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Direct Relief provides targeted assistance to help communities prepare for and respond to emergencies. Safety net clinics deliver essential healthcare services when a disaster strikes. Direct Relief partners with these facilities by providing specifically requested medications, supplies, and cash grants immediately following a disaster.



To prepare partners for emergencies, resources are pre-positioned ensuring essential materials are on hand when a disaster occurs. Direct Relief's emergency preparedness programs include hurricane prep packs and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) backpacks.

Emergency response efforts are swift and efficient as a result of extensive partnerships with local, regional, and national associations, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and FedEx. Direct Relief is in the unique position to offer appropriate emergency response due to:

- YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL DISTRIBUTION
- PARTNERSHIPS WITH MORE THAN 1,100 SAFETY NET CLINICS ACROSS THE U.S.
- THE ONLY NONPROFIT LICENSED TO DISTRIBUTE PHARMACEUTICALS IN ALL 50 STATES

"(DIRECT RELIEF WAS) ONE OF THE FIRST PROFESSIONAL RESPONDERS ON THE GROUND WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. WE WERE SINCERELY GRATEFUL THAT DIRECT RELIEF MADE GRANTS AVAILABLE TO OUR FACILITIES TO HELP THEM BUILD CAPACITY TO MEET THEIR COMMUNITIES' BASIC NEEDS." - RHONDA LITT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LOUISIANA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION, UPON HONORING DIRECT RELIEF WITH THE FIRST-ANNUAL GUARDIAN AWARD

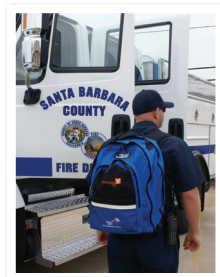
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Across the U.S. since 2007, Direct Relief has pre-positioned 230 Hurricane Prep Packs with clinic partners in vulnerable regions affected by hurricanes. The mobile, waterproof packs contain medical items to treat 100 patients for 3-5 days. Recipients are selected based on their location, past experience with emergency response, patient population, and capacity to treat affected people during an emergency.

The pack's contents were informed by responses to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and work with the Texas Blue Ribbon Commission on Emergency Preparedness and Response, and partner feedback. If a hurricane doesn't strike, pack contents are easily absorbed into regular clinic inventory to avoid waste.

EQUIPPING MEDICAL RESERVISTS

Direct Relief provides Medical Reserve Corps units with specially designed, ruggedized backpacks filled with medical supplies to help address community health needs in an emergency. Each MRC pack contains supplies and equipment that meet a variety of prevalent disaster-related health needs., including infection control, diagnostics, trauma care, and personal protection tools. The packs enable MRC members—trained, credentialed, medical personnel—to respond when disaster strikes.



This program was developed by Direct Relief in collaboration with the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (Cal EMSA). The emergency preparedness packs were designed by Direct Relief with input from experienced emergency responders. To date, Direct Relief has equipped over 1,500 MRC members.

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2005 HURRICANE KATRINA AND RITA (AUGUST 23RD) – U.S. GULF STATES //

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the gulf coast with winds up to 156mph. The category 5 hurricanes resulted in 1,836 fatalities, displaced thousands from their homes, and caused \$81.2 billion in damages.

- Supplied more than \$50 million (wholesale) in medical material aid and \$5 million in targeted cash grants to more than 100 Gulf Coast healthcare partners



2007 INCEPTION OF HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM //

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita emphasized the need for emergency preparation. Direct Relief's Hurricane Preparedness Program pre-positions medical aid at partner facilities prior to the start of hurricane season in June. The prep packs, waterproof, portable containers that hold medical supplies to treat 100 patients for a 3-5 days.

2008 HURRICANES // Dolly (July 22nd) – U.S. Gulf States, Category 1-2

- Hurricane prep packs prepositioned at five safety-net clinics in Texas

Gustav (August 26th) – U.S. Gulf States and Caribbean, Category 2

- \$1 million (wholesale) of medical material aid prepositioned in Kingston, Jamaica and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
- 18 prep packs prepositioned at partner clinics in gulf states
- 3 shipments, totaling \$13,000, of first-aid materials, antibiotics, personal care products, and diabetic supplies sent to alternate care sites in Louisiana

Ike (September 7th) – U.S. Gulf States and Caribbean, Category 4

- More than \$1.6 million (wholesale) of medical material aid airlifted to Haiti
- Additional shipments of nutritional supplements, oral rehydration solutions, antibiotics, wound-care products, and personal care supplies, totaling \$737,000 sent to partner organizations



2012 HURRICANE SANDY //

- Delivered \$2.1 million in medical material aid to 31 non-profit clinics, health centers, and other response agencies, including 1,500 personal care packs.
- Distributed \$1.8 million in emergency cash grants through the Hurricane Sandy Safety Net Fund

2012 HURRICANE ISAAC (AUGUST 28TH) – U.S. GULF STATES, CATEGORY 1

- Hurricane Prep Packs opened at three sites along the Gulf in Louisiana
- Delivered over \$210,000 of medical material aid, including the Tetanus vaccine, to healthcare partners throughout greater New Orleans

2011 – 2012 STORMS AND TORNADOS – MIDWEST, EAST, AND SOUTHEASTERN U.S.

- Delivered \$5 million (wholesale) worth of specifically requested medicines and health supplies to 48 partners and local response agencies in 18 states.
- Provided more than \$285,000 in cash grants to five clinic partners

2004-2009 CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RESPONSE //



- 2007 - Delivered 71 shipments valued at \$1.4 million and \$490,000 in cash grants to safety net clinics and firefighter crews in San Diego
- 2008 - Provided 50,000 N95 respirator masks to local residents in partnership with Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
- 2009 - Sent 21 shipments totaling over \$128,500 in November 2008, and provided respiratory care supplies valued at \$45,800 to Los Angeles clinics



2009 – 2011 H1N1 FLU RESPONSE AND SEASONAL FLU PREPAREDNESS //

- Sent N95 masks, Tamiflu, and hand sanitizer valued at more than \$112,000 to safety net clinics
- Provided 364,725 CVS flu vaccination vouchers to 597 partners in 2010 - 2011