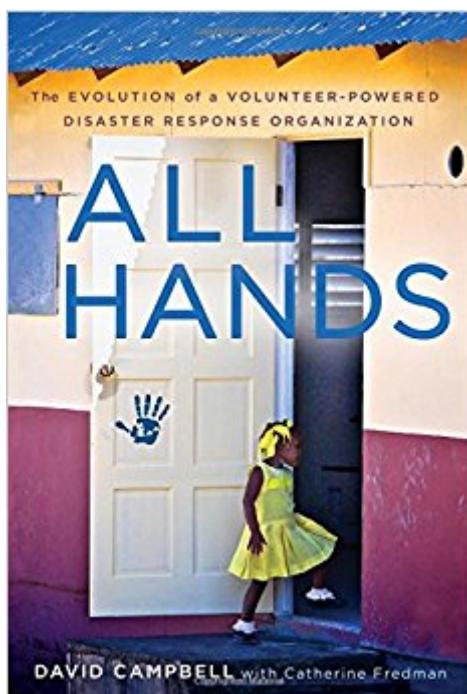


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# All Hands: The Evolution Of A Volunteer-Powered Disaster Response Organization



## **Synopsis**

David Campbell's personal and professional life changed course in the wake of the Indian Ocean tsunami of December 26, 2004. A chance remark to a friend about the tragedy led his companion to reveal that he had dined, just a week prior to the tsunami, on a hotel patio where everyone had been killed. "In that moment," Campbell remembers, "a faraway event was brought much closer." That meeting launched Campbell into action. After researching travel and lodging, he packed everything he thought he would need in a major disaster zone and boarded a plane to Thailand. But his most important asset was his vast network of friends in the technology industry and his decades of experience in businesses management. His colleagues and friends wanted to help and he wanted to help them do it. Campbell didn't realize it at the time but he had stumbled on the key elements of what would become All Hands Volunteers, an entirely new kind of disaster relief organization: his own credibility, creative use of the Internet to make connections, and most importantly, the immeasurable power of "being there." ALL HANDS: THE EVOLUTION OF A VOLUNTEER-POWERED DISASTER RESPONSE ORGANIZATION shares the story of how, over the past ten years, Campbell and thousands of dedicated volunteers have personally and profoundly impacted the lives of people reeling in the wake of natural disaster.

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An inspiring look at a compelling model for how to make the world a better place just by showing up. I appreciated the frank description of the development of this organization, including both highs and lows, which offers a unique model outside of the bureaucratic and often exclusionary world of

NGOs. It operates under the assumption that every person has something to offer others in need and proves its case with moving stories of volunteer engagement all over the globe.

I loved that book. So inspiring story about how one thing can change your life and the way to see the world. Really nice history and lot of useful information for them (like me) who would love to volunteer and especially everybody who think that we can't change the world.

Was a good read for those in the volunteer community and those who want to get active. He gave us the pros and cons and how once we volunteer, we are hooked for life.

This is a great explanation of how All Hands evolved and why it works so efficient. I loved it!

Great

Our grandson has been working in this field with Americorp and The conservation organizations. He has been doing this for about three years. He started with our church in Derry New Hampshire, when a group went to New Orleans.. Brian our grandson just loves this type of work. That said this book was a great read for me. Mr. Campbell are amazing keep up the good work our grandson really supports your hard work. Thank you for your love of helping others. I recommend your book "all hands" to everybody who cares about others.

The author can be proud of his achievement both as founder of All Hands, an organisation for Disaster Response, and as writer. I felt the author's enthusiasm and dedication in his words. The book has the mission of explaining what is All Hands. The writing is convincing. This is the story of how All Hands was founded by the author after the Thailand tsunami in 2004 and how it developed to what it is today. The various disaster zones where All Hands worked are described e.g. USA, Haiti, Japan, Philippines, Nepal etc.. The author talks about the business side of running such an organisation and the difficulties encountered. The book definitely has the effect of making one wish to either join All Hands as a volunteer or to help them financially. I particularly appreciate that All Hands stays true to its beginnings: you don't pay to volunteer. This makes it different. Throughout the book, the author gives plenty of examples of how working with communities who have lost everything can be a life transforming experience for a volunteer. Too often one is searching for the meaning of life or feeling down or lost. Well this book certainly shows

that volunteering can change one's life and bring new meaning and purpose to it. THE ISLAND GIRL (THE MAURITIUS MIGRANTS SERIES Book 2)

David's book gives a very thorough account of the ups and downs and methods entailed for the start up of a now successful Disaster Response organization, All Hands Volunteers. The book is thought provoking and well written. By reading the book you will see that through persistence and determination, with the goal of doing good, the risk taken paid off by the numbers of people impacted by disasters, and numbers of volunteers, whose life were (and still are) changed in such a positive way. Thank you David for never giving up and for putting your story in print to continue helping others!!

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