



## Help Emilia From Abroad: How to Donate to the Victims of the Quake

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The earthquakes that shook Emilia on May 20 and May 29 are extremely tragic, like the tremor that killed nearly 300 people in Abruzzo only four years ago.

Those killed by the quake total 24, with over 15,000 people who find themselves homeless in the wake of the seism. The economic activities of the region have been severely damaged as well: agricultural losses in the Bologna, Modena and Mantova areas and in the Po River Valley are estimated at \$254 million.

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Monetary donations are welcome through various channels. Until June 26, it is possible to donate €2 by texting from mobile phones or calling from land phones the special SOS number +39 45500. The proceeds will go towards a special fund by [Italian Civil Protection National Service](#) [2], thanks to a collaboration between the [Emilia-Romagna Region](#) [3] and the ICPNS.

It is also possible to send a bank transfer to “Unicredit Banca Spa, Agenzia Bologna Indipendenza, Bologna.”

The IBAN code for this bank branch is IT – 42 – I – 02008 – 02450 – 000003010203, and the reason for payment line must be filled in as follows: “Contributo per il terremoto 2012 in Emilia-Romagna.”

It is strictly forbidden to use the Regional Civil Protection Toll Free line, +39 800 333 911, for other inquiries than help requests.

The line is not to be used to arrange the shipping of food aids or other goods, which needs to be done through accredited volunteer associations such as Croce Rossa Italiana (Italian Red Cross) and Caritas.

On [Croce Rossa Italiana](#) [4]’s website it is also possible to donate money (use this link: <http://cri.it/flex/FixedPages/IT/Donazioni.php/L/IT> [5]), as well as on [Caritas Reggiana](#) [6]’s website – you can donate via credit card at this link: <http://www.caritasreggiana.it/OLD/donazioni.php> [7]

Among the donors, Pope Benedict XVI gave €100,000 and the Dalai Lama €50,000.

As the 2nd of June Parade approaches, which will cost approximately €3 million this year, the volunteer association [Emergency](#) [8] invites to sign a [petition](#) [9] to the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano to cancel the event, and donate the money to the rescue operations.

In 1976, Defense Minister Arnaldo Forlani decided to [cancel the parade](#) [10] after the Friuli region was shook by a severe quake.

The Emergency campaign is a trending topic on Twitter and on the Italian social networks with the hashtag [#sipuòfare](#) [11] (#wecandoit). You can email the President of the Republic through these two links: [presidenza.repubblica@quirinale.it](mailto:presidenza.repubblica@quirinale.it) [12] and <https://servizi.quirinale.it/webmail/> [13]

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