

Since 1998, IRD has responded in some of the most complex and difficult places, often in the immediate aftermath of disasters, whether they are natural, such as floods or earthquakes, or human-caused, such as violent conflict. IRD has helped millions of people over the years, both those who are forced from their homes and those who are able to stay, with appropriate humanitarian assistance 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 public-private partnerships; sustainable food and agriculture systems; health; infrastructure; and relief.



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Relief Activities



Emergency Food and Non-Food Supplies

IRD's first program, in 1998, was to deliver emergency medical supplies to internally displaced people in Georgia. Since then, IRD has delivered thousands of tons of food and supplies to people in urgent need around the world. For example, IRD was able to deliver medical supplies to the survivors of the 2006 Jogjakarta, Indonesia, earthquake within hours. IRD relief teams were hard at work in Gulfport, Mississippi, just three days after Hurricane Katrina struck.

Emergency Shelter

Appropriate shelter is one of the basic needs for families forced from their homes. After the conflict with Russian forces in 2008, many Georgian families relocated to old public buildings like schools that were not equipped to house people. IRD is helping the Georgian government rehabilitate facilities housing displaced people, upgrading plumbing and electrical systems and constructing privacy partitions.

Water and Sanitation Systems

Nearly every year, floods inundate the Zambezi River valley in Mozambique. IRD has led NGO efforts to provide emergency water and sanitation for flood-affected people, constructing latrines and training health activists to educate people about safe hygiene. As a long-term solution for coping with cyclical flooding and drought, IRD is working with communities both in Mozambique and Swaziland to develop water catchment systems.

Urgent Health Care

Health often suffers during an emergency situation, whether from injury, disease, or malnutrition. IRD's Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq program has rehabilitated health clinics and benefitted more than 2 million internally displaced people in camps across that country, as well as addressing other needs such as income generation. In Ukraine, IRD provided emergency medical equipment in response to a devastating series of coal mine explosions in 2007.

Case Management and Relocation Assistance

After the immediate danger of an emergency has passed, families often need help to return home and start their lives again. For example, IRD is helping farmers in Chad return after the conflict in neighboring Darfur spilled across the border. And we continue to work with families who lost their homes in Hurricane Katrina, helping them navigate the various government assistance programs.

