

Wal-Mart and Trust-Mart Response to Central China Earthquakes

- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., has pledged more than RMB 20 million (approximately US\$3 million) for relief and reconstruction in the wake of the recent earthquakes that have rocked central China. In addition, the company is looking to establish a permanent charitable foundation in China as a means to support long-term reconstruction.
- Wal-Mart China contributed RMB 5 million of the total donation to the Mianyang Red Cross and the China Poverty Alleviation Organization to fund the construction of 50 medical clinics in areas affected by the May 12 Wenchuan earthquake.
- Our associates, customers and suppliers also are working together to raise funds. These contributions currently exceed RMB 4 million, with additional donations being made daily.
- Wal-Mart's three operating units in China, Trust-Mart, Wal-Mart China and Global Procurement are assisting with supply chain logistics to help locate and deliver goods. By utilizing the Trust-Mart Chengdu and Wal-Mart Shenzhen distribution centers as staging areas, we have been shipping supplies quickly and in a well-coordinated manner to the region. Global Procurement has activated Wal-Mart's global supply chain network to locate goods in short supply in the country.
- So far, some 30 truck loads of supplies have been delivered to the four cities of Deyang, Mianzhu, Shifang and Guangyuan. Supplies include water, food, tents, sleeping bags, blankets, batteries, flashlights, gloves, facial masks, shovels and other items in short supply. We have coordinated our efforts with the local governments, relief organizations and civil affairs authorities.
- Immediately after the quakes, we provided earthquake victims with food, water and other supplies from our stores in the earthquake zone and set up relief operations outside our stores.
- Up to 15 stores were initially closed. Our associates worked round-the-clock to get our stores back up and running. As of May 26, only one Trust-Mart store in Dujiangyan is closed due to structural damage. We know it means much to the communities we serve that we have the necessities they are looking for at our everyday low prices.
- We are taking care of our associates. 5,500 Trust-Mart and Wal-Mart associates live and work in the region. We have now located all associates, but more than 550 have either lost their homes or their houses are severely damaged. Several also have lost loved ones. We are giving them extra financial support, access to counseling, and other assistance.
- Partnering with more than 200 suppliers and the local Red Cross, we held a nationwide charity sale with all proceeds going directly to earthquake victims. With the China Red Cross and China Charity Fund we are collecting donations from customers.
- Wal-Mart associates in the U.S., Japan, Brazil and Canada as well as our colleagues in India and at Bharti Retail are raising funds to support fellow associates and their communities.
- Trust-Mart and Wal-Mart have some 40 stores, offices and warehouses in the region. Trust-Mart has the larger presence with 10 stores and a distribution center in Chengdu, while Wal-Mart has two stores there. Trust-Mart has one store in Dujiangyan. They each have one store in Mianyang.
- At Wal-Mart, helping communities is what we do every day. And when a crisis strikes this becomes an even greater priority.

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