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Relief International Deploys Emergency Team To Respond to the Humanitarian Crisis in the Middle East

Los Angeles, CA – Relief International, a leading Los Angeles-based aid organization, is responding to the evolving humanitarian disaster in Lebanon and Palestine by deploying an emergency response team to directly assist those in the affected regions.

More than 500,000 people have been left homeless with another 50,000 being displaced daily. Tens of thousands of people have taken refuge in schools. Most have no blankets or mattresses. Amid the displacement and heightened instability in the region, women, children and the elderly are among the most vulnerable.

Relief International teams in Beirut and Gaza are working to provide basic necessities for daily life, such as food, milk powder for infants, and sanitary supplies. Emergency responders are partnering with local organizations to deliver hygiene kits, bedding supplies and family food packages.

With teams already in the Middle East in both Palestine and Lebanon, Relief International will continue to increase staff and capacity to better meet the needs of the half-million displaced people. As the crisis evolves and the needs of the impacted families change, Relief International’s response will adapt accordingly to provide the most urgently-needed aid to those impacted by the crisis.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES: Relief International’s executive management and international relief team leaders now in the Middle East are available for comment or interview. For additional information or to speak with an RI representative, please contact Carrie Greenberg at (310) 478-1200.

TO HELP: Those interested in providing relief to the victims of the Middle East humanitarian crisis may make monetary donations by phone, mail or online. 95% of all private contributions directly benefit people through direct aid on the ground.

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