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## **American Red Cross Responds to Storm in Western Alaska**

**ANCHORAGE, September 20, 2022** – The American Red Cross is coordinating with community partners, local and state officials to assist areas impacted by Typhoon Merbok. Red Cross workers will begin traveling today to Bethel and Nome to begin initial case work and damage assessment alongside several state agencies.

“More than 50 Red Cross workers are positioned in Anchorage and more are prepared to mobilize as the situation and needs evolve,” said Tanguy Libbrecht, CEO of the American Red Cross of Alaska.

The Red Cross is working closely with state agencies, including the Governor’s Office. “Alaskans can’t thank the American Red Cross enough for recognizing the immediate need families in western Alaska,” said Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy. “This partnership, along with the assistance of other relief agencies in Alaska, is just one more example of Alaskans coming together when it matters the most.”

You can help people affected by flooding both here and countless other crises by making a donation to support Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small.

- Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.
- For those interested in helping people specifically affected by the recent storms we ask that they write “Alaska Storms” in the memo line of a check and mail it with a completed donation form to the address on the form or to the local Red Cross chapter.

**About the American Red Cross:**

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmericana.org](http://CruzRojaAmericana.org), or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).*

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