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Saskatchewan Disasters 2011

Your help is urgently needed

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It's a tale of extremes - high river flows, high soil-moisture conditions and above-average rainfall in the south; lack of moistures and extreme fire hazards in the north. Saskatchewan is experiencing extensive flooding and forest fires, impacting many families province-wide.

Most recently, heavy rains have caused significant flooding of the Souris River in the southeast corner of Saskatchewan. Hundreds of families have been evacuated and will face challenges putting their lives back together.

This is just the latest severe weather incident that has seen over 3,000 Saskatchewan people evacuated to date – over 1,800 due to floods and over 1,200 due to forest fires. Hundreds of other people have remained in their homes but dealt with washed-out access roads and flooded basements.



Red Cross has had an active presence throughout Saskatchewan since flooding began, and will continue to work with families and individuals as they restore a sense of normalcy to their lives.

Red Cross Response

The Canadian Red Cross has been on the ground in numerous affected communities, registering evacuees, reuniting families and loved ones, assessing the needs of individual families and providing support to help families recover from disaster. Some of the hardest-hit communities to date include Carry the Kettle, Cowessess, Estevan, Hatchet Lake, Lebret, Red Earth, Roche Percee, Sakimay, Standing Buffalo, Weyburn, and Wollaston Lake.

To date, Red Cross has already provided the following assistance:

- **3,072** People have registered with Red Cross
 - 1,872 people due to floods and 1,200 people due to forest fires
- Red Cross has assisted with shelter in all evacuations this summer. Managing **5** congregate shelters in Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Weyburn in addition to managing lodging in hotels for several smaller evacuations.
- Over **600** flood clean-up kits and over **300** comfort kits have been distributed
- More than **3,300** hours of time has been provided by Red Cross volunteers in assisting flood- and-fire affected individuals and families who are rebuilding their lives.

The Long Road to Recovery

Your help is needed to support families as they recover during the weeks and months ahead.

The Canadian Red Cross relies on generous Canadians and corporations to support families impacted by disaster. The assistance provided by Red Cross does not duplicate other available assistance or services and is designed to ensure that essential needs are met and families receive the support they need to recover from disaster.

The assistance provided may include:

- Household repair and clean-up materials so families can move back into their homes
- Household goods
- Children's needs such as: cribs, car seats, and high chairs
- Transportation costs
- Occupational support
- Replacement of essential personal items - such as eye glasses, hearing aids, dentures, prosthetics, mobility aids, and refill of essential medications

How You Can Help

Make your donation to the “Western Canada Severe Weather Fund – Saskatchewan disasters”:

- Online at www.redcross.ca
- Toll-free at 1-800-418-1111
- In-person at any Red Cross office in Saskatchewan
 - Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert or Moose Jaw
- At all credit union branches in Saskatchewan

Want to help in other ways? Contact your local Red Cross office to learn about:

- Volunteering for the Red Cross
- Organizing an event to raise funds in your community.
- Setting up an employee giving campaign at your workplace.

For more information, please contact

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