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Hurricanes, Explosions, and Pandemics – MAP International Meets the Need for Urgent Disaster Relief

Brunswick, GA, September 8, 2020 – As part of their mission to bring hope and healing to those who need it most, MAP International maintains an effective Disaster Relief Program, standing ready to mobilize and deliver lifesaving medicines and health supplies to aid disaster survivors.

MAP is continuing to prepare for the current hurricane season and has already begun sending aid to those affected by Hurricane Laura. Thousands of Texas and Louisiana residents have been displaced and are living in hotels or emergency shelters, and the most vulnerable citizens – those in hospitals and nursing homes – have either been evacuated or are running on generator power, some also without water. As in the wake of any disaster in 2020, there is also the concern of COVID-19 outbreaks for evacuees living in close quarters.

In response to Hurricane Laura, MAP has sent 7,750 Disaster Health Kits (DHKs), 10,000 masks, and 500 water filters to aid the victims of Hurricane Laura’s destruction. MAP is continuing to monitor the needs on the ground and will respond as needed.

In addition to providing disaster relief following Hurricane Laura, MAP International is also actively responding to the crisis in Lebanon following the Beirut blast on August 4. To date, MAP has sent 2 Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHKs), 2,250 DHKs as well as personal protective equipment including gloves, masks and face shields to Lebanon to aid the victims of the explosion.

One IEHK from MAP contains enough medicines and health supplies to support 10,000 people for 90 days. One DHK can support one person living in a shelter for an entire week. MAP DHKs include soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other essential items such as basic first aid supplies to help prevent secondary illnesses and even death.

To learn more about MAP’s current disaster responses, or to donate to help provide relief to disaster victims, go to <https://www.map.org/programs-hope>.