

RESPONDING TO A DISASTER: THE 3 STAGES OF RESPONSE*

When a disaster strikes, ARDF connects parishes with the needed resources to bring the love of Jesus effectively and efficiently to their communities. As Anglicans in disaster response, we turn chaos into compassion, assisting families to find their “new normal” in times of disaster.

There are 3 stages to any disaster and 4 components in each stage.

Stage 1 - First Response. When a disaster strikes, First Responders provide search and rescue activities for public safety in which congregations do not engage.

Stage 2 - Emergency Relief. Congregations engage with the community to provide spiritual care, distribution of emergency relief supplies, meals, and coordination of debris removal. Parishes may establish volunteer housing and showers for volunteer disaster response teams. The first steps of case management are initiated during Emergency Relief.

Stage 3 - Long Term Recovery. Long Term Recovery includes the repair and rebuilding of family homes, providing spiritual care, volunteer coordination and donations management. The local parish provides case management of recovery projects.

The 4 components incorporated in the above 3 stages are: **spiritual care, volunteer coordination, donations management, and case management.**

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