

HAITIAN RELIEF: WHAT TO DO AND HOW . . .

The urgency of Haitian relief is not news to our readers. The exact course of action that will turn your sympathy and good intentions into action with effective purchase on the ground in that beleaguered Caribbean island is another thing – perhaps not so obvious but of unique moral import. Assistance in kind is not practicable logistically. A boost in cash funding is readily accomplished by concerned U.S. residents and is squarely on the mark in its effectiveness!

Aid by the U.S. and other governments is destined – necessarily -- to pull most of the weight in the larger effort, but dilatory, parsimonious follow-through are part of the expected official performance, and, worse, the abandonment of pledges uttered in the flush of charitable emotion are par for the governmental course. You, on the other hand – our individual readers and friends -- are neither dilatory, parsimonious, nor forgetful of promises. You can make an effective internet or mailed contribution from your own house or office on the spot! We hope you will follow through in the next day or two!

HERE ARE FOUR OF THE INTERNET LINKS TO ORGANIZATIONS FUNNELING CRUCIALLY NEEDED FUNDS FOR RELIEF OF THE HAITIAN POPULATION. There are, of course, many others, and a quick search by internet will disclose a long list. It is a cause of singular magnitude and of an importance not encountered every year or even every decade. Besides the massing of funding for holding this precariously existing community of survivors together in the short run, further funding and much careful thought and planning is the order of the day for the medium to long-run work of building a viable functioning polity on the ruins. Of that, more in the next few months . . .

www.worldvision.org (four donation tracks)

www.redcross.org

www.clintonbushhaitifund.org

www.supportunicef.org