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A Letter from the Interim President & CEO

There is a particular kind of courage required to go the distance.

Not the courage of a sprint — where the finish line is visible and the crowd is loud and everything is urgent and electric. The courage of going the distance is quieter. It is the courage of the long middle, where the work continues regardless of recognition, where the mission outlasts the moment, and where those undertaking the most difficult of tasks are rarely the ones in the spotlight.

That was 2025 for the VOAD movement.

And then, after Going the Distance, we did something even more difficult. We went Back to Basics. We asked ourselves the question that only honest organizations are willing to ask: Are we doing this work the right way? Are we on the right path? Are we doing this work for the right reasons?

The answer, I am proud to share with you, was yes — and continues to be yes. With work still ahead.

I must be transparent with you about this past year, because the communities we serve deserve transparency and the truth from their leaders — and so do you.

2025 was a year of significant transition for National VOAD. We navigated a leadership change mid-year. We launched the Blue-Ribbon Taskforce to examine our governance, our sustainability, and our capacity with clear eyes. We reorganized our staff. We rewrote job descriptions. We implemented new tools. We asked tough questions about what it means to serve well — not just to serve busily.

None of that was easy. And all of it was necessary.

But here is what I need you to understand: in the middle of all the organizational work, the movement did not pause. When disasters struck — and they struck often, and impactfully— our members showed up. The volunteers deployed. The caseworkers remained. The faith communities opened their doors. The State and Territory VOADs activated. The coordinators coordinated.

2,804,589 volunteers. 26,779,524 hours of service. \$884,885,205 in volunteer value — in a single year.

That is not a number generated by a strategic plan or a committee meeting. That is what happens when organizations that believe in something larger than themselves decide to work together. That is the VOAD movement, going the distance, every single day.

While our members were serving survivors, National VOAD was building the infrastructure to serve them better.

We launched the National Training & Development Institute — transforming what was once LEAD 2.0 into a scalable, accessible platform for leadership development, disaster preparedness, and long-term recovery training available to every member organization. We built the LTRG Mapping Project in partnership with Texas A&M and ESRI — giving us, for the first time, a real national picture of where long-term recovery groups exist, what they need, and how to connect them. We launched the Grant Alert newsletter and the VOAD Brief — tools that connect our members directly to resources, connect them to policy conversations, and connect them to each other. We secured a \$1.8 million grant from Verizon to support sub-grants for members to support survivors.

And we transitioned from a triennial report to this — an annual report — because an organization that is serious about accountability cannot wait three years to tell its story.

The themes of our 2025 gatherings were not accidental. **Going the distance** is what our members do in every disaster, in every state, in every territory — long after the cameras are gone and the emergency declarations have expired. **Back to basics** is what honest organizations do when they have the courage to look at themselves clearly and commit to doing what works, not just what is comfortable.

Together, these themes describe an organization that is maturing. An organization that is learning. An organization that is choosing depth over speed, and sustainability over performance.

To our members: you are the ecosystem. Every long-term recovery group, every state and territory VOAD, every faith-based organization, every community nonprofit that carries the 4Cs into the field — you are why this movement endures.

To our donors and partners: your investment does not fund an organization. It funds the infrastructure that makes coordination possible before, during, and after disaster. Thank you for believing that prevention, preparation, and recovery deserve the same urgency as response.

To the survivors whose stories fill these pages: you are the reason. Not the statistics — the people. The mother whose home was rebuilt. The family that found a caseworker who did not give up. The community that recovered faster because organizations chose to cooperate instead of competing. We serve you. We will continue to serve you.

The best of what we have is still ahead.



Rev. Dr. David Guadalupe EJ

Board Chair and Interim President & CEO



1.



OVERVIEW

Introduction

The VOAD Movement, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, is a dynamic network of nonprofits, faith-based organizations, government partners, and community groups that come together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. At its core, the VOAD Movement is about collaboration. Organizations pool resources, share expertise, and coordinate efforts so that communities in crisis receive the most effective support possible. In practice, this means strengthening communication between local, state, and national partners, aligning strategies to avoid duplication of effort, and leveraging collective knowledge to address disasters quickly and comprehensively.

Between the 2025 and 2026 National VOAD Conferences, National VOAD has continued to advance this mission by providing leadership, resources, and coordination to support the VOAD Movement nationwide. Our work has included the development of innovative mapping projects including the Long Term Recovery Group, State and Territory VOAD, and Tribal Community mapping initiatives, providing critical data to help members better understand local needs, capacities, and gaps in recovery infrastructure.

National VOAD has also partnered with a diverse range of funders to strengthen capacity across the movement. Generous grants from Verizon, Margaret A Cargill Philanthropies supporting the Midwest Cohort which aims to fortify VOADs in the Midwest, Walmart, Lowe's, and other partners have enabled local and regional VOADs to expand programming, enhance volunteer support, and respond to disasters more effectively.

Educational and coordination efforts continue to be a cornerstone of our work. Webinars and meetings such as the National Community Briefing about the 2025 summer disaster season, presented in association with United Way, Operation BBQ Relief, and the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, have provided members with critical updates, best practices, and opportunities for collaboration. These forums allow organizations to share knowledge and lessons learned from the field, building resilience for future disasters.



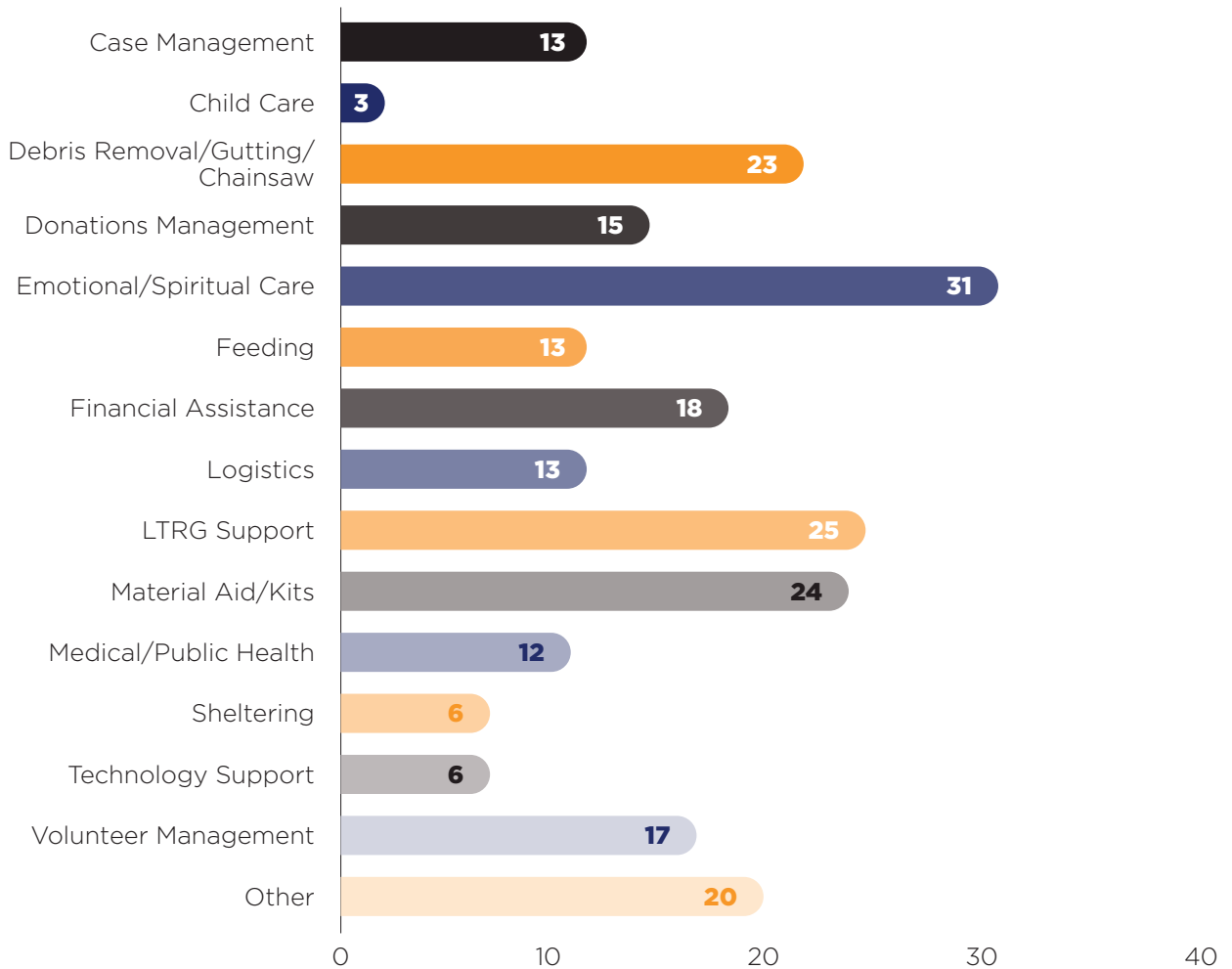


In the past year, the VOAD Movement has responded to disasters across the country and beyond. National VOAD supported efforts following devastating flooding in Texas in July, severe weather events including wildfires in Alaska, tornadoes in Michigan, and flooding in New Mexico, as well as winter weather from Winter Storm Fern. Our reach extends internationally with VOAD members providing aid to communities affected by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica, Cuba, and Haiti.

National VOAD staff have been active participants in conferences and events nationwide, connecting directly with members in West Virginia, Virginia, and at regional VOAD conferences across the country. These visits strengthen relationships, foster learning, and ensure that National VOAD remains responsive to the needs of members at all levels. We also hosted our Fall Members Meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, bringing together over 100 participants to learn, coordinate, and set the course for the VOAD Movement's next steps.

Through these efforts including mapping initiatives, grant partnerships, educational programming, disaster responses, and community engagement, National VOAD continues to strengthen the VOAD Movement. By connecting organizations, fostering collaboration, and supporting communities in times of crisis, National VOAD ensures that the collective capacity of our members is greater than the sum of its parts and that communities across the country and beyond can rely on a network that is prepared, coordinated, and resilient.

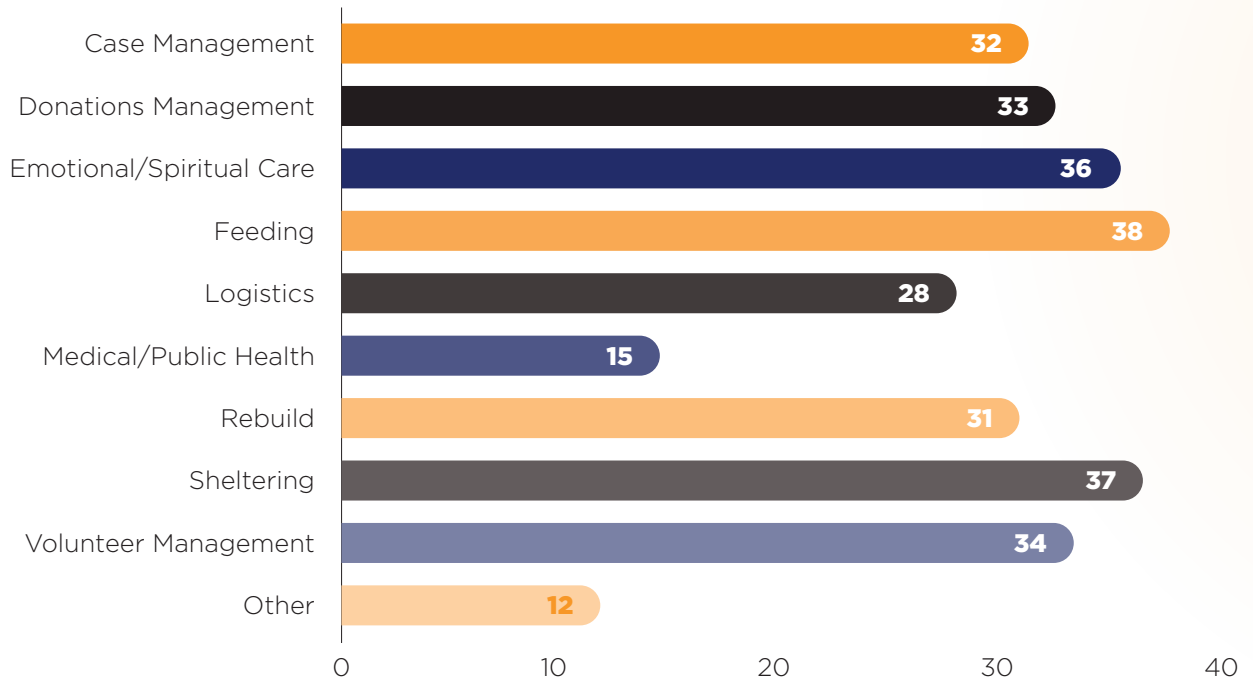
National Members



The first graph highlights the broad and well-balanced capabilities of National VOAD Member organizations, demonstrating their ability to meet a wide spectrum of needs throughout disaster response and recovery. High concentrations in areas such as feeding, sheltering, emotional and spiritual care, and volunteer management show that members are equipped to provide both immediate life-sustaining support and the human-centered care that communities need in times of crisis. Strong representation in donations management, case management, and rebuild services further illustrates a commitment to long term recovery, ensuring that survivors are supported well beyond the initial response phase. Even in more specialized areas like medical and public health and logistics, National VOAD members contribute meaningful capacity, reinforcing a comprehensive, multi-layered approach to service delivery.

This range of capabilities reflects the strength of a network that prioritizes coordination over duplication. Each organization brings its own expertise, and together they form a cohesive system that can adapt to complex and evolving needs. Whether it is distributing resources, managing volunteers, or supporting families through recovery, National VOAD members collectively ensure that services are both efficient and effective. The diversity of these capabilities allows the network to serve individuals and communities facing a wide variety of challenges, from immediate disaster impacts to long term rebuilding efforts.

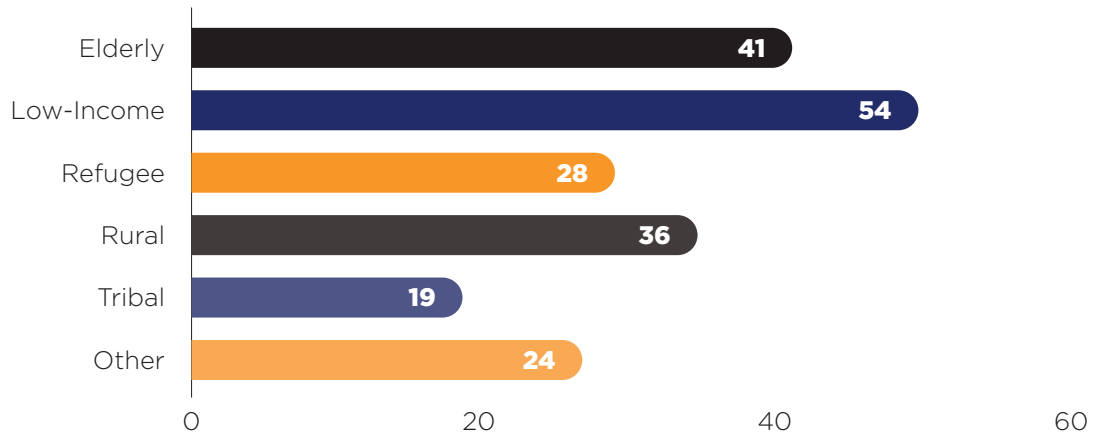
State/Territory VOADs



The second graph showcases the capabilities of State and Territory VOADs, emphasizing their critical role in translating national capacity into localized action. While their capabilities mirror many of the same functional areas as national members, there is a noticeable emphasis on services such as emotional and spiritual care, debris removal, material aid, and long term recovery group support. These areas highlight the hands on, community based work that State and Territory VOADs lead and coordinate on the ground. Their proximity to affected communities allows them to respond quickly, understand local needs, and mobilize resources in a way that is both timely and culturally appropriate.

State and Territory VOADs also demonstrate flexibility across a wide range of functions, from financial assistance and donations management to logistics and volunteer coordination. Even in smaller categories such as child care, technology support, and sheltering, their presence ensures that critical gaps can be addressed when they arise. This adaptability is essential in disaster environments, where needs can shift rapidly and require a coordinated, multi-sector response.

The VOAD Movement



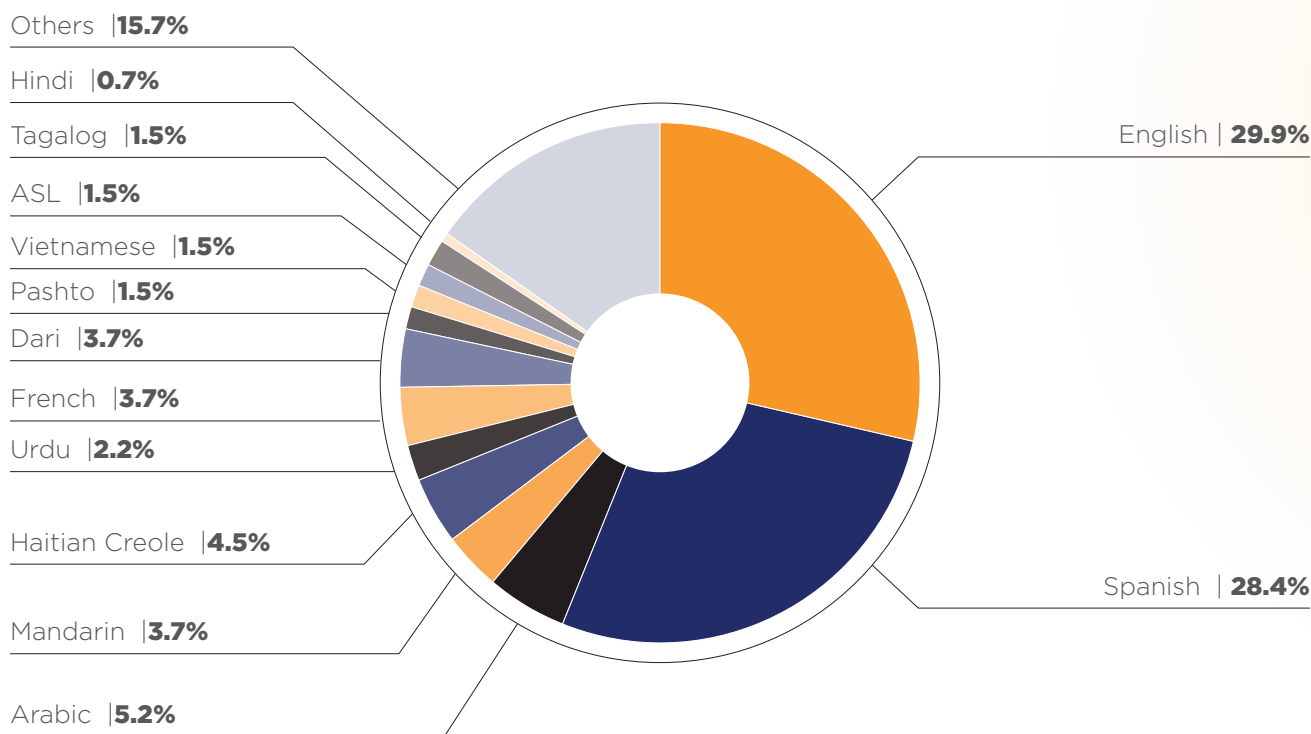
The data highlights the wide range of communities supported by National VOAD members, reflecting a strong commitment to inclusive and equitable disaster response. Among the populations most frequently served, low-income communities stand out at 54 responses, underscoring the disproportionate impact disasters often have on individuals and families with limited financial resources. Elderly populations are also a major focus, with 41 responses, pointing to the increased vulnerability older adults face during emergencies due to mobility, health, and social isolation factors. Rural communities, represented by 36 responses, further emphasize the challenges of geographic isolation and limited access to services that many VOAD members work to overcome.

At the same time, the data shows meaningful engagement with other diverse and often underserved groups. Refugee populations account for 28 responses, highlighting the importance of

culturally competent and language-accessible services. Tribal communities, while smaller in number at 19 responses, represent a critical area of focus given the unique sovereignty, cultural considerations, and historical inequities involved in disaster recovery. An additional 24 responses fall under “other,” suggesting that VOAD members are also reaching populations that may not fit into standard categories but still require targeted support.

Together, this distribution demonstrates that National VOAD members are not focused on a single demographic but instead operate across a broad spectrum of needs. The diversity of populations served reflects the strength of the VOAD movement itself—bringing together organizations that can adapt, collaborate, and respond to the full complexity of communities affected by disasters.

VOAD Members Languages Served



The data illustrates the linguistic diversity reached by National VOAD members, emphasizing a strong commitment to accessible and culturally responsive disaster services. English (29.9%) and Spanish (28.4%) represent the largest language groups served, reflecting both the primary languages spoken across many communities in the United States and the critical need for bilingual response efforts. Together, these two languages account for well over half of all responses, underscoring the importance of clear, timely communication in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

Beyond English and Spanish, the chart reveals a broad spectrum of languages that highlight the depth of outreach across diverse communities. Arabic (5.2%), Haitian Creole (4.5%), Mandarin (3.7%), and both French and Dari (3.7% each)

demonstrate meaningful engagement with immigrant and refugee populations. Additional languages such as Urdu (2.2%), Pashto, Vietnamese, American Sign Language (ASL), and Tagalog (each around 1.5%), along with Hindi (0.7%), further reflect the intentional inclusion of communities that may face language barriers during times of crisis.

Altogether, this distribution reinforces the adaptability and inclusiveness of the VOAD movement. By serving communities across such a wide range of languages, National VOAD members are not only improving access to critical services but also strengthening trust and communication with the populations they support. This linguistic reach is essential to ensuring that no community is left behind when disaster strikes.

IMPACT OF THE #VOADMOVEMENT

2,802,626

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN 2025

26,845,735

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2025

\$886,949,383

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2025







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STATE/TERRITORY VOADs

States VOAD

Alaska VOAD

Alaska VOAD played a critical role in coordinating a complex, culturally responsive disaster response following Typhoon Halong, which impacted more than 30 rural communities. With hundreds of residents evacuated to Anchorage for the winter, VOAD partners worked alongside state and municipal emergency management to provide comprehensive sheltering support, including food, transportation, medical care, and essential supplies. As response transitioned into recovery, Alaska VOAD facilitated movement into temporary housing and began planning for long-term rebuilding. A hallmark of this response was the deep collaboration with tribal partners to ensure culturally appropriate services, including the provision of traditional subsistence foods. Partnerships with organizations like World Central Kitchen, Baby2Baby, and Midwest Food Bank expanded capacity and demonstrated the strength of coordinated, inclusive response efforts across Alaska's unique landscape.

Arizona VOAD

Arizona VOAD demonstrated strong coordination during multiple disaster events, including severe flooding and a destructive microburst that damaged over 1,000 homes. Member organizations quickly mobilized to provide critical services such as muck-outs, sheltering, and feeding. AZVOAD also facilitated innovative partnerships, including a collaboration with Airbnb.org to provide emergency housing for displaced residents. Beyond response, Arizona VOAD strengthened long-term resilience through partnerships like Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, which supported heat relief efforts and became an active affiliate member. Through ongoing coordination calls, training, and engagement in emergency operations, AZVOAD continues to enhance statewide preparedness and ensure vulnerable populations receive timely, coordinated assistance.



California VOAD

California VOAD mobilized a large-scale, coordinated response during the Los Angeles wildfires, partnering with local agencies to establish a Volunteer Resource Village and Multi-Agency Resource Center. This effort connected more than 12,000 families with critical services, financial assistance, and recovery resources. With over 1,200 volunteers contributing thousands of hours, the response exemplified the power of collaboration across the VOAD network. Partnerships with organizations like Airbnb.org and Church World Service expanded access to emergency housing across multiple disasters throughout the year. California VOAD's ability to rapidly deploy resources, leverage partnerships, and support local VOADs highlights the strength and scalability of the VOAD Movement in addressing complex, large-scale disasters.

Washington DC VOAD

DC VOAD provided targeted support following a major air collision, assisting both first responders and affected individuals through coordinated resource distribution and volunteer engagement. Member organizations worked together to meet immediate needs, including feeding and logistical support, while also assisting vulnerable individuals with moving and recovery tasks. Beyond response, DC VOAD strengthened its network through international collaboration, including partnerships with the Australian Embassy and the U.S. State Department. These efforts brought global perspectives into local preparedness and response planning, reinforcing DC VOAD's commitment to continuous learning, collaboration, and capacity building within the VOAD Movement.

Delaware VOAD

Delaware VOAD focused on strengthening preparedness and coordination through ongoing collaboration with state and local emergency management agencies. By engaging in workshops, planning sessions, and relationship-building activities, Delaware VOAD ensures that partners are aligned and ready to respond effectively when disasters occur. This proactive approach reflects the VOAD commitment to cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration, laying a strong foundation for future response and recovery efforts across the state.

Florida VOAD

Florida VOAD made significant strides in strengthening long-term recovery capacity by supporting and training dozens of Long-Term Recovery Groups and community organizations. Through regular coordination calls and regional workshops, hundreds of partners received training in recovery best practices using National VOAD tools. Florida VOAD also played a role in advancing national innovation by participating in a FEMA Disaster Case Management pilot program. These efforts demonstrate Florida VOAD's leadership in building sustainable recovery systems and ensuring communities are equipped to support survivors well beyond the immediate response phase.

Georgia VOAD

Georgia VOAD focused on building capacity and expanding recovery infrastructure across the state, even before major disasters struck. Through strategic partnerships with state agencies and local governments, GA VOAD increased awareness of the importance of coordinated disaster response. Following Hurricane Helene, these efforts translated into action, with dozens of trainings and community meetings leading to the creation of new Long-Term Recovery Groups and local VOADs. By investing in local leadership and leveraging flexible funding, Georgia VOAD strengthened systems that ensure all communities have access to coordinated recovery support, reinforcing resilience for future disasters.

Hawaii VOAD

Hawaii VOAD played a central role in supporting long-term recovery from the Maui wildfires by helping establish and strengthen the Maui Long-Term Recovery Group. Through funding, leadership support, and coordination, HVOAD contributed to rebuilding efforts and the development of sustainable recovery systems, including disaster case management teams. International support, such as funding from the Seoul Metropolitan Government, further enhanced these efforts. Hawaii VOAD's work reflects the importance of sustained collaboration and investment in recovery, ensuring that communities not only rebuild but emerge stronger and more resilient.

Indiana VOAD

Indiana VOAD demonstrated the strength of coordinated response by supporting efforts across 58 disaster events in a single year. Through close collaboration with COADs and government partners, INVOAD ensured timely and effective assistance to impacted communities. This strong network has also supported long-term recovery, with nearly all affected homes repaired or rebuilt. Increased engagement from local leaders in VOAD meetings reflects growing alignment and capacity across the state, highlighting the value of consistent coordination and relationship-building within the VOAD Movement.

Iowa VOAD

Iowa VOAD played a key role in coordinating resources during a disruption to SNAP benefits, bringing together food banks, pantries, and VOAD partners to address urgent community needs. This collaboration strengthened relationships and expanded the resource network across the state. Additionally, funding from National VOAD supported long-term recovery efforts following historic flooding, enabling local groups to rebuild homes and coordinate volunteer labor. Iowa VOAD's work demonstrates how coordination and resource sharing can effectively address both immediate and long-term challenges facing vulnerable communities.

Louisiana VOAD

While Louisiana VOAD did not activate for a major disaster response in 2025, the organization made significant strides in strengthening disaster recovery infrastructure through innovation and data. In partnership with member agency VIA LINK, Louisiana VOAD developed two powerful tools: one to track federal disaster funding and flood insurance claims across decades, and another to map and analyze resource availability for future disasters. These tools enhance transparency, improve coordination, and provide valuable insights for both current and future recovery efforts. By investing in data-driven solutions, Louisiana VOAD is helping to build a more informed, efficient, and scalable approach to disaster response and recovery that can be replicated across the VOAD network.

Massachusetts VOAD

Massachusetts VOAD focused on organizational growth and collaboration by establishing a leadership committee dedicated to advancing the VOAD mission across the state. This effort is helping to bring renewed energy and structure to the organization, fostering stronger partnerships and identifying opportunities for coordinated projects. By building leadership capacity and encouraging collaboration among members, Massachusetts VOAD is laying the groundwork for a more unified and effective response framework, ensuring readiness for future disasters.



Michigan VOAD

Michigan VOAD members demonstrated strong commitment to response and recovery through hands-on service and coordinated support. Volunteers worked extensively to assist with debris removal, including weeks of chainsaw operations until capacity limits were reached. In the recovery phase, partners like After The Storm Michigan leveraged disaster case management to connect survivors with critical resources, supporting muck-out, sanitation, and rebuilding efforts. These coordinated actions ensure that homes are restored to safe and livable conditions, reflecting the VOAD commitment to long-term recovery and survivor-centered support.

Minnesota VOAD

Minnesota VOAD supported a complex urban disaster when a fire and subsequent sprinkler system activation caused widespread flooding in a large high-rise housing complex, displacing approximately 1,200 residents. VOAD partners, including the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army, coordinated an extensive feeding operation that provided culturally appropriate meals and groceries for over a month. This response highlighted the importance of coordination in addressing both immediate needs and the unique challenges of large-scale, multi-family housing disasters, ensuring that displaced residents received consistent and compassionate care.

Nebraska VOAD

Nebraska VOAD continued to strengthen relationships and coordination across the state, even without large-scale activations. Following previous disasters, strong collaboration among counties and partner organizations led to the development of a Disaster Case Management team that assisted over 100 households. Partnerships with organizations such as the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and local foundations have enhanced both response and recovery capabilities. These collaborative efforts are helping Nebraska VOAD build a more connected and resilient network, ready to respond effectively when disasters occur.

New Hampshire VOAD

New Hampshire VOAD focused on coordination and capacity building by addressing challenges related to donations management, food storage, and casework support. Through these efforts, the organization strengthened partnerships and increased awareness among member organizations. Continued engagement and training opportunities are helping to build a more cohesive network, ensuring that New Hampshire VOAD is well-prepared to respond to future disasters with efficiency and collaboration.

New Jersey VOAD

New Jersey VOAD played a critical role in coordinating a multi-agency response to disruptions in SNAP benefits, ensuring that vulnerable populations maintained access to essential food resources. Through strong partnerships with local, state, and national organizations, VOAD members mobilized volunteers and resources to support food banks across the state. Collaboration with the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers further strengthened funding and in-kind support, demonstrating how cross-sector partnerships can enhance the effectiveness and reach of disaster response and recovery efforts.

New Mexico VOAD

New Mexico VOAD exemplified the power of coordination and communication during simultaneous fire and flood events across the state. Member organizations worked together seamlessly, maintaining constant communication and sharing real-time updates from the field. As response efforts transitioned into recovery, VOAD partners continued to address unmet needs through strong local collaboration. Quick action by partners, such as food banks providing immediate assistance to families, demonstrated how effective coordination ensures timely support. New Mexico VOAD remains focused on long-term recovery, ensuring that every survivor has access to the resources needed to rebuild and recover.

New York VOAD

New York VOAD highlighted the strength of local collaboration through the work of COADs and nonprofit networks addressing a range of community challenges, from tornado recovery to homelessness. By fostering a culture of cooperation rather than competition, organizations are able to share resources, communicate effectively, and respond efficiently to community needs. Support from local businesses through in-kind donations further enhances these efforts. This collaborative model demonstrates how strong relationships and coordinated action can drive impactful and sustainable recovery outcomes.

North Carolina VOAD

North Carolina VOAD played a vital role in coordinating response efforts following Tropical Storm Chantal, a storm that strained local resources but did not attract widespread external support. Through VOAD coordination, member organizations were able to identify impacted communities, share information, and deliver targeted assistance to those in need. This collective approach ensured that gaps were filled and that survivors received support, highlighting the importance of VOAD coordination in addressing disasters of all sizes.

North Dakota VOAD

North Dakota VOAD strengthened its organizational capacity through partnerships and strategic engagement, including collaboration with Disaster Legal Services. These efforts supported information sharing and helped build a full board of directors, enhancing the organization's leadership and readiness. By focusing on governance and partnerships, North Dakota VOAD is building a strong foundation for future response and recovery efforts.

Ohio VOAD

Ohio VOAD leveraged tools like Crisis Cleanup to enhance coordination and efficiency during disaster response. Regular conference calls bring together member organizations to share information and align efforts during active disasters, while long-term recovery is coordinated through dedicated leadership. This structured approach ensures that resources are deployed effectively and that recovery efforts remain organized and collaborative, reflecting the VOAD commitment to coordinated service delivery.



Pennsylvania VOAD

Pennsylvania VOAD demonstrated the long-term impact of coordinated recovery through a powerful survivor story following Hurricane Ida. Through the combined efforts of multiple VOAD member organizations, a homeowner was able to navigate years of challenges to ultimately restore heat to his home. This case highlights the importance of disaster case management, persistence, and collaboration in addressing unmet needs. Support from partners, including funding, volunteer coordination, and material donations, ensured a successful outcome and restored stability for the survivor and his family.

Puerto Rico VOAD

Puerto Rico VOAD showcased innovative, cross-sector collaboration in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona by bringing together nonprofit and private sector partners to deliver critical supplies to hard-to-reach communities. Through partnerships with organizations like Amazon, Lyft, and Good360, VOAD coordinated the delivery of over 40,000 pounds of relief supplies within days. This effort demonstrated the power of the VOAD model and the 4 Cs, creating a scalable and effective approach to disaster response that continues to inform preparedness and recovery efforts across the island.

South Carolina VOAD

South Carolina VOAD strengthened recovery capacity following Hurricane Helene by organizing a series of Recovery Tools Workshops in partnership with National VOAD. A collaborative planning group of member organizations worked together to deliver these trainings, equipping communities with the knowledge and tools needed for effective long-term recovery. These efforts are helping to build sustainable recovery systems and enhance coordination across the state.

South Dakota VOAD

South Dakota VOAD responded to severe winter storms that caused widespread power outages, coordinating with partners to provide food assistance to affected residents. In addition to response efforts, the organization is working to increase board engagement and strengthen internal capacity. Partnerships with organizations like Feeding South Dakota continue to support both preparedness and response efforts, ensuring communities have access to essential resources during times of need.

Texas VOAD

Texas VOAD demonstrated sustained coordination during prolonged flooding events by hosting weekly coordination calls over several months, supporting communities from initial response through long-term recovery. The establishment of multiple Long-Term Recovery Groups ensured continued support for affected areas. The response also sparked increased interest from organizations across the country, expanding the VOAD network. Texas VOAD is now exploring ways to further engage private sector partners, recognizing their critical role in filling resource gaps during disaster response.

Utah VOAD

Utah VOAD supported a variety of response and community engagement efforts, including disaster response initiatives, emergency relief funding, and community-focused service projects. Through partnerships and storytelling, Utah VOAD highlighted the impact of coordinated volunteer efforts, from supporting disaster-affected communities to delivering resources to vulnerable populations. These efforts demonstrate the breadth of VOAD engagement, spanning response, recovery, and community resilience.

Vermont VOAD

Vermont VOAD strengthened recovery efforts through consistent volunteer engagement and partnership with organizations like Team Rubicon. By committing to ongoing service projects throughout the year, volunteers supported rebuilding efforts such as insulation, stairway reconstruction, and foundation repairs. This steady, hands-on approach ensures that recovery continues long after the initial disaster, reflecting the VOAD commitment to long-term support for affected communities.

Virgin Islands VOAD

Virgin Islands VOAD maintained critical coordination capacity during a period of organizational transition, demonstrating that preparedness and partnership-building are essential components of disaster response. Through training, volunteer engagement, and collaboration with territorial and national partners, VI VOAD strengthened systems that support rapid activation. Strategic partnerships also unlocked significant funding for resilience projects, including community hubs and safe rooms. These efforts highlight the importance of investing in coordination infrastructure to ensure readiness in a region frequently impacted by disasters.

Washington State VOAD (WaVOAD)

Washington State VOAD played a key role in coordinating response efforts during severe winter storms and flooding events that impacted tens of thousands of residents. By staffing the State Emergency Operations Center and facilitating regular coordination calls, WaVOAD ensured timely information sharing and resource alignment among partners. Strong relationships with state emergency management enhanced the efficiency of response efforts, demonstrating the value of integrated coordination within the VOAD network.

West Virginia VOAD

West Virginia VOAD strengthened its impact through a strategic partnership with Appalachian Power, integrating critical shelter information into real-time outage maps. This collaboration improved access to resources for affected residents and contributed funding to support long-term recovery efforts. By leveraging partnerships with private sector organizations, West Virginia VOAD continues to enhance both response capabilities and recovery outcomes for communities across the state.

Wyoming VOAD

Wyoming VOAD continues to build strong relationships with local emergency management by inviting county representatives to participate in meetings and coordination efforts. This inclusive approach fosters communication, strengthens partnerships, and ensures alignment between voluntary organizations and government agencies. By prioritizing relationship-building and coordination, Wyoming VOAD is enhancing its readiness to support communities when disasters occur.





3.



NATIONAL MEMBERS

National Member Stories

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Long-Term Recovery Grants Program for the 2025 California Wildfires highlights the organization's commitment to sustained recovery beyond immediate response. Through strategic partnerships with local organizations and VOAD members, the program provides funding and coordination to support rebuilding efforts, community stabilization, and long-term resilience. By working alongside trusted partners already embedded in impacted communities, the Red Cross ensures resources are distributed effectively and equitably. This collaborative approach allows for a more comprehensive recovery process, addressing unmet needs and helping survivors rebuild their lives with dignity and stability.

All Hands and Hearts

All Hands and Hearts emphasized a community-centered approach in their California disaster responses, particularly through participation in a smoke remediation collective that removed hazardous ash and residue from approximately 180 homes in Altadena. Their work prioritized collaboration with local partners, including assistance centers, VOAD networks, and organizations like Crisis Cleanup. Across multiple responses, including wildfire and flood events, their efforts demonstrated the VOAD principles of coordination, communication, and cooperation. By integrating into locally led initiatives and leveraging partnerships, All Hands and Hearts ensured their work aligned with community needs while contributing to a broader, unified recovery effort.

Brethren Disaster Ministries

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) strengthened long-term recovery efforts through innovative programming and strategic partnerships. Recognizing delays in rebuilding caused by limited construction assessment capacity, BDM launched a pilot Construction Assessment Team program to evaluate damaged homes and provide scopes of work and cost estimates. This initiative helps Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs) better understand resource needs and accelerate rebuilding timelines. In addition, BDM supported recovery through grants and volunteer deployment, completing multiple homes and repairs for flood-impacted families. Their strategic planning efforts, supported by external funding, further position the organization to expand impact and improve service delivery for disaster survivors nationwide.



Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA and its local agencies demonstrated resilience and compassion in multiple disaster responses. In Guam following Typhoon Mawar, Catholic Social Services provided food assistance to over 3,000 households despite staff themselves being impacted. Similarly, in response to the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles partnered with healthcare providers and community organizations to support 750 families with financial assistance, housing, and essential needs. These efforts highlight the organization's ability to rapidly mobilize resources, support vulnerable populations, and collaborate with partners to address both immediate and long-term recovery needs.

Child Life Disaster Relief

Child Life Disaster Relief (CLDR) played a vital role in supporting children and families during disasters through trauma-informed care and collaboration. In response to the California wildfires, trained responders provided emotional support to over 100 children, creating safe spaces for play and healing. CLDR also engaged in multi-organization coordination during disasters like Typhoon Halong and Washington flooding, strengthening partnerships and preparedness through shared training and communication. With support from grant funding, CLDR expanded its capacity through responder training and community education, ensuring children's emotional needs are prioritized alongside physical recovery efforts.



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – Week of Compassion

Week of Compassion continues to demonstrate long-term commitment through sustained partnerships, particularly in Puerto Rico following the 2017 hurricanes. By supporting local organizations with funding, volunteers, and coordination, they ensure ongoing recovery and resilience-building. When unexpected challenges arose, such as reductions in AmeriCorps staffing, Week of Compassion and VOAD partners quickly mobilized additional resources to maintain critical operations. Their work reflects a dedication to adaptability, collaboration, and long-term impact, ensuring communities receive consistent support well beyond the initial disaster response phase.

Church World Service

Church World Service (CWS) supports disaster-affected communities through preparedness and response initiatives, including the distribution of disaster preparedness kits and the operation of resource hubs for displaced families. Their work emphasizes equipping communities before disasters occur while also providing immediate assistance during crises. Through partnerships and community engagement, CWS helps ensure families have access to essential supplies, information, and support systems that strengthen resilience and recovery outcomes.

Churches of Scientology Disaster Response (CSDR)

CSDR demonstrated the power of direct service and collaboration through both individual and large-scale responses. In one instance, volunteers provided sustained support to an elderly disaster survivor, helping restore not only his home but also his hope and well-being. In broader efforts, CSDR partnered with organizations like Operation BBQ Relief to provide mass feeding and logistical support during hurricane and wildfire responses. These efforts highlight the importance of both personal connection and coordinated partnerships in delivering meaningful disaster relief.

Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope has played a significant role in long-term recovery by working within LTRGs to rebuild homes and support survivors. Following a devastating tornado in Oklahoma, their collaboration with multiple partners led to the construction of new homes for displaced residents. Additionally, through funding partnerships, including support from the American Red Cross, Convoy has provided essential household items and repairs for hurricane survivors. Their work demonstrates how coordinated funding, volunteer labor, and case management can transform recovery outcomes for vulnerable individuals and families.

CORE

CORE's response to the Los Angeles wildfires exemplified a deeply personal and comprehensive approach to disaster relief. As a locally based organization, CORE mobilized quickly, providing cash assistance, debris removal, and resource navigation while supporting staff and community members directly impacted. They also fostered collaboration by sharing information with other organizations during international responses, such as in Jamaica. CORE's work highlights the importance of local expertise, adaptability, and open information-sharing in strengthening disaster response efforts.

Direct Relief

Direct Relief focuses on empowering local healthcare providers and first responders through targeted support and resources. Following disasters such as Texas flooding and California wildfires, the organization delivered medical supplies, funding, and equipment to support mobile health services and protect affected populations. Their efforts included large-scale distribution of protective equipment and ongoing support for healthcare partners, ensuring continued access to care in disaster-impacted communities. Direct Relief's model emphasizes strengthening local systems to create sustainable recovery outcomes.



Disaster Leadership Team

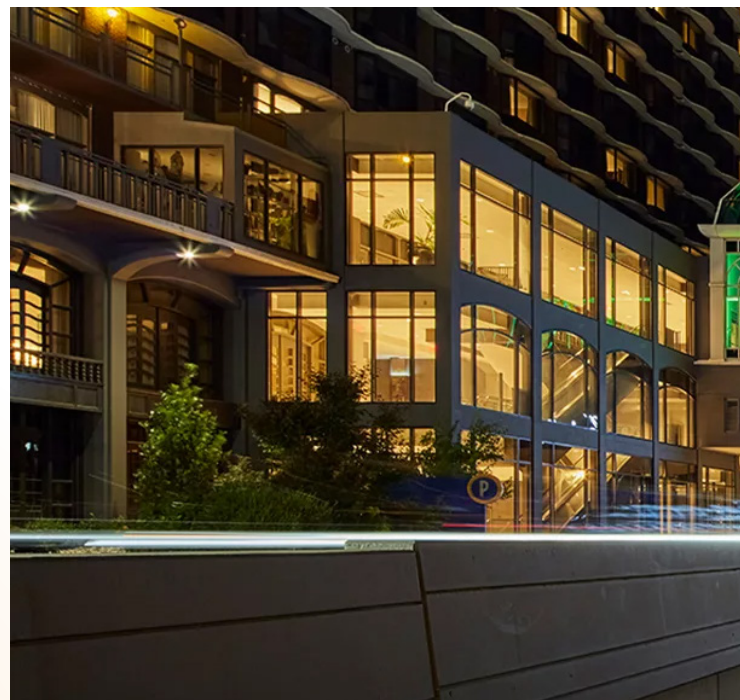
The Disaster Leadership Team (DLT) provides critical behind-the-scenes mentorship and support to community leaders navigating long-term recovery. Through sustained engagement, training, and resource sharing, DLT helps build local capacity and confidence, enabling leaders to effectively support disaster survivors. Their work, often unfunded but highly impactful, demonstrates the value of mentorship and long-term investment in community leadership. By fostering knowledge growth and resilience, DLT contributes to stronger, more effective recovery systems nationwide.

Endeavors

Endeavors demonstrated the importance of comprehensive disaster case management during the Texas Hill Country flooding response. By identifying gaps in FEMA data and reaching underserved populations, their team connected survivors to resources and coordinated funding to support recovery. Their collaborative approach with VOAD partners ensured efficient service delivery and minimized duplication. Through structured coordination and strong partnerships, Endeavors helped restore safe housing and strengthened recovery systems, illustrating the practical application of the VOAD Four Cs.

HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response (AACR)

HOPE AACR demonstrated the profound impact of emotional care in disaster and crisis settings through both large-scale deployments and deeply personal moments of connection. During the Kerrville, Texas flooding, HOPE teams were invited through established partnerships with FEMA, the American Red Cross, and local agencies, ensuring coordinated and intentional deployment. Over six weeks, teams supported survivors, first responders, schools, and community groups, reinforcing the VOAD principles of communication, coordination, cooperation, and collaboration. In addition to disaster response, HOPE also provided support in traumatic community events, such as assisting students after a loss and comforting performers at a memorial skating exhibition. Whether through structured deployments or small acts of compassion, their work highlights how emotional support is a critical component of recovery and resilience.



Hope Force International

Hope Force International contributed to long-term recovery efforts in Douglas, Georgia following Hurricane Helene through strategic partnerships and innovative rebuilding approaches. Collaborating with Mennonite Disaster Service and The Hope Initiative, the organization supported the construction of nine homes for families impacted by severe storm damage. Their role focused on providing prefabricated wall systems and financial support to help bring homes to a weather-protected stage, accelerating the rebuilding process. Partnerships with private sector contributors enabled efficient off-site construction, demonstrating the value of cross-sector collaboration. By combining volunteer labor, organizational coordination, and business engagement, Hope Force International helped restore safe housing while strengthening community recovery systems. Their work reflects the power of collaboration in creating scalable, efficient solutions for long-term disaster recovery.

HOPE worldwide

HOPE worldwide demonstrated the importance of persistence, adaptability, and partnership in disaster response and recovery. Following flooding in Kerr County, Texas, their team embedded within the community, taking time to listen and identify the most effective ways to serve. Their efforts resulted in the distribution of over 1,000 meals, financial support for rebuilding materials, and management of a local supply store providing essential household goods. In Missouri, collaboration with multiple VOAD partners enabled the creation of a resource hub despite limited funding, delivering meals and supplies to tornado-impacted communities. Additionally, grant funding supported the launch of a trauma-informed art therapy program for children affected by California wildfires. Across all efforts, HOPE worldwide exemplifies how strong partnerships and community-centered approaches can overcome resource limitations and expand impact.



ICNA Relief USA

ICNA Relief USA played a critical role in supporting vulnerable populations during the 2025 California wildfires through direct service and collaborative partnerships. Their response focused on providing essential supplies, including food, hygiene items, diapers, and medical support, to individuals displaced from their homes. By working closely with local mosques, churches, and VOAD partners, ICNA Relief ensured efficient needs assessment and resource distribution, minimizing duplication and maximizing reach. Their ability to mobilize both individual donors and institutional partners allowed for a steady flow of in-kind support during the response. This coordinated approach highlights ICNA Relief USA's commitment to serving those most in need while aligning with the VOAD principles of cooperation and coordination to strengthen overall disaster response effectiveness.

Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC)

ITDRC plays a unique and essential role in disaster response by restoring connectivity when communities need it most. Through services such as WiFi deployment, device charging, and technology support, ITDRC helps survivors reconnect with loved ones, access resources, and begin recovery. Their longstanding partnership with corporate partners like AT&T enhances their ability to rapidly deploy technology solutions in disaster zones. These seemingly small but critical services provide clarity and stability during chaotic situations, enabling communication and coordination across response efforts. ITDRC's work underscores the importance of technology as a lifeline in disaster recovery and demonstrates how strategic partnerships can expand capacity and impact in meaningful ways.



International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)

IOCC demonstrated a comprehensive approach to long-term recovery through rebuilding efforts and strategic partnerships following Hurricane Helene in Tennessee. By supporting families like the Singers, whose home was destroyed by flooding, IOCC helped construct new, safer housing on higher ground, reducing future risk. Their collaboration with Brethren Disaster Ministries brought skilled volunteers to the region, accelerating repairs for multiple families. Additionally, funding from the American Red Cross enabled IOCC to expand staffing and increase efficiency, allowing more households to be served. Through a combination of volunteer engagement, financial resources, and coordinated partnerships, IOCC provides sustainable recovery solutions that restore stability and hope for disaster-impacted families.

Islamic Relief USA

Islamic Relief USA exemplifies long-term commitment and collaborative leadership in disaster recovery. In Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria, the organization invested in resilience projects such as water systems and mitigation efforts, while building strong local partnerships to support preparedness and recovery. During the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires, IRUSA coordinated with local mosques, VOAD partners, and government agencies to establish resource hubs and distribute critical supplies. Through partnerships, including with SKUX, they rapidly provided financial assistance to hundreds of families, addressing urgent needs. Their work reflects a holistic approach that combines immediate relief with long-term resilience, ensuring communities are better prepared for future disasters while maintaining strong networks of support.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)

Lutheran Disaster Response demonstrated the impact of collaborative recovery through initiatives like the Bridging Together project in North Carolina. Partnering with Mennonite Disaster Service and regional affiliates, LDR supported the rebuilding of private bridges destroyed by Hurricane Helene, restoring access to homes and essential services. This collaboration highlights how combining organizational strengths can significantly increase overall impact. Funded through individual and congregational donations, LDR's work is rooted in community support and shared commitment to service. By focusing on infrastructure restoration and partnership-driven solutions, Lutheran Disaster Response helps communities regain stability and rebuild stronger after disaster.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)

Mennonite Disaster Service continues to demonstrate innovation and collaboration in disaster recovery through diverse initiatives. In North Carolina, volunteer-built bridges restored access for residents like Gregory West, reconnecting them to essential services and community life. Partnerships with groups such as North Ohio Assisting Hands and Hope Force International enabled rapid home construction in Georgia, combining skilled labor with prefabricated materials. Additionally, the MDS Cabinet Shop in Kansas supports rebuilding efforts nationwide by producing essential home furnishings, made possible through philanthropic funding. These efforts highlight MDS's ability to mobilize volunteers, leverage partnerships, and create scalable solutions that address both immediate and long-term recovery needs.



Minuteman Disaster Response

Minuteman Disaster Response demonstrated flexibility and strong field coordination during the Central Texas floods by simultaneously supporting multiple impacted areas. Their work ranged from assisting homeowners with flood recovery in San Angelo to supporting search and recovery operations in Kerr County. A key component of their approach is real-time information sharing with VOAD partners, ensuring that needs identified in the field are quickly communicated and addressed. Partnerships with organizations such as Airlink enhanced their ability to cover large geographic areas efficiently. This coordinated and adaptive approach highlights the importance of communication and collaboration in delivering effective disaster response services.

Missionary Disaster Response

Missionary Disaster Response is focused on strengthening future disaster response capabilities through innovation and forward planning. By developing new tools and integrating emerging technologies, the organization aims to expand its service delivery and improve efficiency by 2026. This proactive approach reflects a commitment to continuous improvement and adaptability in an evolving disaster landscape. While their current efforts are centered on capacity-building, their work positions them to play a larger role in coordinated disaster response efforts in the years ahead, aligning with VOAD principles of preparedness and collaboration.

National Organization for Victim Advocacy (NOVA)

NOVA demonstrated the power of coordinated crisis response during the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires by rapidly mobilizing trained advocates to support survivors. At the request of local government, NOVA deployed a multidisciplinary team within 24 hours by leveraging partnerships across multiple states. Their responders provided trauma-informed care, ensuring survivors were treated with dignity and compassion while navigating complex recovery resources. This rapid and effective deployment was made possible through years of relationship-building and collaboration. NOVA's work highlights the critical role of victim advocacy in disaster response and underscores how strong partnerships enable timely, compassionate, and coordinated support.

NECHAMA - Jewish Response to Disaster

NECHAMA made a meaningful impact in western North Carolina by providing direct services to more than 60 clients affected by disaster. Their work focuses on debris removal, home repair, and helping families take the first steps toward recovery. By addressing immediate needs while supporting long-term rebuilding, NECHAMA ensures survivors can begin restoring their homes and lives. Their efforts reflect a hands-on, community-centered approach that prioritizes dignity and practical support, contributing to broader recovery efforts alongside VOAD partners.

New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS)

NYDIS demonstrated large-scale impact and sustained collaboration through its response to the asylum seeker housing crisis in New York City. Over two years, NYDIS coordinated the opening of 25 shelters and hospitality centers, serving more than 200,000 individuals in partnership with faith-based organizations and VOAD members. Their efforts included the distribution of hundreds of thousands of meals, clothing items, and hygiene kits. Building on this work, NYDIS launched a long-term humanitarian hub to support ongoing needs, supported by major partnerships and infrastructure investments. This comprehensive approach highlights the organization's ability to coordinate large-scale operations while maintaining strong collaborative networks to serve vulnerable populations.

Operation Blessing

Operation Blessing played a key role in revitalizing the River Arts District in Asheville, North Carolina following severe flooding. By cleaning and restoring the Marquee building and supporting its reopening, the organization helped more than 300 artisans regain a space to work and sell their goods. Their efforts extended beyond physical rebuilding to include community celebration, marking a significant milestone in recovery. Through volunteer engagement and partnership, Operation Blessing helped transform a space once considered beyond repair into a thriving hub of creativity and economic activity. This work demonstrates the importance of supporting local businesses and cultural centers as part of holistic disaster recovery.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance demonstrates a sustained commitment to long-term recovery through deep partnerships and community-centered investment. In Puerto Rico, eight years after Hurricane María, PDA continues to support locally led recovery efforts that address not only physical rebuilding but also the social, emotional, and economic impacts of disaster. Through partnerships with organizations like Techos Pa' Mi Gente, they have helped repair and rebuild homes while establishing resilience and training centers. In Louisiana following Hurricane Ida, PDA funding supported case management and the construction of fortified homes in collaboration with Mennonite Disaster Service and Louisiana Baptist Disaster Relief. By leveraging grants and VOAD partnerships, PDA ensures survivors are connected to resources and supported in rebuilding stronger, more resilient communities.

Reach Out Worldwide (ROWW)

Reach Out Worldwide emphasizes hands-on collaboration and adaptability in disaster response, working alongside any organization committed to serving affected communities. Their partnership-driven approach is exemplified through projects like the Norwood School rebuild in Jamaica, completed in collaboration with Plain Compassion and PCCR. ROWW values both large-scale operations and smaller, meaningful efforts, recognizing that each contributes to long-term recovery. Supported by partners such as Busta Rhymes, Fuel Fest, and Lowe's, the organization is able to expand its reach and impact. Their work highlights the importance of flexibility, strong relationships, and shared purpose in delivering effective disaster relief and rebuilding efforts.



Samaritan's Purse

Samaritan's Purse demonstrated rapid mobilization and large-scale coordination in response to Hurricane Helene, delivering critical aid across multiple states. As the storm caused widespread destruction across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, the organization established multiple response sites and deployed thousands of volunteers. With infrastructure severely damaged, Samaritan's Purse implemented both airlift and ground delivery operations, completing 358 helicopter missions across 160 communities and delivering over 800,000 pounds of supplies. Essential items included food, water, generators, heating supplies, and communication tools. Their ability to adapt to challenging conditions and mobilize over 40,000 volunteers highlights the scale and effectiveness of coordinated disaster response, ensuring survivors received timely and life-sustaining assistance.

Send Relief / Southern Baptist Disaster Relief

Send Relief and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief exemplify the power of rapid response and strong partnerships in disaster situations. Following a plane crash in Louisville, Kentucky, teams mobilized within minutes, preparing and delivering hundreds of meals in under four hours through collaboration with local churches and The Salvation Army. This efficiency reflects a well-coordinated network of trained volunteers and established relationships. Beyond immediate response, their ongoing partnership with The Salvation Army supports feeding operations and provides emotional and spiritual care nationwide. Their work highlights how preparedness, coordination, and trust among VOAD partners enable swift and effective responses during critical moments.

Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon continues to demonstrate innovation and impact through both domestic and international disaster operations. In California, their Golden Grizzly initiative supported wildfire-impacted communities by removing hazardous trees, creating defensible space, and helping residents safely rebuild. These efforts not only reduced future risk but also restored a sense of security and progress for returning residents. Internationally, their work in Jamaica expanded relief efforts through strategic partnerships, while operations in rural Alaska highlighted the importance of corporate support, such as critical cold-weather gear donations from Carhartt. By combining volunteer expertise, private sector partnerships, and community engagement, Team Rubicon delivers scalable solutions that address both immediate needs and long-term resilience.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints demonstrates a global commitment to disaster relief through strategic partnerships and resource mobilization. By working with organizations such as food banks in Alaska and supporting recovery efforts in Jamaica following hurricanes, the Church provides essential supplies and assistance to communities in need. Their approach emphasizes collaboration with local and international partners to ensure resources are distributed effectively and reach vulnerable populations. Through coordinated humanitarian efforts, the Church supports both immediate relief and longer-term recovery, reinforcing resilience and stability in disaster-affected regions.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army continues to demonstrate sustained, large-scale impact through both immediate response and long-term collaboration. Following flash flooding in New Mexico, their teams provided consistent support across multiple disaster cycles, delivering over 14,000 meals, hundreds of thousands of snacks, and thousands of hygiene and cleanup kits to nearly 20,000 individuals. Their presence in burn-scar-affected areas ensured continuity of care for communities facing repeated disasters. In smaller, less visible events such as flooding in Eastern Kentucky, The Salvation Army's partnership with Send Relief highlights the strength of VOAD collaboration, combining resources and expertise to reach isolated communities. Their work reflects a commitment to adaptability, coordination, and meeting evolving community needs.

ToolBank USA, Inc.

ToolBank USA highlights the importance of resource sharing and collaboration in long-term recovery efforts. Following Hurricane Helene, the organization supported recovery in North Carolina and Tennessee by providing tool trailers to multiple partner organizations, enabling efficient and continuous project work. In several cases, these resources were seamlessly transferred between groups, maximizing impact and minimizing downtime. Though not always physically present on-site, ToolBank's contributions play a critical role in empowering other organizations to carry out recovery work effectively. Supported by partners like Ford Philanthropy, their model demonstrates how logistical support and shared resources strengthen collective disaster response and recovery efforts.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

UMCOR exemplifies a holistic and collaborative approach to disaster recovery, combining direct service, community engagement, and long-term resilience strategies. In New Mexico, partnerships with Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the University of New Mexico facilitated community storytelling, listening sessions, and environmental restoration initiatives following wildfire and flooding events. These efforts informed recovery strategies while strengthening community connections. UMCOR also supported tangible needs through programs like firewood distribution and coordinated repair efforts, leveraging partnerships with legal aid organizations and other VOAD members. By integrating community voice, strategic funding, and cross-sector collaboration, UMCOR ensures recovery efforts are both responsive and sustainable.

United Church of Christ (UCC)

The United Church of Christ demonstrates the strength of local and national collaboration in disaster recovery efforts. In North Carolina, UCC worked with local congregations to establish volunteer host sites, supporting Long-Term Recovery Group coordination and project implementation. In Pennsylvania, partnerships with Lutheran Disaster Response and VOAD members enabled the successful rebuilding of infrastructure damaged by flooding. These efforts are supported by a nationwide network of churches and donors who provide critical funding for recovery initiatives. UCC's work reflects a commitment to community-based response, partnership-driven solutions, and sustained support for disaster-affected communities.

United Way Worldwide

United Way Worldwide plays a vital role in disaster recovery and resilience through strategic partnerships and community-driven initiatives. Their work spans domestic and international responses, including recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene and collaborative agricultural recovery projects in Jamaica. Through initiatives like “United We Prepare,” developed in partnership with Verizon, United Way focuses on strengthening community preparedness and resilience before disasters occur. By combining local network strength with national and global partnerships, United Way ensures communities are better equipped to respond to and recover from disasters, emphasizing long-term stability and preparedness.

World Renew

World Renew supports disaster recovery through sustained engagement and collaborative rebuilding efforts. Their work includes long-term responses to flooding in regions like Iowa, where ongoing support helps communities rebuild and strengthen resilience over time. By partnering with local organizations and volunteers, World Renew provides home repairs and recovery assistance that address both immediate damage and future risk. Their approach emphasizes consistency, relationship-building, and community-centered recovery, ensuring that support continues well beyond the initial disaster response phase.

World Vision

World Vision demonstrates large-scale impact and strong partnership-driven recovery in disaster-affected communities. Following wildfires in California, the organization rapidly mobilized to deliver essential supplies to more than 45,000 individuals, working alongside local churches and partners like the Los Angeles Dream Center. In North Carolina, World Vision joined a coalition of organizations to support long-term recovery after Hurricane Helene, helping rebuild homes and restore local businesses. The Better Together Coalition exemplifies how collaboration amplifies impact, enabling support for hundreds of homeowners and small businesses. World Vision’s work highlights the power of coordinated response, community partnerships, and sustained commitment to rebuilding lives and livelihoods.





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American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN)

The American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN) plays a vital role in bridging the gap between private sector capabilities and on-the-ground disaster response led by VOAD members. By leveraging relationships with logistics providers, ALAN connects donated transportation, warehousing, and supply chain expertise with organizations serving survivors. During the Los Angeles wildfires, ALAN facilitated a critical partnership to secure warehouse space for Baby2Baby, ensuring the efficient storage and distribution of life-saving air purifiers to impacted communities. Across all operations, ALAN's coordinated efforts have supported the movement of hundreds of thousands of pounds of humanitarian aid, demonstrating the essential role of logistics in disaster response and the power of collaboration between the private sector and the VOAD Movement.



Airlink

Airlink strengthens disaster response by providing critical airlift and logistics coordination for humanitarian organizations, enabling rapid deployment of both personnel and supplies. In response to the Los Angeles wildfires, Airlink supported more than ten VOAD member organizations by arranging transportation for emergency responders, including healthcare professionals and disaster specialists. Despite challenging conditions, including winter weather disruptions, Airlink ensured the delivery of essential supplies such as hygiene kits and personal protective equipment. By removing logistical barriers and reducing transportation costs, Airlink enabled partners to scale their operations and reach more than 150,000 survivors, highlighting the importance of efficient, coordinated logistics in saving lives and accelerating recovery.



The Elevated Studio

The Elevated Studio has provided transformative support to Long-Term Recovery Groups by delivering comprehensive, hands-on expertise that strengthens both recovery outcomes and local capacity. Through its partnership with the Clay County LTRG in Iowa, The Elevated Studio offered damage assessments, construction estimates, and disaster case management support for dozens of households, while also mentoring the group to operate more effectively. In southeastern Pennsylvania, the organization has played a key role in long-term recovery following Hurricane Ida, working alongside multiple VOAD partners to support survivors from initial outreach through project completion. By training local contractors and helping communities transition toward sustainable, locally led structures like COADs, The Elevated Studio exemplifies the VOAD commitment to building resilience and ensuring recovery efforts leave communities stronger than before.



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