

## **INVESTORS TRUST DONATES TO WORLD VISION'S EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS IN JAPAN AND ECUADOR**

*Donations will help provide families affected by the earthquakes with emergency relief.*

GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS - May 26, 2016 -- Investors Trust is donating \$20,000 USD to World Vision's Emergency Relief Funds for both Japan and Ecuador following the recent earthquakes that took place in the two regions.

On April 14, 2016, a 6.4-magnitude earthquake followed by a 7.3 earthquake on April 16, along with dozens of aftershocks, struck the region of Kumamoto in Japan leaving more than 40 people dead, hundreds injured and thousands forced to evacuate. World Vision Japan has been on the ground in Kumamoto providing emergency relief supplies, basic necessities and shelter for those affected by the earthquakes.

As of May 17, World Vision Japan has distributed relief goods, such as bottled water, rice, food, sanitary goods and blankets, to 2,736 people. They have also teamed up with the local YMCA to provide a safe environment and care for the children. Additionally, World Vision Japan has been working with a child-focused organization in the region to provide nutritious meals for school lunches. The kitchen serving multiple schools in the region was damaged during the earthquakes so the two groups are working together to support the provision of supplementary food, in the meantime. Investors Trust is donating \$10,000 USD to support World Vision Japan and their relief efforts in the region.

On the other side of the world, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake shook Ecuador on April 16 of 2016 causing significant damage to communities in 6 provinces, Manabí, Esmeraldas, Santa Elena, Guayas, Santo Domingo and Los Ríos. Of these, Manabí is the most affected, with 40% of its population impacted. Initial assessments indicate that up to 720,000 people are in need of humanitarian assistance. As of April 21, 587 people are dead, 155 missing, 8340 injured and 25,376 are residing in shelters. There are 1,125 buildings destroyed, and a further 829 buildings including 281 schools damaged. World Vision has relief efforts in the region to help supply the basic living essentials and bring aid to the survivors. The organization partners with local emergency committees to bring relief to those most vulnerable by providing emergency kits, temporary shelter and Child Friendly Spaces for the affected families.

Following initial assessments of the disaster, World Vision has established a long-term response plan of 18 months. Investors Trust donated \$10,000 USD to support World Vision's relief efforts in Ecuador.

### **About World Vision**

World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children, families and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. They serve the world's poor regardless of a person's religion, race, ethnicity or gender. For more information, please visit [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org).