

Since 1998, IRD has responded to some of the most complex and difficult disasters around the world, whether they are natural, such as floods or earthquakes, or human-caused, such as violent conflict. Here in the United States, IRD has helped thousands of people, both those who are forced from their homes and those who are able to stay, with programs that respond to their urgent needs.



IRD is a charitable, non-profit, non-governmental organization that focuses its operations in regions of the world that present social, political, and technical challenges, and is a specialist in conflict and post-conflict settings. IRD's mission is to reduce the suffering of the world's most vulnerable groups and provide tools and resources needed to increase their self-sufficiency. IRD has current operations in more than 30 countries in six core sectors: democracy, governance, and community development; economic growth and trade; sustainable food and agriculture systems; health; infrastructure; and relief.



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# Domestic Relief Activities



## Housing

Appropriate shelter is one of the basic needs for families forced from their homes. IRD has provided emergency housing assistance around the world in the wake of many different kinds of disasters, from the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, to conflict in the Republic of Georgia in 2008, and Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav in 2005 and 2008, respectively.

In each case, we provide the supplies and work with the communities to provide the labor. We restore the repairable homes and help people return to their neighborhoods. The long-term goal in working with these devastated communities is to “build back better” – to improve conditions for residents beyond the level that existed before the disaster.



## Case Management

IRD is a leading organization in providing critical case management services to survivors of Hurricane Katrina along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our trained staff members have the experience to help those in need navigate the various government assistance programs, working with them through the entire process.

IRD's Gulf Coast Community Services Center (GCSC) helps address the needs of the survivors in the greater Mississippi Gulf Coast tri-county region through ongoing case management and community mobilization efforts. The GCSC provides free legal assistance, financial management advice, and counseling, as well as offering job and small business training opportunities. We are also developing an advanced case management training program as a resource to other social service providers in the region.

IRD is dedicated to remain in communities, aiding clients both globally and domestically in the pursuit of resources to meet their needs. Since Hurricane Katrina hit, we have provided over \$4 million in recovery assistance.



## Gifts in Kind

Since 1998, IRD has delivered thousands of tons of food, medicines, and health and educational supplies worth hundreds of millions of dollars to people in urgent need around the world. For example, IRD relief teams were hard at work in Gulfport, Mississippi, just three days after Hurricane Katrina struck. IRD worked with partner organizations to deliver and distribute more than \$850,000 worth of relief supplies, hygiene goods, and household items to Mississippi and Louisiana.

When disaster hits, IRD teams quickly identify the items urgently needed. We tap into our extensive network of corporate, faith-based, non-profit, and government partners to rapidly acquire these items, whether they are blankets or baby bottles, antibiotics or axes. IRD then establishes receiving and distribution centers to ensure that these supplies get to those who need them most.

