

Partners in Health (PIH) was founded in 1987 to assist forming health ministries for areas facing the highest poverty levels in the world. Unique to PIH, they encourage the development of local ministries by people in the communities to assist in training and supplying those ministries for the health needs that are faced. While based on principles of Christian social justice, the organization supports the empowerment of all local health ministries for those in the developing world. PIH in partnership with Zanmi Lasante (the first flagship organization founded by PIH), they manage two hospitals, 24 health care clinics, and employ local healthcare workers across Haiti for those in need.

With hundreds dead and thousands injured, and both counts rising, PIH is enacting emergency protocols to quickly help those affected. In the coming days, PIH expects to transport and care for trauma victims at its sites in Mirebalais, Saint-Marc, and Hinche, which are about 150 miles (about eight hours by car) east of Les Cayes, the epicenter of the earthquake. PIH clinical teams also are en route to Les Cayes and surrounding areas to provide support. The leadership team is working with Haiti's Ministry of Public Health and Population and several non-government organizations to develop a comprehensive plan to respond to the acute health needs in the affected communities. In short, all of PIH's 6,598 staff members in Haiti, including community health workers, nurses, doctors, drivers, and more, are focused on providing collaborative, lifesaving care.

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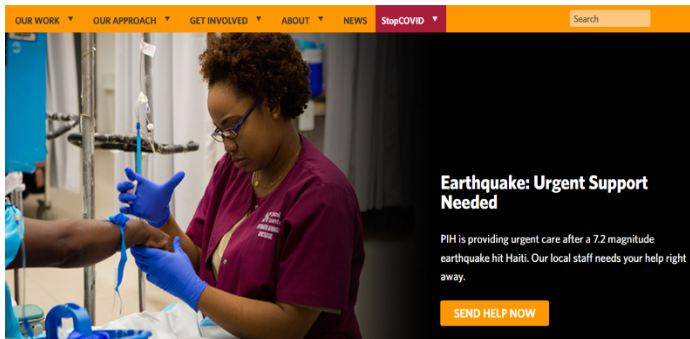
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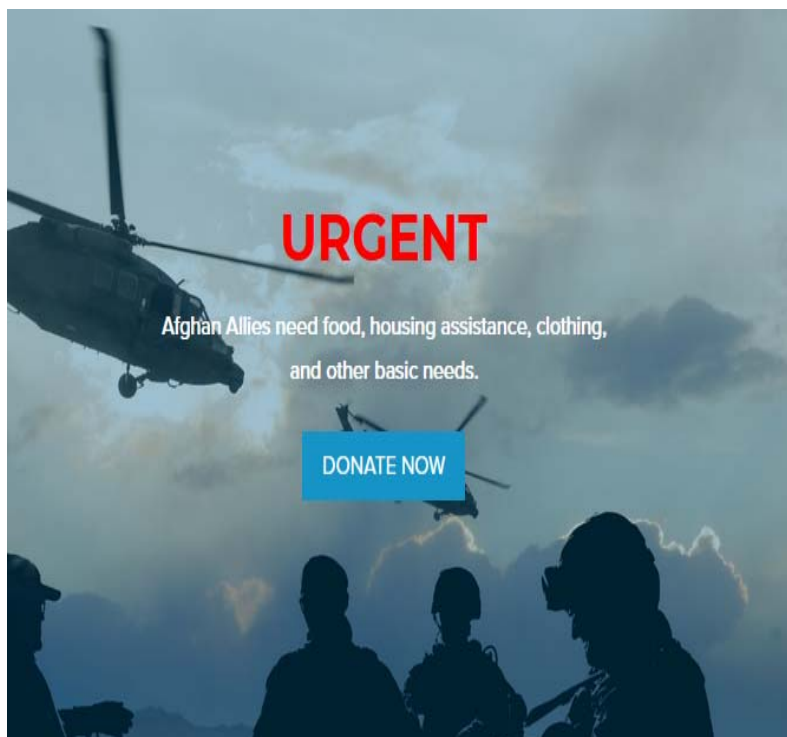
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The following is a statement by Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, President and CEO of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (a national refugee resettlement agency that has welcomed and supported more than 11,000 Afghan and Iraqi allies through the SIV program):

"We are grateful that there are assurances of relocation of Afghan allies alongside American civilians, though it is unfortunate this urgency has only been spurred months later by a dire security situation. It is paramount that we now see a clear plan for relocation of allies from the administration before the security situation further deteriorates. We remain concerned that Afghan allies will be evacuated to Qatar, a country that is not a signatory to the refugee convention and does

not assure freedom of expression or movement. The easiest and most efficient way forward is to move allies to U.S. territory. The U.S. has already welcomed 1,200 allies and family members through Fort Lee, Virginia, and Guam remains a viable and historically reliable staging ground for processing. Anything less than a full evacuation of all allies and their family members in danger would be an abdication of our moral responsibility."

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