact in 2021. Unfortunately, it is affecting Louisiana, a state that was not only hard hit by several hurricanes last year but has also been one of the hardest-hit states per capita with COVID-19. The following is a list of nonprofit agencies that are actively providing services to impacted communities, as well as those who will be supporting the long process of recovery and rebuilding. Even as damage estimates continue to come in, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and other states face years of recovery due to damages from high winds, rain, and flooding as a result of Ida.

The following nonprofit agencies are on the ground throughout the Gulf region, providing immediate response to affected communities, as well as preparing to provide support to those areas who have been impacted as they begin the long process of rebuilding and recovery.

AIRLINK

- Airlink works with aviation and logistics partners to transport relief workers and emergency supplies of reputable non-governmental organizations (NGOs) responding to disasters. Airlink has already coordinated flights with United Airlines for Operation BBQ Relief to support feeding efforts in Louisiana.

ALL HANDS AND HEARTS

- All Hands and Hearts stationed their Disaster Assessment Response Team (DART) in Beaumont, Texas on August 27th in preparation for Hurricane Ida, with plans to move towards the impacted areas to assess the damage and response needs once the storm has cleared. They anticipate the initial need to include chainsaw work, roof tarping, mucking and gutting, and mold sanitizing.

*ANOTHER GULF IS POSSIBLE

- Another Gulf is Possible Collaborative is a women-of-color-led, grassroots collaborative of eleven members from Brownsville, Texas, to Pensacola, Florida. They will distribute donations directly to indigenous, black, and brown frontline folks impacted by Hurricane Ida and groups who currently don’t have online donations capacity, as well as directly to individual families impacted by the storm. (BIPOC-led organization)

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CAJUN NAVY RELIEF

- Founded in 2016, the group of volunteers has assisted in numerous rescue operations over land and water and is on the ground in Louisiana supporting Hurricane Ida rescue efforts and providing basic supplies.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ACADIANA

- Catholic Charities of Acadiana is deploying staff, assets, volunteer teams, and other resources to directly support the most affected areas in South Louisiana.

CULTURE AID NOLA

- Culture Aid provides no-barrier, free food distribution, and information dissemination to New Orleans populations and will be supporting World Central Kitchen cooking in NOLA (and possibly helping in Lafayette) as well as up multiple food distribution sites throughout the city. They will be staffing the convention center for any evacuees.

*FEED THE SECOND LINE

- Last year, the Krewe of Red Beans created Feed the Second Line in order to help create a stronger safety net for New Orleans culture. Under normal times, that meant access to gig-work and buying groceries for culture bearers. However, during this current disaster, their services have shifted to assist culture bearers and their families in recovering and rebuilding from Hurricane Ida. (BIPOC-led organization)

*IMAGE WATER WORKS

- The Mutual Aid Response Network is a group of Louisiana residents, led by Imagine Water Works, that activates during floods, storms, and other natural and manmade disasters. All donations to this fund will support relief and recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Ida, as well as essential preparation for the rest of hurricane season. (BIPOC-led organization)

NEW ORLEANS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- New Orleans Habitat for Humanity is committed to helping residents rebuild and repair homes damaged by the storm.

SAMARITAN’S PURSE

- Samaritan’s Purse has one Disaster Relief Unit staged in Alabama that is prepared to go in from the east and another standing by in Texas, potentially coming in from the west.

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SAVE THE CHILDREN

- Save the Children’s emergency response team mobilized to meet the most urgent needs of children living in areas hardest hit by Hurricane Ida. They prepositioned critical supplies before the storm and stand ready to provide essential items to help affected families care for their children. Emergency Response staff coordinate with national and state partners to assess immediate needs and collaborate with local education partners in Louisiana and Mississippi to help restore child care and early learning centers that might be affected by the storm.

SBP (FORMERLY ST. BERNARD PROJECT)

- SBP, headquartered in New Orleans, has a Disaster Corps positioned to respond immediately to provide boots-on-the-ground recovery assistance. SBP seeks to rebuild homes quickly after disasters by mobilizing private sector innovations and assigning a single point of contact to make the home rebuilding process faster and more predictable.

SECOND HARVEST OF NEW ORLEANS AND ACADIANA

- Post-storm, Second Harvest provides numerous feeding programs and distributions to support impacted communities. Every $1 donated helps Second Harvest provide four meals to someone in need.

TEAM RUBICON

- Team Rubicon is an international disaster response nonprofit that unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to provide relief to communities in need rapidly. Activities will include route clearance, debris removal, and clean-up in the immediate phase and then will set up a response once the storm has passed.

*THE PARTNERSHIP FOR INCLUSIVE DISASTER STRATEGIES

- The Disability & Disaster Hotline provides information, referrals, guidance, technical assistance, and resources to people with disabilities, their families, allies, organizations assisting disaster impacted individuals with disabilities and others seeking assistance with immediate and urgent disaster-related needs. *(BIPOC-led organization)*

WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

- By partnering with organizations on the ground and activating a network of food trucks and emergency kitchens, WCK provides freshly made, nutritious meals to survivors of disasters quickly and effectively. Prepare fresh meals, never pre-packaged, made with locally sourced proteins and vegetables. WCK was very active in New Orleans (NOLA) during COVID-19 and developed an extensive network of food service relationships. They will begin with programs in Lafayette and NOLA.

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