For four weeks last spring, severe weather battered communities across the central United States. Day after day, millions of people lived under the threat of disaster as deadly storms unleashed flash flooding, hail and more than 500 tornadoes in multiple states, including a fierce EF-3 tornado that left a path of destruction across Missouri’s capital city. The severe weather killed at least seven people and pushed rivers to record flood levels, engulfing roadways, homes and businesses and forcing families to evacuate.

In just 17 days, Americares delivered 11 shipments of essential medicine and relief supplies for affected families across Arkansas, Ohio, Oklahoma and Missouri. Americares relief for stricken families included truckloads of bottled water and first aid supplies, as well as critical tetanus vaccines and insulin for diabetic patients who lost medication in the storm.

“Americares relief supplies give survivors what they need to recover—and regain a sense of normalcy,” says Americares Vice President of Emergency Programs Kate Dischino.

Americares responded immediately, working alongside local health organizations to quickly set up and equip 15 emergency women’s health centers near where Fadliah and other homeless survivors sought shelter in tents. Fadliah brought her little boy for checkups every couple of weeks.

Americares trained over 400 health workers, including midwives, in mental health and psychosocial care, knowing that every patient had experienced the trauma of the earthquake, which in one area had turned soil to quicksand, swallowing homes and people.

Now, Americares is making sure that thousands of women continue to have the health care they need by replacing the temporary emergency health centers with more stable structures designed to last three years. One such building had just barely opened when it saw three babies born in just 72 hours.

“Each new baby is a sign of how much these health centers are needed,” says Americares Vice President of Emergency Programs Kate Dischino. Permanent health centers will be built when the government decides where it is safe for people to relocate.
Dear Friends,

President and CEO

Sincerely,

because of your support.

little boy—a pathway made possible

celebrate our 40 years of saving lives

improve health for people affected by

remains the same: To save lives and

have grown larger, Americares mission

do people in their communities—with

keep people from the care they need.

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Americares is working on these crises,

too. Our strategy is to invest in local

health centers and close the gaps that

keep people from the care they need.

When local health centers thrive, so

are just a few of the disasters that

last year. All captured our attention in

news headlines.

March 18: Americares emergency

response team contacts Nebraska

health departments, first responders and

health centers, some of which are

ongoing partners and already receive

non-emergency aid from Americares.

Four organizations request medicine

and supplies from Americares, including

Amanda Jefferes, RN, from Loup Basin

Public Health Department, who requests

tetanus vaccine, which protects survivors

from infection from cuts and scrapes.

March 20: Americares delivers the

vaccine overnight. “We were due for a

delivery from our regular supplier, but

roads were closed, and the delivery

was on hold,” says Jefferes. Also in the

shipment—hygiene supplies for survivors

living in tents and marooned on

canteries to prevent mold in flooded homes.

March 21: Jefferes and her team deliver

the vaccine by car, covering their 7,100-square-mile territory. “The road

department was working sunup to

sundown, so we vaccinated the workers during

their lunch hour,” says Jefferes.

In response to the storm, Americares provided

more than $67,000 in medicine and medical supplies to partners throughout Nebraska.

A powerful cyclone slammed the eastern coast of Africa on March 15, lingering for days

over Mozambique and also flooding Malawi and Zimbabwe. Officially 1,007 lives lost,

with Americares. Since 1986, BD has provided nearly $40 million in critical support, including donated medical supplies, to Americares health programs. BD-donated supplies include syringes and pen needles that patients with diabetes need to inject insulin—providing both cost savings and lifesaving care. To better understand the impact of all donated medical supplies, BD has also been a partner in unique research Americares is conducting.

For BD employees, the partnership with Americares provides an opportunity to lend their expertise to communities in need. For example, Americares hosts BD Volunteer Service Trips, which most recently took place at the Americares Family Clinic in rural El Salvador. There, BD volunteers demonstrated best practices in diabetes care and provided leadership skill training. Future trips will focus on planning for continuity of care for stress and trauma.

“BD is committed to advancing the world of health,” says Jennifer Farrington,

Senior Director of Social Investing for BD and Vice President of the BD Foundation.

“Americares relationships with thousands of health care clinics in the U.S. and

around the world help BD share its products and its expertise with people in need, who ordinarily wouldn’t have access to quality care.”

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– Sylvia

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supplies. “The standout to me is their consistency over many years toward immediate relief and their dedication to STAY in the affected areas long after the headlines to establish and ensure sustained health/training. Although not tied to U.S. government, their name means America’s—citizens supporting trained workers and supplies, outside of the government’s “red tape.”

– Merrigay

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This issue, we’re giving this space over to you, our supporters, to say why you support Americares. Below are messages we’ve recently received on Facebook. If you don’t see your point of view here, drop us a line at info@americares.org or Americares, 88 Hamilton Ave., Stamford, CT 06902.

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This organization is five stars because of their track record. They are not as vocal because they focus on their mission. Check them out.

– Francs

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With your help, between January 1 and May 31, 2019, Americares sent project support, medicine and medical supplies to the following countries and U.S. territories.

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Cameroon  Cyprus  Brazil  Cambodia  Dominican Republic  Cameroon  Costa Rica  Dominican Republic  Cuba  Georgia  Dominican Republic

Costa Rica  Ecuador  El Salvador  Greece  Cameroon  Egypt  Ghana  Greece  Guatemala  Armenia

Haiti  Brazil  Honduras  India  Armenia  Hungarian  Indonesia  Iraq  Jordan  Kenya  Kosovo

Kosovo  Kyrgyzstan  Laos  Lebanon  Libya  Malawi  Lithuania  Madagascar  Malawi  Mongolia

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United States

Nurse Practitioner Laura Gordon (left) with one of her patients, Ana, onboard the Stephen F. Austin Community Health Network mobile clinic in Holiday Lakes, Texas. The clinic is supported by Americares Hurricane Harvey Recovery Program.

Philippines

Americares responded to a deadly measles outbreak in the Philippines, providing essential vaccination supplies to 24 rural health centers and administering nearly 1,000 vaccinations for children and adults.

India

Americares delivered medicine and relief supplies including tarps, water cans and water purification tablets to assist survivors of Cyclone Fani. India’s worst cyclone in decades, Cyclone Fani forced more than 1 million people to evacuate their homes.

Colombia

Demand for health services is surging at Americares emergency medical clinics in Colombia, as Venezuelans stream across the border in search of quality medical care. As of June 2019, Americares medical teams had provided more than 70,000 patient consultations at emergency clinics.

Americares is a health-focused relief and development organization that responds to people affected by poverty or disaster with life-changing health programs, medicine and medical supplies.

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