MedShare Responds: Disaster Relief 2017

INPUT

140 individuals and organizations contributed to our supply drive
158,000 pounds of supplies donated for relief efforts
43 organizations partnering with MedShare to deliver supplies

$1.4 million in medical & essential care items donated to communities in need
50 deliveries of supplies made to communities in need
190,500 patients served

IMPACT

$1.4 million

Disaster | Value of Aid Donated | Healthcare Professionals Equipped | Patients Served |
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South Asia Floods | $4,600 | 7 | 147 |
Sierra Leone Mudslides | $157,900 | 330 | 9,351 |
Hurricane Harvey | $122,000 | 480 | 13,465 |
Hurricane Irma | $230,000 | 710 | 20,025 |
Hurricane Maria | $889,000 | 5,150 | 145,248 |
Central Mexico Earthquake | $17,000 | 64 | 1,806 |
California Wildfires | $8,500 | 17 | 800 |
**Totals** | **$1.4 million** | **6,758** | **190,512** |

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Delivering Hope: Disaster Relief, Fall 2017

MedShare Responds

Following some of the worst natural disasters in recorded history, MedShare launched its largest ever disaster relief response in 2017. Partnering with more than 40 healthcare and relief organizations, MedShare has donated over $1.4 million in medical supplies, biomedical equipment, and emergency care items to communities across 12 countries and territories. When hospital stock rooms were empty and patients went without treatment, MedShare delivered lifesaving supplies. When families were without power, MedShare delivered generators. When communities were struggling, MedShare delivered hope.

Disasters in Fall, 2017

**Flooding in South Asia** Monsoon flooding in South Asia impacted 45 million people in India, Bangladesh and Nepal. In addition to the many injuries and fatalities, homes and hospitals were destroyed. Pg. 2

**Mudslides in Sierra Leone** Record breaking mudslides in Freetown destroyed homes, hospitals, and leveled entire communities. As many as 1,000 people were killed and 3,000 left homeless. Pg. 3

**Hurricane Harvey** The second costliest natural disaster to ever hit the United States, Harvey caused $125 billion in damage. 90 people were killed on the Gulf Coast and more than 30,000 people were displaced. Pg. 4

**Hurricane Irma** Closely following Hurricane Harvey, Irma compounded the damage already done in the Caribbean and US coastal communities. It caused catastrophic damage to Barbuda, the Virgin Islands, and other vulnerable areas. Pg. 5

**Hurricane Maria** Maria was worst natural disaster to hit Puerto Rico and Dominica in recorded history. 73,000 residents of Dominica were displaced and 25% of homes were completely destroyed. Widespread power outages and water contamination have plagued communities and healthcare facilities in Puerto Rico for months. Pg. 6

**Earthquakes in Mexico** More than 370 people were killed and over 6,000 were injured following the September earthquakes in Central Mexico. Pg. 7

**Northern California Wildfires** A series of 250 wildfires tore through northern California and destroyed 8,900 buildings, killed 44 people, and injured nearly 200 more people in Northern California in October. Pg. 8
Flooding in South Asia  July - Sept. 2017

From July to September of 2017, India, Bangladesh and Nepal suffered from a devastating monsoon season. More than 45 million people were impacted by the flooding, 16 million of whom were children. Health concerns spread as the monsoons continued to wash away houses, farmland, and healthcare facilities. In addition to injuries from landslides, waterborne diseases and disaster-related health hazards increased in the wake of the floods. MedShare partnered with medical mission teams to deliver supplies to rural communities in need of support.

MedShare has a long and impactful history of serving patients in South Asia. Our relief efforts during the Nepali earthquakes in 2015 served more than 100,000 patients with over $615,000 in emergency medical supplies and equipment. So when the monsoon flooding began in July of 2017, our global community was well-prepared to respond to healthcare needs in the region.

Utilizing Medical Mission Teams that could travel to remote areas and reach patients in crisis, we delivered lifesaving supplies to people in Nepal, Bangladesh, and India. Samaritan’s Purse - Memorial Christian Hospital, Cox’s Bazar - Born Into Abundance, Liddle Kidz Foundation, Standing Straight - SGL Charitable Hospital, Oda Foundation, and Empower Nepal Foundation all traveled with MedShare supplies to reach communities most impacted by the destructive monsoon rains.

As flooding hit some of the most impoverished parts of Nepal and some of the most politically volatile parts of Bangladesh, these teams faced incredible challenges as they traveled to treat patients in need. We are proud to have equipped them with the tools they needed to save lives.

$4,600 in aid donated

150 people served

7 healthcare facilities equipped
Mudslides in Sierra Leone Aug. 2017

MedShare has a long and impactful history with Sierra Leone, having responded heavily to the Ebola crisis when it threatened thousands in the country. When record-breaking mudslides began in Freetown in August of 2017, MedShare reached out to our long-term partners in the area. They reported hundreds of deaths and homes destroyed. Hospitals were overrun with injured people, yet completely cut off from supplies. Thanks to the cooperation and compassion of multiple organizations, MedShare was able to deliver lifesaving supplies to Sierra Leone.

$157,900 in aid donated
9,350 patients served
330 healthcare professionals equipped

Serving Mothers in Sierra Leone

When the mudslides hit Sierra Leone, chaos and uncertainty plagued Freetown and the surrounding areas. Hundreds of people were confirmed dead and thousands were missing in the first few days. Families searched for each other, often to no avail.

With many hospitals destroyed, community members and relief workers struggled to treat the injured and some patients with non-critical needs fell through the cracks. Many of those patients were pregnant women, who’s prenatal needs couldn’t be tended to in the aftermath of so much destruction.

That’s where MedShare and Project Peanut Butter stepped in. Traditionally, Project Peanut Butter treats childhood malnutrition in Sub-Saharan Africa. But as they watched the devastation of the mudslides, the organization decided to expand their mission to include the wider medical needs of women and children.

They traveled to the most devastated areas in and around Freetown, taking with them medical equipment and emergency supplies donated by MedShare. Among their supplies were 100 Clean Birthing Kits.

Elizabeth Cimo of Project Peanut Butter sent her heartfelt thanks for the kits saying, “Giving birth in Sierra Leone is a daunting task. Most mothers walk miles to arrive at a community health facility where very basic care is provided. These health facilities are often grossly understaffed and often lack essential medications and equipment. The birthing kits are a godsend to most of these women.”

Thanks to the generosity, hard work, and compassion of MedShare’s community and relief partners, healthy babies were born in the wake of one of Sierra Leone’s worst disasters.
Hurricane Harvey

Aug. - Sept. 2017

The second most costly natural disaster in American history, Hurricane Harvey caused record-breaking flooding across the Gulf Coast, particularly in Texas. 30,000 people were displaced and 200,000 homes and businesses were destroyed. MedShare partnered with five organizations across the Southeast to provide immediate aid to our devastated neighbors. Focusing on the needs of relief distributors and family healthcare providers, MedShare reached more than 13,000 people across Texas, Florida, and Louisiana who were in desperate need of care.

$122,000 in aid donated
13,000 patients served
480 healthcare professionals equipped

Serving Displaced Families

Amy is a single mother who relocated to Victoria, Texas to become a caregiver for her ex-husband’s grandmother. “I had a great and comfortable life – I had a home and a good job. I’ve always worked hard to provide for my family,” Victoria told us.

Then, Hurricane Harvey barreled through the small town. “The eye of the storm went straight through Victoria. Our house was a total loss, the roof was completely torn off and we had nowhere to go. My son’s grandmother was put up in a home, and we were left homeless, so we came back to San Antonio”.

But when she arrived, every agency that could provide her and her 3 year-old son with food, shelter, or aid sent her away because she wasn’t a Bexar County resident. She didn’t qualify for FEMA because she had lived with her son’s grandmother, and the house was in the grandmother’s name. She and her son were turned down by multiple relief organizations. No one could help them because of their unique situation.

“I’ve been having to live out of my car with my toddler since getting here. I thought we would get help coming to San Antonio, instead I’ve been turned away.”

One of MedShare’s first donations for Hurricane Harvey relief was to an organization called Texas Diaper Bank (TDB). With more than $7,000 in emergency care supplies from MedShare, TDB was prepared to help families just like Amy’s.

Referred by another relief organization, Amy went to TDB desperate for help. Right away, they were able to provide her with hygiene products, diapers, wipes, and emergency care supplies. “The Texas Diaper Bank has been one of the only agencies to help me – I found a job at IHOP and the YMCA is watching my son while I go to work, but everyone else turned me away.”
Hurricane Irma

Aug. - Sept. 2017

Following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma caused unprecedented damage to Caribbean islands, particularly St. Thomas. Reports from MedShare’s partners on the ground told of hospitals destroyed by record-breaking winds, patients struggling to survive in make-shift clinics, and towns completely wiped off the map by the Category 4 storm. MedShare partnered with six organizations across the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean to support communities who lost everything and to help healthcare facilities rebuild and recover.

Hurricane Irma hit the US Virgin Islands with a devastating blow. Reports of houses being torn from their foundation and flying into the ocean were made across multiple communities. The storm destroyed homes and businesses, leaving thousands without clean water and power. But the greatest damage was done to their health system.

On September 6th, record-breaking winds tore the roof off of St. Thomas’s only hospital. Roy L. Schneider Medical Center cares for residents throughout St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix. It provides some of the most comprehensive medical services in the entirety of the US Virgin Islands. As winds threatened to take the building down, people were evacuated from the facility. Critically ill patients were emergency evacuated to St. Croix, while others were sent to local clinics or set up in medical tents outside.

People injured during the hurricane had no where to go. Medical supply stocks had been exhausted, equipment was broken, and healthcare professionals at Schneider were struggling to provide care in the chaotic conditions. The situation was dire, but help was on the way.

Angel Flight Soars is a nonprofit that uses donated private planes and volunteer pilots to deliver medical aid to those in need. They reached out to MedShare while preparing to travel to St. Thomas to support Roy Schneider Medical Center.

In partnership with MedShare and WellStar Health Systems, Angel Flight Soars was able to deliver 4,000 pounds of medical supplies and medicines to hospital staff so that they could treat their displaced patients.

$231,000 in aid donated

20,000 patients served

710 healthcare professionals equipped

Emergency personnel evacuate patients from Roy Schneider Medical Center.

Photo courtesy of US Navy
Hurricane Maria

Right on the heels of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria devastated already damaged communities. It was the worst disaster to ever hit Puerto Rico and Dominica, knocking out power for months and leaving residents without food, water, and shelter. MedShare partnered with more than 20 organizations to provide emergency medical relief to people in Puerto Rico, Dominica, and St. Thomas. With unexpected support, like private plane donations from Tyler Perry and Jackson Healthcare, MedShare served more than 150,000 people in their time of crisis.

$889,000 in aid donated
145,000 patients served
5,150 healthcare professionals equipped

Mothers and Babies in Crisis

When Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, everything shut down. From power grids to transportation, the island screeched to a halt. Many families had to put their lives on hold and make do without basic needs. But that wasn’t an option for pregnant women facing childbirth during a hurricane or for new mothers struggling to keep their newborns safe and healthy.

When MedShare received reports of the conditions facing pregnant mothers and infants in the wake of Hurricane Maria, we coordinated with our partners to ensure the immediate delivery of maternal health supplies and equipment to Puerto Rico.

Circle of Health International (COHI) serves small clinics and midwives in rural communities all over the world. Based in Texas, we began our partnership with COHI as we responded to Hurricane Harvey. We equipped their teams as they served families facing crisis in the Gulf Coast. When Hurricane Maria hit, they understood better than most how difficult recovering from natural disasters can be for new mothers. Changing from a community in need of donations to a vehicle for delivering aid to others, our relationship came full circle as COHI prepared to support communities in Puerto Rico.

They delivered supplies, equipment, and medical relief services to multiple communities in the rural areas outside of San Juan. Among them was Mujeres Ayudando Madres (MAM), Women Helping Mothers. With support from MedShare and COHI, MAM has performed midwifery care to 250 families, doula support to 50 families, and additional maternal care for more than 200 patients in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Maria.
Earthquake in Mexico  

370 were killed by collapsed buildings when the 7.1 magnitude earthquake hit central Mexico in September. Medical professionals and relief workers in Mexico City and the surrounding areas struggled to retrieve those trapped in the rubble and treat the 6,000 people injured in the quake. MedShare partnered with relief organizations, medical mission teams, and government agencies to deliver critical supplies and equipment across communities. These donations strengthened the area’s health systems and better equipped their medical professionals to respond to future disasters.

$17,000 in aid donated

1,800 patients served

64 healthcare professionals equipped

Equipping Ambulances in Mexico

“In rural Mexico, ambulance drivers and first responders have no medical training and are often missing basic medical supplies. In addition, their underdeveloped emergency response system is not equipped to reach people in rural communities over 50 miles from an urban city.” Katherine Stradling, a nurse with Regional Medical Center in San Jose, frequently travels with Aeromedicos and the Flying Samaritans to provide medical relief in Mexico.

She came to MedShare following the 7.1 magnitude earthquake that struck central Mexico in September. She needed supplies to equip Mexican first responders and relief workers as they strived to help rural communities that were most impacted by the earthquakes.

“Our mission is to build the first response system in rural Mexico by hosting CPR, first aid, and first response courses. We work closely with the General Hospital to provide training and supplies to continue to improve emergency treatment. Our first response course is one of the first courses certified by the government and public health sector in Baja,” Katherine told us.

She and her team took more than $3,000 in emergency care supplies to rural areas outside of Mexico City. With enough supplies donated by MedShare to equip 10 ambulances and a hospital with high quality first response equipment, Aeromedicos and the Flying Samaritans significantly expanded the reach of relief efforts in the area and provided care to the most vulnerable people in the aftermath of this disaster.
A series of 250 fires caused widespread devastation across Northern California in October of 2017. The fires spread rapidly, growing from a 1,000 acre area to over 20,000 acres in a single day. Claiming the lives of more than 40 people, the week of October 8th was the deadliest week of wildfires in California’s history. In the end, 90,000 people were driven from their homes by the deadly blazes. MedShare partnered with local groups in our Western Region to support medical care and protect relief workers as they assisted evacuees in the smoke and ash.

The Northern California wildfires hit particularly close to home for MedShare. Our Western Region Volunteer and Distribution Center sits just a few miles from some of the hardest hit communities. We were proud to equip local relief organizations, shelters, and medical mission teams as they cared for our friends and neighbors.

Worldwide Healing Hands is one of our most impactful medical mission teams. Utilizing our supplies and equipment, Worldwide Healing Hands has expanded quality medical care to medically underserved communities in Uganda, Haiti, Nepal, and Chad. When the wildfires began to devastate the North Bay, they shifted their focus from international health to local relief and went to work immediately.

Equipped with primary care supplies and N95 respiratory masks donated by MedShare, Worldwide Healing Hands was able to treat those most devastated by the horrific wildfires. Margaret Walker, Executive Director of Worldwide Healing Hands, described their mission:

“The seven wildfires that swept across Northern California in October of 2017 created emergency situations throughout four counties. These fires included the Tubbs fire, which grew to become one of the most destructive wildfires in the history of California.

Worldwide Healing Hands was asked to partner with the American Red Cross in covering six shelters in four counties with volunteers, nurses, PAs and physicians. In total, we saw and treated over 700 patients and evacuees for respiratory issues, diabetes-related needs, burns, wound care, and more.

Thanks to our partnership with MedShare we were able to bring in much needed medical supplies ahead of the Red Cross, providing relief for those that needed it most.”

The Northern California Wildfires Oct. 2017

$8,500 in aid donated

800 patients served

17 healthcare professionals equipped
Community Response

Last fall, MedShare witnessed the largest community response we’ve ever seen. As our friends and neighbors both near and far faced devastating natural disasters, our Atlanta, San Leandro, and Secaucus communities pulled together to support relief efforts. MedShare volunteers received our appeal for help and engaged their places of business, houses of worship, schools, and community organizations to collect supplies for people directly affected by these disasters. From corporate supply donations to neighborhood drives, every item donated made a difference for patients, families, and communities facing the aftermath of disaster.

$1.86 million in emergency relief supplies donated

159,000 pounds of emergency relief supplies donated

140 individuals and organizations donated emergency supplies

Thanks to our Community Partners...

Our response was made possible by the generosity of our community. We want to thank those who went above and beyond in the call to serve people in need:

- Advanced Air Technology
- Airlink
- AllScripts
- American Aid Logistics Network
- Angel Flight Soars
- CBC National Bank
- Centro Medico
- Circle of Health
- Convoy of Hope
- Doctors In Our Circle
- Dontari Poe
- Emory University Healthcare
- FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children)
- Food for the Poor
- The Green Foundation
- Healthcare Ready
- Henry Schein
- The Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation
- Jackson Healthcare
- Jewish Federation of North America
- National Nurses United RN Response Network
- Northwell Health
- PAHO Foundation
- Team Rubicon
- Texas Diaper Bank
- Tronex
- Tyler Perry
- UPS
- Vizient
- VWR
- Warrior Angel Rescue

These community partners enabled care for countless patients and made our global relief efforts a success. Thank you!
Gary Hill has owned Advanced Air Technology in Evans, Georgia for 24 years. Alicia Roberson has worked at the company for the past eight. Like many of us, Gary and Alicia watched hurricane after hurricane batter Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Caribbean islands this fall. Not content to sit by while so many people needed help, Gary and Alicia put out a call to their network. If their friends and neighbors were willing to contribute, they’d find a way to send donations of water, food, medication, and supplies to the people who needed it most.

They expected to fill up the trunks of their cars with a few boxes of donated supplies, what happened was so much bigger. Julie Pokrzywinski, a guidance counselor at Grovetown High School, gave Gary and Alicia permission to park their truck in the high school parking lot. This allowed the team a permanent place to receive donations.

Eight local organizations and businesses contributed to their supply drive for MedShare -- but word spread even farther than that. Gary ended up driving up and down the Georgia coast to collect supplies from friends, family, and organizations who wanted to participate. By the time they arrived at MedShare, picking up supplies along the way, they had filled a 26-foot moving truck from top to bottom with medical supplies, water, over-the-counter medication and personal hygiene products. In total, Gary and Alicia delivered over 17,000 pounds of emergency relief supplies to MedShare!

As MedShare’s team went to work helping Gary and Alicia unload more than 8 tons of emergency relief supplies, MedShare’s shipments manager immediately reached out to one of our most impactful partners.

Food For The Poor, Inc. is a nonprofit organization based in Florida that provides food, medical care, and shelter to impoverished communities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Food For The Poor had just received an emergency appeal from the Episcopal Church in Puerto Rico. They were desperate for clean water and basic medical supplies to help communities all over the island. MedShare offered the entire 17,000 pound donation. Less than an hour later, Jisabelle Garcia-Pedroso from Food for the Poor was ready to take it all. She responded, “This is wonderful!!! A God-send!”

As Puerto Rico continued to struggle in the weeks and months following Hurricane Maria, the supplies delivered by MedShare were able to sustain communities and provide critical care in a time of crisis and uncertainty. With enough supplies to distribute to all of the Episcopal Church’s 52 parishes across the island, this donation, and the undeniable compassion that prompted it, touched the lives of countless people.

“This is wonderful!!!
A God-send!”

Jisabelle Garcia-Pedroso, Food for the Poor
Powerful Partnerships, Unexpected Impact

Many relief organizations struggled to deliver aid to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. The island’s infrastructure was badly damaged and getting emergency supplies to those in need became a challenge.

As MedShare’s normal delivery methods became impossible, Jackson Healthcare stepped up.

Just a few days after Maria devastated Puerto Rico, the Allied Jet International pilots who captain Jackson Healthcare’s private jet contacted MedShare. They were headed to San Juan, and they wanted to take as many supplies as they could directly to our partners on the ground! A few hours later, the cargo hold and the cabin were filled with medical supplies and emergency aid products that were desperately needed in those first few days. After struggles to deliver aid quickly, we were happy to see our donations on their way to patients. But we were even happier to know what Jackson’s jet came back with...

Volunteer pilot, Scott Higgins delivered our supplies to community groups in San Juan and started refueling to go home. Seeing the jet returning to the mainland empty, local officials asked Scott if he would take refugee patients stranded on the island back with him.

Sally, a wheelchair-bound woman from Puerto Rico, lost everything in the storm. With her disability, she needed special assistance getting to the States to join friends and family to start over. The other passengers were Monty, Liberty, and Ivan, a family whose mother had already been evacuated. She was 38 weeks pregnant and needed medical care that she couldn’t get while the island was without power. She had to leave her husband and children behind in order to care for her soon-to-be-born baby. Her family was left on the devastated island, not knowing when they would reunite.

Thanks to the compassionate partnerships between MedShare, Jackson Healthcare, and Allied Jet International, this plane carried lifesaving supplies to Puerto Rico’s most vulnerable communities, and returned with even more precious cargo.

These disaster relief efforts have reminded us that, during tragedy, communities come together in the most unexpected and wonderful ways.
MedShare’s response to these disasters was made possible by thousands of individuals who gave generously of their time, talents, and resources. We would like to highlight several compassionate humanitarians in particular. They went above and beyond in their service to communities in need, and we thank them on behalf of those we serve.

The Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation made their first contribution to MedShare during 2017’s historic disasters. Their generosity enabled MedShare to deliver lifesaving medical supplies to Puerto Rican communities devastated by the hurricanes. Suffering patients and devastated communities received critical care and essential supplies thanks to the Langeloth Foundation.

The Green Foundation came to our global community’s aid again in 2017. Their support was invaluable to MedShare’s Ebola response efforts in 2014, and made an immeasurable impact again as we responded to seven disasters across the world last fall. The Green Foundation made it possible for MedShare to serve more than 190,000 patients suffering in the wake of natural disasters.

Dontari Poe, Atlanta Falcon and friend to MedShare, donated generously to support the delivery of emergency relief supplies directly into the hands of patients and families in need following Hurricane Harvey. His support galvanized our local community and inspired others to give.

Northwell Health is one of MedShare’s most meaningful hospital partners. When disasters devastated our friends and neighbors around the world, Northwell stepped up as a leader in relief contributions, making four large donations of lifesaving supplies and equipment. These donations included many of the most vital emergency relief products, such as infant care items, hygiene supplies, sanitizing supplies, and water. Northwell’s donations provided care for suffering patients in The US Virgin Islands, Texas, Florida, Sierra Leone, St. Kitts and Nevis, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Dominica, and the British Virgin Islands.

Allscripts began its relationship with MedShare this year by supporting Hospital Auxilio Mutuo in San Juan, Puerto Rico. An Allscripts hospital client, Auxilio Mutuo was well positioned to provide desperately needed care to the communities throughout Puerto Rico. Engaging each level of their organization, Allscripts hosted an employee fundraiser, led and matched by their leadership. Their generosity provided critical supplies needed to treat patients in the wake of Puerto Rico’s most devastating hurricane season.

UPS has been our most impactful partner as we respond to global disasters. Last fall, as the communities we serve endured disaster after disaster, UPS logistics donations, financial contributions, and volunteer support allowed MedShare to reach patients in 12 countries and territories. This overwhelming support from UPS was critical to the success of our largest ever disaster relief response.
AirLink has facilitated the delivery of our disaster relief supplies since the beginning of this program. Our partnership with AirLink is crucial to MedShare’s impact following disasters, ensuring that our supplies reach healthcare communities in need as quickly as possible. As we responded to multiple disasters in multiple countries, AirLink enabled quick, efficient delivery of lifesaving supplies.

Tronex, one of our most generous product partners, answered our call by donating lifesaving medical supplies, including desperately needed Personal Protective Equipment. 15 healthcare communities in Texas, Florida, The US Virgin Islands, Dominica, Puerto Rico, The British Virgin Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, and The Dominican Republic all benefited from Tronex donations. Their support touched the lives of countless patients and families suffering in the aftermath of these disasters.

VWR, one of MedShare’s most supportive product partners during disasters, donated over 12,000 pounds of essential healthcare supplies in support of our relief efforts. These supplies brought hope and healing to people throughout the United States and Caribbean. VWR donations equipped healthcare professionals struggling to treat patients and enabled critical care for people recovering from some of the worst natural disasters ever recorded.

Vizient Inc. has been one of our most impactful advocates as we respond to disasters, strengthen health systems, and serve communities around the world. They have connected us with product partners and supply donors across the country, expanding our reach and amplifying our impact in disaster-damaged communities. In addition to health system advocacy, Vizient’s employees have contributed to our disaster relief efforts by volunteering their time to serve patients and healthcare professionals in crisis.

These organizations and many others made our disaster relief response possible. We cannot thank you enough for the compassionate care and lifesaving support you’ve provided to the communities we serve.
Disaster Relief Response Timeline

July 2017
Flooding in Nepal, India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan begins.

August 14
Mudslides in Sierra Leone begin.

August 18
MedShare initiates Disaster Relief Protocol for Sierra Leone and South Asia.

August 25
Hurricane Harvey makes landfall.

September 7
MedShare initiates Disaster Relief Protocol for Hurricane Harvey impacted areas.

September 10
Hurricane Irma makes landfall.

September 11
MedShare initiates Disaster Relief Protocol for Hurricane Irma impacted areas.

September 15
• MedShare partners with Texas Diaper Bank to deliver more than $7,000 in emergency supplies to families displaced by Hurricane Harvey in Texas.
• MedShare equips Angel Flight Soars with $4,500 in emergency supplies to be directly delivered to Schneider Regional Medical Center on St. Thomas.

September 18
• MedShare delivers $13,700 in emergency supplies to Team Rubicon in Texas as they serve Hurricane Harvey survivors and injured people in Texas.
• MedShare supports First Aid for All as they serve patients in Florida and Texas recovering from Hurricane Irma.

September 19
• 7.1 Magnitude earthquake hits Mexico City.
• MedShare and Convoy of Hope deliver two donations totaling nearly $100,000 in medical and emergency supplies to hurricane survivors in Florida and Texas.

September 20
• Hurricane Maria makes landfall.
• MedShare initiates Disaster Relief Protocol for Hurricane Maria impacted areas.
Disaster Relief Response Timeline, continued

**September 22**
MedShare equips DeltaCares with $1,500 in medical supplies for patients recovery in Puerto Rico.

**September 21**
MedShare delivers $5,000 in medical supplies to Circle of Health International for those impacted by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

**September 27**
Jackson Healthcare donates their private jet, allowing MedShare to deliver $1,500 in emergency supplies to Puerto Rico, and evacuate people in need of medical assistance on the mainland.

**September 29**
- MedShare distributes $1,600 in relief supplies to Hope Clinic for Hurricane Harvey recovery in Texas.
- MedShare delivers $52,000 in medical and emergency supplies to Food for the Poor’s Hurricane Irma recovery efforts in St. Lucia.
- MedShare delivers $4,700 in emergency medical supplies to Hospital Buen Samaritano in Puerto Rico.

**September 30**
MedShare delivers $1,500 in medical supplies to Portsmouth Hospital in Dominica as the island recovers from Hurricane Maria.

**October 4**
- MedShare delivers $35,000 in medical supplies to Centro Medico, San Juan’s main hospital. Centro Medico experienced severe power outages; surgeons performed operations by flashlight and doctors lived at the hospital in order to look after their patients.
- MedShare delivered 100 generators to the Jewish Community Center of Puerto Rico, allowing patients and community members to gain power for the first time since Maria hit.

**October 5**
MedShare equips Dr. Carla Haack with $600 in emergency care supplies for her first medical relief trip to Puerto Rico. Dr. Haack treated more than 350 patients with MedShare supplies in less than a week on the island.

**October 8**
Wildfires begin to tear through Northern California.
October 10
MedShare delivers $14,000 in emergency medical supplies to Cruz Roja Mexicana as they treat patients in the wake of the earthquakes in Central Mexico.

October 11
MedShare delivers $102,000 in medical and emergency supplies to REACH in Dominica.

October 13
- MedShare delivers $2,100 in medical supplies to The American Red Cross to support wildfire evacuation in Sonoma Country, California.
- MedShare delivers $3,600 of N95 respiratory masks to Worldwide Healing Hands, a medical mission team treating patients escaping the wildfires.

October 24
MedShare delivers $46,500 in medical supplies to Peebles Hospital on Tortola to support relief efforts following Hurricane Irma.

October 25
MedShare delivers its second donation to Centro Medico in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This air shipment of more than $45,000 in medical supplies allows San Juan’s largest functioning hospital to continue treatment for critically ill patients and reach people who haven’t received care since Hurricane Maria hit.

October 27
MedShare delivers its second donation to Circle of Health International. Nearly $60,000 in emergency supplies support COHI’s relief efforts for rural communities in need of aid, including maternal health supplies for midwives serving women and infants in the wake of the hurricane.

November 2
MedShare delivers $157,000 in medical supplies to Connaught Hospital in Sierra Leone. These supplies support relief efforts following the devastating mudslides that killed more than 1,000 people in and around Freetown.

November 3
MedShare equips Tabernaculo Rey de Gloria with $2,200 of medical supplies for relief efforts in Arroya, Puerto Rico.
November 9
- MedShare sends The Flying Samaritans & Aeromedicos more than $3,000 in medical supplies to equip local first responders and ambulance drivers serving people injured during the earthquakes in Mexico.
- Dr. Carla Haack picks up supplies for her second trip to Puerto Rico. During this trip, she supplies hospitals in Puerto Rico with headlamps to allow them to provide treatment despite power outages. She also travels to rural areas where communities still haven’t received medical aid since Hurricane Maria hit, nearly two months before.

November 13
MedShare delivers $79,000 in medical supplies to Doctors In Our Circle who are providing treatment to hurricane-damaged communities in Dominica.

November 19
MedShare equips Project Peanut Butter with $1,000 in medical supplies as they travel to Sierra Leone to support mudslide relief efforts.

November 30
- MedShare delivers $10,000 in emergency supplies to Instituto Tercera Mision in Puerto Rico.
- MedShare delivers $2,800 of emergency relief supplies, including equipment for collecting safe drinking water, to Fundación Jesús Saad Nazer in Puerto Rico.

December 4
MedShare makes its second delivery to RN Response Network and Nurses United in Puerto Rico. More than $4,000 in medical supplies support their patient care in Puerto Rico.

December 6
MedShare delivers $57,000 in emergency relief supplies to Warrior Angel Rescue in Puerto Rico as they support hurricane-damaged communities.
Disaster Relief Response Timeline, continued

December 7
MedShare delivers more than $108,000 in medical supplies to ADRA in Puerto Rico. These supplies equip Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez and more than 330 rural clinics.

December 8
MedShare equips Worldwide Healing Hands with more than $2,700 in emergency relief supplies as they continue to treat patients following the Northern California wildfires.

December 11
MedShare delivers more than $109,000 in medical supplies to equip healthcare professionals struggling to treat patients at Hospital Español Auxilio Mutuo de Puerto Rico.

December 14
MedShare delivers more than $66,000 in medical and emergency relief supplies to Schneider Regional Medical Center, the only hospital on St. Thomas. The hospital's roof was torn off during Hurricane Maria and patients were being treated in medical tents and make-shift clinics for weeks following the storm.

December 19
MedShare makes its second delivery to Doctors in Our Circle. More than $57,000 in medical supplies serve patients in Dominica.

December 21
MedShare delivers more than $128,000 to the PAHO Foundation’s relief efforts in St. Kitts.

December 27
MedShare equips Dr. Carla Haack with supplies for her third medical relief trip to Puerto Rico.

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