

Assistance to countries dealing with the aftermath of a natural disaster in the last 3 years

“I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, data about the aid packages the UK Government gave to foreign countries dealing with the aftermath of a natural disaster in the last 3 years.

I need the list of natural disasters to include at least:

- **2010 Haiti earthquake**
- **2010 Russian heat wave**
- **2011 Rio de Janeiro floods and mudslides**
- **2011 Japan earthquake**

I would like to receive the following information per each natural disaster in your list, as an excel file::

- **aid package (title/description- es. food/money/volunteers/etc)**
- **recipient country**
- **date**
- **government party”**

DFID holds some information relevant to your request. Information relating to the 2010 Haiti and 2011 Japan earthquakes are attached at Disclosure 1. Further information on UK support to the countries can be found on the Inside Government website using the following links: [Haiti](#) and [Japan](#).

We do not hold information relevant to the remainder of your request.

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Disaster - 2010 Haiti Earthquake	
Direct Support	
Support Type	Support provided
Search and Rescue	64 person UK International Search and Rescue (UKISAR) team rapidly deployed to Port au Prince
Non-Food Items	Shelter items plus buckets, blankets, household kits
Non-Food Items	Vehicles, including forklift trucks
Non-Food Items (delivery costs)	Air broker and freight costs covering delivery of non-food items (NFIs) and deployment of the UKISAR team
Non-Food Items (delivery costs)	Royal Fleet Auxiliary from Ministry of Defence provided delivery of NFIs and other equipment.
Personnel	Deployment of DFID humanitarian operations team (including support and security costs)
Personnel	Deployment of a Stabilisation Unit team with equipment to help the Ministry of Justice structurally survey prison buildings damaged in the earthquake
Personnel	Secondments to strengthen the UN system and international response:
	UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA): Civilian/Military coordinator
	Information Manager
	World Food Programme (WFP):
	Air Operations

	Logistician
	International Office for Migration (IOM): Shelter advisor
	World Bank: Community Development advisor seconded to Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA)
	UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF): Sanitation specialist
	Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) cluster:
	Capacity Building specialist
	WASH specialist
	USAID: DFID liaison specialist

Organisation	Support provided
International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)	Contribution to the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) Emergency Appeal.
Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)	Support for the establishment of an Early Warning and Response Network (EWARN) and support to primary & secondary healthcare.
Merlin	Deployment of a medical assessment/surgical team
Action Contre Le Faim (ACF)	To meet the immediate needs of the earthquake affected population (WASH, shelter, food distributions, cash for work)
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	To reduce the vulnerability of earthquake affected populations through an integrated response (shelter, WASH, NFIs, disaster preparedness training)
Handicap International	Shelter
OXFAM	Shelter
International Office for Migration	To support coordination, shelter and temporary settlements
International Office for Migration	To support the rehabilitation of prison facilities.

Organisation	Support provided
World Food Programme	Contribution to WFP’s Special Operation in the Flash Appeal, to augment logistics and telecommunications)
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	To reinforce and improve humanitarian coordination mechanisms at both national and local levels; improve access and information sharing in the humanitarian community; to manage the Emergency Response Fund (ERF)
CARE	Secondments to the shelter cluster
Government of Haiti	Advisory support to GoH to assist with response and recovery issues to strengthen clear leadership and decision making.
Other	
Helping Haiti Appeal	Contribution to The Sun “Helping Haiti Appeal” to offset the VAT charged on sales of the Haiti charity single “Everybody Hurts”. The funds were disbursed through the Charities Aid Foundation and split equally between UNICEF and the DEC.

Disaster - 2011 Japan Earthquake

Support Type	Support provided
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Search and Rescue	The UK sent an International Search and Rescue (ISAR) team of more than 60 experts from the British emergency services, plus specialist equipment and two dogs to undertake substantial search, lift and rescue.
Water	100 tonnes of bottled water delivered to Japanese authorities in Ibaraki prefecture