

BGR Disaster Response Volunteer Information

Thank you for choosing to explore volunteer opportunities on the BGR website. Volunteers are important to us. They provide hands, feet, and voices to the things we are concerned about.

Project Volunteers:

For volunteering with ongoing projects, visit gobgr.org/volunteer to see a list of needs. On each request, use the contact information to find out more about the project.

Disaster Response Volunteers:

For disaster response, we have three types of volunteers we seek to engage when a catastrophic event happens. Each of the types is explained below.

- The extensively trained volunteer:
 - This person has been through an extensive 5-day training with BGR, is on call to respond, is in our database of trained individuals, and has been vetted to respond.
 - This volunteer is usually sought after during the initial stages of a response to a catastrophic event.
 - This person is already a part of a volunteer team or network of trained responders.
 - This individual has the time and financial resources to respond to the catastrophe on short notice.

- The mid-level trained volunteer:
 - This person has been through a 12-hour International Disaster Response training course, is in our database of trained individuals, and has been vetted to respond.
 - This volunteer is usually sought after during the follow-up stages of a response to a catastrophic event.
 - This person will be required to be a part of a volunteer team or assemble a team in order to be a part of the follow-up response.
 - This individual has the time and financial resources to respond to the catastrophe.
 - This volunteer will be used for longer-term work.

- The untrained volunteer:
 - This person has not been through training.
 - This volunteer is usually sought after during the follow-up stages of a response and will fill in the gaps of other teams.
 - This person will be required to be a part of a volunteer team.
 - This individual has the time and financial resources to respond to the catastrophe.
 - This volunteer will be used for longer-term work.

If you think you would like to volunteer in disaster response, here are a few things to consider:

1. If you are not trained and are willing to host a training at your location, contact us. Email our training director at pmelancon@gobgr.org.
2. If you have not filled out a volunteer form, complete one here (gobgr.org/volunteer/disaster).
3. If you want more information, email us at info@gobgr.org or view our scheduled training opportunities at gobgr.org/trainings.

**Thank you for wanting to join us in the important work we do.
We hope to hear from you again – and very soon!**

