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Children living amid the wreckage in Myanmar after Cyclone Nargis left more than 130,000 people dead or missing.

Delivering Aid to Myanmar

AmeriCares was among the first humanitarian relief organizations aiding survivors of the devastating cyclone that ravaged Myanmar in early May. More than 130,000 people were killed or went missing during Cyclone Nargis, and an estimated 2.5 million survivors needed food, shelter and medical attention. Many were injured holding onto buildings and trees trying to escape the rushing floodwaters.

AmeriCares immediately responded with an airlift directly into Yangon, delivering 15 tons of essential medicines and supplies valued at more than \$1 million. Within 48 hours of arrival, the antibiotics, pain relievers and other medical supplies were distributed in the hardest-hit areas. Much of the supplies were put into the hands of mobile medical teams that traveled into remote areas where health posts had been destroyed. The teams of doctors and nurses treated up to 100 patients a day in the most devastated areas of the Irrawaddy Delta. Many of the people they helped along the way had gone weeks without treatment for broken bones and did not have access to even the most basic pain relievers.

AmeriCares is committed to the ongoing recovery efforts in Myanmar. We continue to support a network of primary care clinics our partner organization created for cyclone survivors. AmeriCares is furnishing the ten clinics with basic medicines, medical equipment and supplies donated by our generous pharmaceutical partners. We recently sent a second shipment of supplies – over 7,000 pounds of antibiotics, IV solutions, pain relievers and other medical supplies valued at \$825,000.

In addition, AmeriCares is sending medicines for treating cholera and malaria – two diseases of major concern with the heavy rains and recent flooding – as well as larvicide to control the mosquito population and reduce the spread of disease. AmeriCares relief workers are in Myanmar with our partners to ensure the delivery of aid reaches those most in need.

Two months after the disaster, more than 2 million survivors are still in need of aid. AmeriCares continues to assess their needs and solicit donations that will help the recovery efforts.

Responding directly to requests from doctors and nurses providing first aid in the most devastated regions of Myanmar, **Blu Pharmaceuticals** donated 60,000 tablets of folic acid supplements. The donation provides more than 2,000 monthly courses of treatment for survivors of Cyclone Nargis. The supplements arrived in Yangon on July 10.

Your contributions are essential in times of disaster and civil strife and sustain AmeriCares long-term humanitarian efforts to improve lives around the world. Thanks to your donations, many people suffering in the aftermath of the cyclone will receive supplements they would otherwise go without.

Blu Pharma's charitable efforts have provided AmeriCares with the resources to respond quickly to those most in need. As we continue our relief efforts around the world, we recognize the importance of our collaboration with **Blu Pharma** and look forward to working together in the years to come.

AMERICARES DONATIONS IN ACTION



AmeriCares relief worker Sharon Croos with Burmese children receiving assistance from AmeriCares after Cyclone Nargis.



AmeriCares relief worker Ella Gudwin delivers medicines and supplies, including children's thermometers, to an orphanage in Myanmar in May.

Building Hospitals for Earthquake Survivors in China

AmeriCares has delivered, constructed and equipped two field hospitals for survivors still recovering from China's deadly earthquake in May. The catastrophe in the Sichuan Province was the country's worst disaster in 30 years, leaving 87,000 dead or missing and millions homeless.



A father waits for doctors to treat his injured son in Qingchuan before the AmeriCares field hospital opened.

AmeriCares built the first field hospital in Qingchuan where the only hospital serving a population of 250,000 was destroyed. Before the field hospital was built, hospital workers were running an outpatient clinic out of tents and referring patients with more serious injuries to the next nearest hospital three hours away. The field hospital AmeriCares built is a much more sophisticated structure that's expected to serve the people of Qingchuan for several months – possibly even years – until a more permanent facility is constructed. The field hospital is a series of air-conditioned tents with an operating room, testing laboratory and delivery room that offers both inpatient and outpatient services.

In its first few weeks of operation, 50 patients were admitted, five operations were performed and two babies were born. The outpatient clinic serves another 150 to 160 people each day. A 67-year-old woman with severe kidney stones was getting ready to travel over the mountains to a hospital in Guangyuan City, over three hours

away, when she learned the operating room at the AmeriCares hospital was up and running. She was the first patient to undergo surgery at the new facility. The second mother gave birth by Caesarean section, a procedure that could not have been performed locally before it was built.

Before the first field hospital opened its doors, plans for a second were already underway. In July, AmeriCares built the second field hospital in Wenchuan County, the epicenter of the 7.9-magnitude earthquake where nearly 16,000 people were killed and nearly 35,000 were injured. It replaced a two-year-old hospital in Xuankou Township that's still standing but unusable due to major structural damage.

The field hospitals are part of AmeriCares comprehensive response to the China earthquake, which began with an emergency shipment of medicines, medical supplies and blankets on May 22.



The first AmeriCares field hospital in Qingchuan. The hospital in Wenchuan is a similar set of air-conditioned tents serving patients near the epicenter of the earthquake.

Anatomy of an Airlift: Myanmar

AmeriCares flew an emergency airlift containing 15 tons of essential medicines and supplies to Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, within days of the devastating cyclone in early May. Our organization was among the first humanitarian relief organizations granted permission to bring aid to the millions who lost their homes, villages and, in many cases, their loved ones.



It was monsoon season and the streets were flooded from heavy rains in the days following the cyclone, increasing the risk of disease. Survivors sought refuge from the rain in makeshift shelters they assembled with the remnants of their homes on the sides of roads, waiting for help to arrive.



Survivors had abrasions that had become infected, broken bones and puncture wounds that needed medical attention. AmeriCares workers loaded up medicines and supplies in its Stamford, Conn. warehouse and trucked them to an airport in New York City, where they were flown to AmeriCares Amsterdam warehouse.



The emergency airlift containing antibiotics, pain relievers, rehydration solutions, wound dressings, vitamins and medical supplies landed in Yangon on May 18. AmeriCares relief workers Sharon Croos and Ella Gudwin were on the tarmac when the airlift arrived.



AmeriCares medicines and supplies were given to mobile medical teams that went out in boats and four-wheel-drive vehicles in search of survivors because the government would not allow foreigners in the most devastated areas. A 12-year-old boy who went two weeks without medical attention for a broken leg was among the survivors treated with AmeriCares supplies.



More than 1,000 boxes were unloaded by hand and then trucked to a secure warehouse in Yangon. From there AmeriCares distributed the supplies to partner organizations working in the Irrawaddy Delta – the hardest-hit region.

Photos (l to r): Ella Gudwin; Chris Rowan; Ella Gudwin; Ella Gudwin; Courtesy of International Organization for Migration

AmeriCares thanks Blu Pharmaceuticals and looks forward to continuing a successful partnership in the years to come.



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