

On January 14, 2010, the Government of Canada announced that it will match dollar for dollar contributions of individual Canadians to eligible Canadian charitable organizations in support of humanitarian recovery and reconstruction efforts in Haiti up to a total of \$50 million.

It is my conclusion based on information available through the Canadian Council of Christian Charities and Canadian International Development Agency websites that donations by individuals to NAB or to an NAB church will qualify for the matching funds. Below is a recap of my understanding:

Of qualifying donations:

- Must be made by an individual Canadian (not a corporation or business) – the donation from an individual may not exceed \$100,000;
- Must be to a registered Canadian charitable organization (NAB is a Canadian registered charity) that is receiving donations in response to the January 12 Haiti earthquake;
- Must be specifically earmarked for the purpose of responding to the earthquake; and,
- Must be made between January 12 and February 12, 2010.

Of matching funds:

- NAB will provide a declaration to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) of individual donations received and qualifying for the matching program; an NAB church receiving individual donations will need to provide the declaration (even if those funds are ultimately forwarded on to NAB International Office, **unless the church specifically requests NAB to include the amounts in the NAB IO declaration**);
- The matching funds will **NOT** come to NAB. The funds will be placed in the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund to be managed by the Canadian government. Funds will be disbursed through international and Canadian humanitarian and development organizations working in Haiti;
- Decisions by CIDA on who will receive funding from the relief fund will be based on the merit of the proposals received and the capacity of the organization to deliver humanitarian, early recovery and reconstruction assistance to the affected population;
- NAB will use donations received to deliver our own relief projects or will forward the donations to another eligible organization working in Haiti.

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