

Stage 1 1-8 weeks

The Response team is in regular contact with the Management team back in London.
Regular Management team meetings assess progress and change the response plan as needed.

Stage 2 >6 months

Stage 3 >3-5 years



Hi CAFOD.
It's Tess from Caritas*. We have a developing emergency. Can you prepare to help us?

Of course, Tess, we'll assemble a team...

The Management team asks:

How many are affected? →



Tess, Robert is experienced in assessing needs. He's flying out tonight to help you with that...

What people and skills do our **partners**** have and what help and resources are they asking for? →



CAFOD has been our partner for years so I know you'll work with us on this. Thanks for putting us in touch with your other partners here to share our skills...

What resources are **Caritas and other agencies** already planning to supply? →



Hi Christian Aid. What are you supplying in the disaster area?

How much extra **money** do we need to raise and how will we raise it? →



Hi Dan. Will there be a Disasters Emergency Committee appeal on TV by aid agencies this weekend...?

Tess, a donation is on the way from our emergency fund. There'll be more, following the appeal...

How will we let our **UK supporters** know about the emergency? →



Our team can send info to schools and parishes about what's happening, and get any breaking news on our website. We've set up an appeal fund and we'll tell supporters who call or email us how they can make donations...

In the affected country...

A Response team is set up with local partners. Specialists may be brought in, eg. a nutritionist.

The Response team asks:

- What do local people say they need?
- How can and should local people be involved?
- Where are the supplies?
- Are they fitting for the local culture?
- How can we help the most vulnerable people first?



Supplies are bought locally, if possible, or cash is made available.



Partners assemble emergency kits and set up storage and distribution centres.

This is a refugee kit, just one type of emergency kit.

In England and Wales...

CAFOD supporters raise money and send in donations. These are processed.



Money is sent to partners and our Response team helps them to ensure that funds are used as effectively as possible.



The immediate emergency is over. People have food and water but have lost their homes and jobs. Temporary housing may be built at this stage.



Hi CAFOD. We've set up cash-for-work schemes so that people can earn money while helping with the clear-up... Let's have a meeting by phone to discuss long-term needs here...

CAFOD does not leave straight after an emergency.

We aim to work with communities until they are stronger than before the emergency.



We do Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) work to reduce the impact of future emergencies. For example, we might help people to build earthquake-resistant homes, cyclone shelters or dams to store water for droughts; or we might train communities to practice safety drills for emergencies.



Disaster strikes...



Management team

We need to make some funds available today...

*CAFOD is part of the Caritas International association of Catholic aid agencies—the second largest humanitarian body in the world.

**A partner is a local organisation that we support to work with its community.