The first direct-care RN disaster response network deploys and provides support for volunteer nurses when disaster strikes. With RNRN, nurses can focus on providing patient care. RNRN takes care of everything else, raising funds to cover airfare and lodging, and facilitating out-of-state licensure. RNRN conducts educational courses examining the RN’s unique ability to be the driving force in pressing for universal healthcare and disaster preparedness/response standards. 

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The power of nurses helping nurses respond when disaster strikes.

“Until now, nurses haven’t had their own disaster response organization—meaning the most capable of volunteers have sometimes been turned away during times of the greatest need. Dozens of nurses gathered in Portland Monday to join the new Registered Nurse Response Network.”


“We have learned from our experience in Hurricane Katrina that the kind of skills needed in the weeks and months following a disaster are nursing skills. The kind of care that’s needed is everyday care, and things are exacerbated by the lack of medication and basic first aid. Something that was preventable ends up a life-threatening situation. Nurses are the heart of a long-term recovery effort.”

— Deborah Burger, RN, NNU Council of Presidents, Kaiser Santa Rosa, CA

“We cannot sit and stay helpless staring at this international climate stalemate. It is now time to take action.”

— Seb Yano, Head, Filipino Government Delegation to UN Climate Talks
YES! I want to join the RN Response Network

I want to attend an upcoming continuing education class or event in my area.

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ADDRESS

CITY  STATE  ZIP

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RNRN

Our mission

Relieve suffering in the wake of disasters that overwhelm local response capabilities.

Cut through bureaucracy and red tape in order to deploy RNs and utilize their skills as RNs in a disaster relief setting.

RNs helping local, exhausted RNs.

Providing care and helping to rebuild communities long after the cameras are gone.

Our volunteers are expected to be flexible as they face unexpected and difficult conditions.

Enable RNs to work as patient advocates worldwide.

Ongoing education and support to address the underlying causes of healthcare disasters.

UnNatural Disasters

Man-made conditions can exacerbate the effects of a natural disaster, or the weather event itself. Privatized disaster response in New Orleans led to an ineffective government response with deadly consequences. Devastating events such as the 2010 earthquake in Haiti are worsened due to environmental degradation, lack of infrastructure, and extreme poverty. “Super storms” like Katrina, Sandy, and Haiyan are part of a pattern of ever-more severe weather events resulting from global warming and sea level rise. RNs will be on call to respond and to help educate the public about these unnatural disasters.

“...I volunteered because we are all interconnected. The world of media draws us globally closer and we all feel the impact of global climate change — you never know when your community might be the next in need. As an RN, I feel an obligation to all communities in need, in particular the most vulnerable populations like mothers and babies.”

— Elena Dahl, RN

UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

“My heart went out to the people of Haiti and I knew that I needed to be there. RNRN heard my call and gave me an avenue of action so that I could make a difference.”

— Ashley Forsberg, RN

Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI

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We are our patients’ safety net. RNs are in a unique position to continue our long and proud history as social advocates, fighting for and providing equitable healthcare for all.

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