Program Costs

Of the $488 million donated, approximately $69 million (14.2%) covers program costs, which include items such as:

- Oversight of the 50+ organizations whose work is funded by the American Red Cross in Haiti
- Salaries, wages and benefits of staff working to provide relief and recovery
- Accountability, monitoring and evaluation of all projects
- Travel to and within Haiti, vehicles, fuel and maintenance
- Office space, supplies and equipment
- Staff Housing
- Workers hired through a temporary agency
- Telecommunications, connectivity, bank charges and shipping

Program costs are cross-cutting. Consistent with general accounting principles, they are not overhead or administrative expenses. This $69 million has been essential for the delivery of humanitarian services to the people of Haiti and for monitoring the use of donor dollars. Program costs help us monitor the use of donations and help us deliver humanitarian assistance without incurring significant risk of fraud, waste or mismanagement.