

# AmeriCares

## One-Year Emergency Response Progress Report:

# PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN



One year after Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, AmeriCares recovery work continues to help survivors access the health care they need. Working with local partners, we are making long-term, sustainable improvements in the health system, rebuilding community health centers and expanding health services.

With support from our generous network of donors, AmeriCares has provided more than \$21 million in aid to help survivors of this deadly storm.

### On November 8, 2013

#### **SUPER TYPHOON HAIYAN**

devastated the Central Philippines. The storm was the strongest to ever make landfall; its 150-mile-per-hour sustained winds and 15-foot storm surge killed more than 6,000 people, displaced 550,000 and destroyed or damaged an estimated 2,000 health facilities.

**WITHIN 72 HOURS** of the storm, AmeriCares Emergency Response team was on the ground coordinating aid deliveries and assessing damage to begin our comprehensive response to save lives, restore health care and build a more resilient health system for survivors.

When Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, AmeriCares set four goals for our response and we continue to focus our work around them:

### 1 TREAT THE INJURED AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF SURVIVORS

To treat people injured in the storm and protect the health of survivors, AmeriCares has delivered more than \$19 million in medicines and supplies. In total, we have provided enough medicine to fill nearly 1 million prescriptions and 1.3 million relief supplies, including medical supplies for surgeries and patient care, to health centers, hospitals and volunteer U.S. medical teams traveling to the Philippines.

### 2 RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN HEALTH SERVICES

To help Filipinos prepare for seasonal storms, AmeriCares stocks crucial relief supplies in the country. When Typhoon Haiyan struck, our pre-positioned supplies were in place and our local health partners distributed them to thousands of survivors after the storm.

In the weeks following, AmeriCares support helped damaged health clinics open quickly, even before repairs were underway. We provided doctors and nurses; equipment, including generators; and transportation and funds to cover diagnosis and treatment for urgent-care patients.

AmeriCares continues to send medicine and supplies to our local partner so they are ready for future disasters in this vulnerable country. We are also training community leaders and health officials to prepare their communities for future storms.

### 3 REBUILD HEALTH FACILITIES

AmeriCares has provided support to repair health centers damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan. Reconstruction is completed or underway on 74 facilities with dozens more planned, restoring access to health services for close to 2 million patients. We continue to work alongside the Philippines Department of Health and local partners to rebuild health facilities to withstand future disasters, including generators that will provide power during outages.

#### Repaired and Expanded

The in-patient wing at Roxas Memorial Provincial Hospital in Capiz, which was badly damaged during the typhoon, is accepting more patients than ever before, thanks to a new roof, ceiling, windows and equipment donated by AmeriCares.

Three village health centers in Pilar were repaired and are now open, because of support from AmeriCares. These community health centers offer primary care and maternal and child health services for 6,000 people in the area.



### 4 BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE

To improve the skills of health workers in vulnerable communities, AmeriCares provided training in nutrition and mental health. In Northern Cebu, 320 community nutrition scholars can now identify and help malnourished children because of our support; working alongside the National Nutrition Council, AmeriCares also provided the nutrition scholars with tools that monitor healthy growth.

AmeriCares has also trained more than 2,300 health workers and community leaders to provide mental health services to survivors who need psychosocial support after the deadly storm. Now, people suffering from trauma and loss can get help at their local clinic. With training supported by AmeriCares, health workers know when a patient needs more help and can refer them to specialized services.

In all, AmeriCares has improved access to mental health services for an estimated 2 million people, lowering survivors' risk of depression, post-traumatic stress and other mental health conditions.

#### Trained to Help

After attending a training session supported by AmeriCares, lead nurse Evelyn Cabanero knew exactly what to do when she met a patient suffering with symptoms of mental illness. "We used to advise and give antacids, but now we provide psychological [support]," says Evelyn. "Before now, we were afraid because [distressed patients] may be violent. Now we are not afraid to approach them, even touch the patients. We talk to them, make eye contact and build rapport." Evelyn is working with other health care workers who attended the training to open a new ward at Burauen District Hospital for patients in need of mental health care.



◀ **Meet a Filipino doctor and hear her story of surviving and helping others after the deadly storm:**  
[www.americares.org/typhoondoctor](http://www.americares.org/typhoondoctor)

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[www.americares.org/emergency-response/typhoon-haiyan-philippines.html](http://www.americares.org/emergency-response/typhoon-haiyan-philippines.html)

**See an interactive map of our Philippines typhoon response work:**

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