Katrina Aid Today, a national case management consortium, is a two-year program dedicated to restoring lives and rebuilding families. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church, manages the FEMA sponsored program that provides long term recovery support to survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Nine national partners and sixteen grassroots organizations—experts in availability of benefits, resources and services—are delivering assistance to 300,000 of the most vulnerable survivors in communities across America.

A $66 million grant was awarded by FEMA to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the disaster-relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church, using funds donated by foreign governments. UMCOR, in turn, contracted with 9 nonprofits to carry out the work and will manage the grant and monitor their progress. The UMCOR program within which these agencies will work is named Katrina Aid Today.

Consortium agencies are working in 32 states from 132 offices throughout the US utilizing some 2,500 case managers seeking to assist people that have been affected by the storm. In addition to the $66 million grant funds from FEMA, consortium members have also committed an estimated $35 million ($5 million from UMCOR) including in-kind contributions totaling $101 million for long term recovery.

UMCOR always works with partners-usually in local settings. Civic organizations, faith communities, school leaders and other local resources are great assets to sustainable recovery and development, particularly after massive traumatic events. They exist close to the beneficiary and will continue to serve as positive influences in the community after UMCOR’s work is complete.

The program assists survivors by assisting in the creation of recovery plans, identification of unmet needs, and facilitating access to necessary resources. Case Management services will function as an advocacy tool for survivors in long-term and unmet needs tables. Case Management will be facilitated country-wide through the use of standardized forms and direct data entry into CAN: Coordinated Assistance Network – a web-based database.

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These organizations expand the reach of the nine-member consortium through their service to special populations of Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

- Accepting Challenges to Improve Our Nation (ACTION), Houston, TX
- Asian Social Services Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Autauga County Family Support Center, Prattville, AL
- Hope Community Services Inc., Orange County, CA
- Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- Mennonite Central Committee and El Comité de Récuperacion, Houston, TX
- Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League, Tulsa, OK
- National Spinal Cord Injury Association, (NSCIA) Bethesda, MD
- New Concept Staff Development Center, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
- Sabathani Community Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Services, St. Charles, MO
- Texas Interagency-Interfaith Disaster Response, Austin, TX
- United Way of Central Iowa, Des Moines, IA
- UNITY of Greater New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
- Workforce Essentials Inc., Clarksville, TN
- Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, Seattle, WA