

**“...all states should apply international norms with regard to internally displaced persons.”**

*Betty King, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (July 2001)*

Shouldn't the U.S. recognize basic rights and protections for victims of disaster here at home?

To learn more about human rights, poverty in the U.S. and the impact of the hurricanes contact:

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**If you were forced from your home as a result of the hurricanes, demand your rights!**



# When disaster strikes, you deserve to have your basic human rights protected!

**You are in your own country and not a “refugee.”**

**Your rights as an INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSON are recognized by the United Nations**



If you had to leave your home because of Hurricane Katrina...

You have a human right to:

- Stable housing
- Education for your children
- Food, clothes & water
- Information about health, safety and your home
- An opportunity to participate in decisions about rebuilding

If you are sick, wounded, pregnant, elderly or have special needs, you deserve:

- Quick medical care
- Trauma counseling and therapy
- Reproductive health care



You and your family’s basic human rights should be protected!

- If you were separated, the Government should help you get back together
- The Government should tell you about any search for missing family members

If a family member died in Hurricane Katrina:

- You have a human right to claim their body
- If they have been buried, you have the right to access the site of burial

# Internally displaced persons have a human right to live with dignity and security!

Government agencies are responsible for assisting you in securing a stable and safe living situation whether you choose to return home or relocate.

*They should also help you:*

- Get back property or receive compensation
- Reclaim vital information and possessions or get adequate compensation

