

# VITAL SIGNS



## Stories of Health and Hope from Around the World



## Helping Ukrainians In The Fight Of Their Lives

*Your support has helped Americares provide 544 tons of medicine and medical supplies to the people of Ukraine since Russian forces invaded over three years ago.*

Working in tandem with local partners, we are also providing critical medicine and support to children as they undergo cancer treatments amidst the horrors of war.

The mother of one young cancer patient described the trauma and fear following a cancer diagnosis as, "Now we have two wars—one in

our family and one in our country." Winning a fight against cancer is difficult under the best conditions. Doing it when hospitals have been reduced to rubble and bombs continue falling would be impossible without the kindness and generosity of Americares supporters.

Uri\* is just one of the children we were able to help thanks to your support. He has successfully completed the main phase of his cancer treatment with assistance you helped provide

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**IMPROVING HEALTH**



**PROVIDING MEDICINE**



**RESPONDING TO DISASTERS**

# Another Life Transformed By You

Lucy\* was just one year old when she accidentally fell into a fire near her home in Uganda. Although Lucy survived the severe burns, extensive and painful scarring on her hands limited her mobility for the next 10 years.

That is when one of our Medical Outreach partners, Dr. David Kulber, and his team arrived in Uganda with medicine and supplies donated through the generosity of Americas supporters.

Lucy's mother traveled with her by motorcycle taxi for an entire day to reach St. Mary's Lacor Hospital where Dr. Kulber was performing surgeries. It was an expensive and difficult journey in search of the life-changing care Lucy desperately needed.



Americares Medical Outreach partner, Dr. Kulber and his team perform critical surgery to restore function and mobility on Lucy's hands at St. Mary's Lacor Hospital.

The bilateral hand surgeries 11-year-old Lucy underwent were successful in restoring movement and function—improving both her quality of life and long-range future.

This one little Ugandan girl is a living, breathing and uplifting reminder that your contributions impact more than immediate health. You play a vital role in transforming lives and entire communities through the power of health and hope. ❤️

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## Letter from the CEO

I hope this issue of *Vital Signs* finds you well and getting ready for summer.

Here at Americas we are preparing for the start of hurricane season. It keeps us busy from June through November, monitoring forecasts, helping communities make health systems more resilient and pre-positioning medical supplies for fast delivery following storms.

The 2025 hurricane season has just begun and is gearing up to be another active year. Last year, powerful winds and flash flooding from back-to-back Hurricanes Helene and Milton devastated parts of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Thanks to your help, Americas staff was on the ground immediately, often the first organization to arrive. It's my hope this hurricane season won't be as destructive as last year.

Hope, however, is not a strategy. That is why we are hard at work now and why I am counting on you to help Americas quickly respond to health crises around the globe.

Christine Squires, President and CEO

# Helping Families Start Again

When deadly wildfires devastated Los Angeles in January, displacing more than 150,000 people and increasing risks to their health, Americas teams were on the scene immediately delivering critically needed relief supplies.

We continue standing with Californians who lost everything. A crucial part of our response to this crisis has been providing emergency funds to help individuals recover.

Ana\* is one of the wildfire survivors you have helped. Ana worked as a cleaner at houses

and restaurants in the area. Not only did she lose her job in the fires, but the home she and her family rented in Altadena was destroyed. Ana appreciates you helping her purchase essentials, noting, “I’ll use [the Americas direct cash assistance] to buy mattresses, pots and pans and silverware—anything we can use to start again.”

Complete recovery for families like Ana’s and the region will take years. With your support, Americas will be there helping for the long term. ❤️

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Americares Emergency Response staff hand out masks, relief kits, and other supplies while taking part of an event in El Monte, California that offers a haven of care and connection to those who have been impacted by the Altadena fires. Anna and her children (right) received cash assistance to help rebuild their lives.

## Helping Ukrainians continued from page 1

through Americas partner the Tabletochki Charity Foundation, the leading pediatric oncology organization in Ukraine.

Helping ensure cancer patients can receive essential oncology medicines is an important part of our ongoing work in Ukraine—but only one part. From shipping medicine and medical supplies, to providing emergency financial grants enabling health facilities to

stock up on items like tourniquets needed in tactical trauma care for civilians, you are helping maintain a lifeline of better health for the people of Ukraine.

Cancer, like other diseases and health problems, doesn’t stop because a war is raging. Thanks to friends like you, Americas doesn’t stop either. ❤️

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# Funding Cuts Imperil Lives

As you probably know, the U.S. government abruptly cut funding for critical foreign aid at the beginning of the year. You may also be aware that millions of people around the world depend on this humanitarian assistance to survive.

The impact of this funding stoppage on areas in which Americares works is heartbreaking. Communities already facing crises, including war and extreme poverty, relied on this support. Without it, vital services like treatment for deadly infections, prenatal care and other medical care for serious health conditions are imperiled.

Americares has a long history of responding to humanitarian crises—and we are committed to providing medicine and health services—whatever the challenges.

**We need your continued support to help improve health and save lives. Please rush a contribution to Americares today so we can continue delivering vital health services across the globe.** 



Americares Philippines staff treat patients at a humanitarian clinic for the survivors of a series of devastating typhoons and tropical storms.

## Give Now For Triple Impact

### The Americares Summer Matching Gift Drive is underway!

More people than ever need our help to access health care.

**Your tax-deductible gift today can be matched 3-to-1 so your donation goes 3 times as far helping people in urgent need of care.** You can make the most of this opportunity by returning a generous gift in the enclosed envelope ... by donating online at [americares.org/SummerNews25](http://americares.org/SummerNews25) ... or just scan this code to triple your impact right away. 



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## Emergency Response Partners

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