The rainy season has begun in Haiti. Three days of rains in March caused serious mudslides, destroyed schools, and flooded many of the temporary housing of Haiti’s dislocated population. As the hurricane season approaches, there is no way to predict how devastating the rains will be. Severe rains present unique public health challenges to an already ravaged nation, including the increased spread of diseases such as malaria, cholera, and typhoid. While permanent housing is largely considered the best option, the race against time is on. Many people who lost their homes to the recent earthquake have no shelter at all. Please take a look at some of the links to the left and consider donating to the housing efforts in Haiti.

International aid and building efforts take a long time and the rainy season is here. “Beat the Rain” is an organization receiving direct donations of tents, which can provide some level of shelter easily and quickly.

While it is widely accepted that permanent, weather-resistant housing is best, the urgent nature of the situation calls for creative solutions. Check out this article about various housing options.

Locally based Partners in Health is looking for donations and volunteers in the Boston area. Check out their Web site for ways to contribute:

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