

Aid Rushed to Haiti After Deadly Hurricane



Haiti

When Americares emergency staff arrived at the tiny health clinic in remote Carrefour Charles, Haiti, the scene was grim.

“They had many patients, but no medicine—they had nothing,” says one responder.

The remote clinic was one of dozens of damaged community health centers to which Americares teams delivered medicine in the first weeks after Hurricane Matthew. “When we showed up with enough medicine to treat 1,000 people for three months, they were ecstatic,” says Americares Senior Vice President of Global Programs, Dr. E. Anne Peterson, who was on the team that made the delivery.

An Americares emergency response team was already on the ground in



Haiti before Hurricane Matthew made landfall on Oct. 4. In just a few hours, the Category 4 storm left hundreds dead, tens of thousands homeless and 1.4 million people in southwest Haiti in need of humanitarian assistance. Americares relief workers immediately began delivering urgently needed medicine and relief supplies in the most affected areas.

In the month after the storm, Americares delivered more than \$6 million in aid and Americares mobile medical teams treated more than 3,700 patients. The medical teams, staffed by Haitian physicians and nurses working in coordination with the Ministry of Health, spent weeks in remote communities treating patients with infected wounds and respiratory illnesses exacerbated by sleeping outside in the rain.

“Everywhere we went we found survivors in need of medical attention— children and adults with storm-related injuries, fever and skin conditions,” says Dr. Peterson. “Many of the rural clinics had little on hand to treat patients. At some locations we supplied 90 percent of the medicine.” Americares deliveries for the crisis include more than 6,000 treatments to help hydrate patients with the diarrheal disease cholera.

Americares continues to work alongside local health partners to restore health services for hurricane survivors.

Americares medical teams are conducting clinics in three locations a day in Haiti, helping to restore health services after Hurricane Matthew (above). In the U.S., emergency medicine left Americares distribution center for hurricane-affected states.

Your Donations Support U.S. Flood Survivors

As Hurricane Matthew barreled towards the coast of the southeastern U.S., Americares deployed emergency relief workers from its Connecticut headquarters. Pre-positioned in Florida, the team prepared aid deliveries and coordinated with partners as Matthew flooded rivers, destroyed homes and businesses and left millions without power.

“This storm was devastating for local residents and health facilities,” says Americares Manager of Emergency Response Michelle Thompson. “Many of our partner clinics were flooded and lost power, ruining stocks of medicine and supplies, and many of their patients were forced to evacuate their homes.”

Within a week of the storm, Americares had sent ten shipments of relief supplies to partners throughout the region. To date, Americares has provided more than \$600,000 worth of medicine and medical supplies to survivors facing a long recovery. Shipments included insulin, first aid kits, hygiene supplies, tetanus vaccines and truckloads of bottled water.

“Our emergency shipments ensure health workers are able to continue providing care, even under extremely difficult circumstances,” says Thompson. “Americares is committed to supporting our partners.”



From the President and CEO



Dear Friends,

Americares mission is to save lives and improve health for people affected by poverty and disaster so they can reach their full potential. With your help, we can continue to give vulnerable people access to the health care they desperately need.

In an uncertain time of change, Americares remains committed to helping people in need. We know that with good health, people can go to school and work and contribute to strong families and communities. Because of your support, millions of vulnerable people have access to the services they need and can continue on their journey to health and opportunity.

This newsletter outlines many ways Americares reaches people when they need help the most. After Hurricane Matthew flooded communities in the U.S. in October, Americares worked with local clinics to make sure that survivors had access to critical medicine—including insulin and tetanus vaccine. Haiti took a direct hit from the storm; health clinics lost everything and so did their patients. Americares teams of Haitian doctors and nurses are working in damaged clinics, churches and schools to restore health services.

Especially now, your support is critical. Together, we are helping families achieve their dream of health.

In this season of year-end giving, thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you,

Michael J. Nyenhuis
President and CEO

Your Support Means a Healthy Future

At just 6 months old, Keren had already suffered pneumonia twice. In El Salvador, health care is not always available or effective, so when her parents brought her to Americares Family Clinic in Santiago de Maria, they had little hope their tiny daughter would be cured.

But soon Alfonso and Raina Morales began to see a change—Keren's health was improving. "I feel very satisfied with how the staff treats us as patients," says Alfonso. "And the prescription medicine is excellent." Keren and her parents are among the thousands of patients Americares Family Clinic treats every year.

Seven years later, Keren still receives regular care and low-cost daily treatments. Today, her respiratory illness is under control and her entire family learns about health, nutrition and disease prevention at the clinic's health education sessions.

"I enjoy attending the 'Healthy Child Growth and Development Program' because I learn a lot about children," says Raina. "I like that because I learn how to take care of the kids so that they grow up healthy." Last year, the clinic provided care to nearly 33,000 patients and health education to more than 112,000.



Americares El Salvador clinic provides low-cost primary care for families like Keren's in Santiago de Maria, El Salvador. To see a video of Keren's story, visit americares.org/keren

This Young Patient Sang His Thank-You

Luis's mother woke at 2 a.m. to take her son to the hospital in Salamá, Guatemala. She wanted to be sure he was among the first patients treated by visiting eye surgeons.

She was successful: With medicine and medical supplies donated by Americares, Dr. Thomas Carothers and his team from World Pediatric Project surgically corrected Luis's misaligned eyes, which will strengthen his vision and help him in school. After the surgery, the doctors heard someone singing and found their young patient in the recovery room, eyes squeezed shut and coated with post-surgery ointments, singing his thanks for the medical team, his mother and hospital staff who had gathered around.

Luis* was just one of 59 patients seen by World Pediatric Project in less than a week; the team used Americares-provided products such as pain relievers and surgical supplies to perform more than 20 delicate eye operations.

"The savings translate into more efficient surgeries for the children we serve," says Dr. Carothers.

Worldwide, Americares-supported volunteer medical teams performed nearly 48,000 surgeries in 2016. Americares supports volunteer medical teams making trips to approximately 80 countries each year.



After free surgery from a visiting team, Luis's eyes will align and his vision grow stronger.

* name changed

Partner in Profile: The Boeing Company

If hospital patients in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, need anything beyond the most basic medicine, they must find and pay for it themselves, which is not easy in a country where resources are scarce. The Boeing Company, through its Humanitarian Delivery Flight program and partnership with customers such as Uzbekistan Airlines, is increasing Uzbek patients' access to medicine by donating cargo space in its aircraft for AmeriCares deliveries.



Opening aircraft doors to humanitarian aid is just one facet of Boeing's partnership with AmeriCares. Boeing has been an AmeriCares Annual Emergency Response Partner since 2013, providing consistent, reliable support for AmeriCares emergency programs, including preparedness.

As the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems, Boeing has a global reach, with employees in more than 65 countries and customers in over 150. "Boeing is uniquely positioned to make a



Because resources are scarce in Uzbekistan, medical staff values every humanitarian shipment.

difference during disaster and humanitarian relief efforts and be a force for positive change," says Sam Whiting, director of Northwest Global Corporate Citizenship for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "Through our ongoing Humanitarian Delivery Flights program, Boeing and its airline customers combine the delivery of new aircraft with vital relief and humanitarian missions."

"Our partnership with Boeing expands our ability to provide medicine and relief supplies during emergencies and relieve the chronic shortages caused by poverty," says Dr. E. Anne Peterson, AmeriCares senior vice president of global programs.

Since Boeing began working with AmeriCares in 2009, the company has conducted 12 humanitarian delivery

Your Help Keeps Clinic Doors Open

A dozen women arrive daily at the Liberian Government Hospital in Buchanan, Liberia, ready to give birth. Last June, one young mother-to-be showed up too late. In her ninth month of pregnancy when pain began, she and her husband had difficulty finding an open health facility. They first rushed to a clinic near their home, which was empty, having never opened. A second clinic was also closed. Finally, they arrived at the hospital in Buchanan where their first baby was stillborn. Their journey had taken three days.

The same week, another pregnant woman arrived at the Buchanan hospital with pain. She lived nearby and had gotten to the hospital quickly; with an emergency cesarean section, she delivered a healthy baby girl.

After working to combat the Ebola crisis, AmeriCares stayed in Liberia to strengthen health services for mothers and children. AmeriCares improved the maternity ward at Buchanan, adding space and beds, and is keeping two remote clinics open. In the first 10 months of AmeriCares support, more than 1,000 babies were born at the three facilities.



With support from AmeriCares, this mother and baby are safe and healthy.

Plan a Gift, Leave a Legacy



Photo courtesy of Vivian and Wayne Day

AmeriCares donors Vivian and Wayne Day

Vivian and Wayne Day have seen the medical needs of people firsthand. An obstetrician, Dr. Wayne Day not only practiced medicine in his home state of Washington, but also volunteered his skills for Christian medical mission trips—providing health care and staff training to communities struggling with poverty in China, Romania, Kenya, Uganda and more. AmeriCares donated medicine for the trips and Wayne and Vivian took notice.

When it came time to plan their estate, the couple brought a unique point of view. "We looked for efficiency, effectiveness and also compassion," says Vivian.

"This is our way of giving back what they have given us—and to ensure that what we give will continue to help others," says Wayne. The couple appreciates AmeriCares efficiency, disaster relief work and the global health programs that include an educational component for local health staff. "It's a great organization and that's why we make not only yearly gifts, but also have included AmeriCares in our estate plan," says Wayne.

For more information on the benefits of gift planning, contact Planned Gift Office at AmeriCares: 203.658.9500.

Your Donations Reached 63 Countries in Three Months

With your help between July 1 and September 30, AmeriCares sent medicine, medical supplies and project support to the following countries:

Afghanistan	Colombia	Ethiopia	Iraq	Myanmar	Peru	Tanzania
Armenia	Costa Rica	Fiji	Jamaica	Nepal	Philippines	Thailand
Bahamas	Democratic	Ghana	Jordan	Nicaragua	Romania	Togo
Bangladesh	Republic of the	Greece	Kenya	Niger	Rwanda	Turkey
Belize	Congo	Guatemala	Liberia	Nigeria	Senegal	Uganda
Bolivia	Dominican	Guyana	Malawi	Palestinian	Sierra Leone	Ukraine
Cambodia	Republic	Haiti	Mali	Territories	St. Lucia	United States
Cameroon	Ecuador	Honduras	Mexico	Panama	St. Vincent	Uzbekistan
China	El Salvador	India	Mongolia	Papau New	Swaziland	Vietnam
	Eritrea		Mozambique	Guinea	Syria	Zimbabwe



United States

United States: AmeriCares U.S. Program now supports 1,000 clinics and health centers serving low-income un- and underinsured patients in all 50 U.S. states and Puerto Rico

Nepal: AmeriCares continues to expand and restore health care for survivors of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, including supporting a rehabilitation center where patients gain strength and ability and local health workers receive training in rehabilitation.



Philippines

Philippines: In the two weeks after Typhoon Haima swept through the northern Philippines in October with 140 mph winds, AmeriCares emergency medical teams treated more than 900 patients and delivered critical medicine.

El Salvador: Expectant mothers in El Salvador now have access to clothing that prevents mosquito bites to reduce their risk of contracting Zika. AmeriCares recently began distributing the innovative insect-repellent shirts created by Maternova to patients of AmeriCares Family Clinic in Santiago de Maria.



Nepal

Annual Emergency Response Partners

These organizations support AmeriCares year-round readiness for global emergencies:

- Alexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Anthem Foundation
- The Boeing Company
- Chevron
- Medtronic
- MoneyGram Foundation
- Northrop Grumman
- OdysseyRe Foundation
- Patagonia
- Southwest Airlines
- S&P Global
- Vanech Family Foundation
- Voya Financial
- Anonymous



El Salvador



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