



American Public Health Association  
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## Urgent Action Alerts for March 2010

"I'll go anywhere as long as it's forward." – David Livingstone

### Lend a hand to those affected by the destructive earthquake in Chile

February 27, 2010 marked a bleak day in Chilean history. Near Concepcion, Chile an 8.8- magnitude earthquake spread havoc and destroyed almost everything in a mere three minutes. The earthquake was caused by a tsunami. The death toll has reached 800 and is still increasing. Much of the infrastructure, many businesses, and innumerable families have been destroyed or negatively impacted by this natural disaster. Some cities still do not have electricity. If you can, **TAKE ACTION NOW!** How can you help? Texting! Text "CHILE" to any of these numbers to donate \$10 on behalf of each the organization listed: Habitat for Humanity: 25383, World Vision: 20222, Salvation Army: 52000, American Red Cross: 90999. To get even more involved, the following organizations are seeking volunteers to help in Chile: [American Red Cross](#), [Doctors Without Borders](#), [Salvation Army](#), [International Medical Corps](#), [InterAction](#).



National Public Health Week is fast approaching! Stay tuned for the next Action Alert dedicated on how you can get involved and contribute not only to a successful NPHW but the inaugural "Public Health Student Day!"

### Tell Congress to Move Forward With Health Reform and Stop Delaying!

After coming so far, the future of health reform in Congress is in doubt. Up to this point, Congress has made more progress than ever before toward passing comprehensive and affordable health reform legislation with an emphasis on changing from a system that focuses on treating the sick to one that focuses on keeping people healthy. Please take the time to write to your members of Congress telling them that health reform legislation cannot wait and that it is essential that they send comprehensive affordable health reform to the President NOW!

[Click here to submit a letter to Congress TODAY!](#)



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