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FAST FACTS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

- In 2023, there were 28 confirmed weather and climate disaster events in the <u>United States</u>, with losses totaling over \$1 million.
- Nearly three in four Americans who donate to charity report donating to a disaster relief fund.
- More than 3 million people were displaced by a natural disaster in the U.S. That is **one out of every 70 adults** who were displaced from their homes.
- People who are displaced have a high need for life-saving items. This includes food, water, clothing, medical supplies, and pharmaceuticals.
- The U.S. has over 20 <u>departments</u> responsible for providing disaster relief. Other relief comes
 from philanthropic aid, which is money and supplies that come from individuals and
 nonprofits.
- Communities with large populations of Hispanic and Black individuals are likely to receive **less** assistance from government relief agencies.
- Only 2% of all philanthropic aid goes toward disaster relief.
- More than half of Americans do not know where to donate when a natural disaster occurs.
- Benevolist.org provides the opportunity for people to easily find nonprofits in need of supplies.
- Many people donate items that are not needed, which can lead to waste.
 - Benevolist.org also provides detailed lists of what nonprofits need, preventing unnecessary
- donations. For more information, visit it's website at Benevolist.org