



**OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN**  
**MOROCCO & LIBYA**

SIX-MONTH UPDATE



## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**In September 2023, twin natural disasters struck Morocco and Libya, causing widespread destruction and loss of life. International Medical Corps responded in both countries within 72 hours. Together we:**

- ✚ helped **67,911** people
- ✚ deployed **14** mobile medical units (MMUs)
- ✚ provided **31,688** people with lifesaving emergency and primary health consultations
- ✚ conducted **2,032** mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) consultations
- ✚ procured and distributed more than **132,000** items of critical medicines, medical equipment and supplies, and food







# **EARTHQUAKE IN** **MOROCCO**

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## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**On September 8, a 6.8-magnitude earthquake struck central Morocco, about 45 miles southwest of Marrakech.**



Nearly 3,000 confirmed deaths



More than 5,600 people injured



More than 500,000 people displaced



60,000 homes damaged, with 19,000 of those completely destroyed

**The earthquake was the most powerful Morocco had experienced in more than a century, and its deadliest since 1960.**





## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS RESPONDS



In response to the earthquake, International Medical Corps partnered with the Moroccan Association of Solidarity and Development (AMSED) and Maroc Solidarité Médico-Sociale (MS2) to reach 26,225 people.

Together, we have:

- ✚ deployed two MMUs to deliver health services and distribute essential supplies
- ✚ provided 14,808 health and 1,352 MHPSS consultations
- ✚ referred 1,661 patients to higher levels of care at Taroudant and Tahnaout Health Center
- ✚ procured 76,043 items of medicines, medical equipment and supplies to support our MMUs
- ✚ conducted health and hygiene promotion awareness sessions reaching 11,681 people
- ✚ distributed 500 hot meals and ready-to-eat food items to 200 people







## Winterization

Morocco is known for its mild winters, but in the High Atlas Mountains where the earthquake struck, winters bring below-freezing temperatures, heavy rain and even snow. We are partnering with Action for Humanity (AFH), the European Committee for Education and Agriculture (CEFA) and AMSED to ensure that earthquake survivors still living in temporary shelters and settlements are prepared for the winter season. International Medical Corps has:



prepared and distributed 120 household winterization kits, benefitting 720 people



distributed 1,714 winterization items, including blankets, mattresses, winterized tents, power generators and community kitchen kits to households in need



procured and distributed 1,701 family hygiene kits, which will support 10,206 people for one month







## Recovery: Moving Forward

As our emergency response progresses into the recovery phase, we will continue to partner with AMSED and MS2 to ensure continuity of health services. To ensure that earthquake survivors are supported through their recovery, International Medical Corps will:

- ⚠️ distribute additional essential supplies, including 1,500 NFI kits, 1,500 winterization kits, 1,500 hygiene kits, 150 solar torches and one solar pumping kit, benefitting as many as 27,000 people
- ⚠️ continue partnering with Cesvi to provide psychosocial support, protection and recreation services
- ⚠️ continue managing two child friendly spaces, where children can gather for recreation and socialization, with activities so far reaching more than 500 children
- ⚠️ conduct additional health and hygiene awareness-raising sessions to build resilience for future emergencies







## FROM THE FIELD

While stationed in a remote village in the High Atlas Mountains, one of our midwives identified a woman who was a true inspiration: Amal,\* who was a breast-cancer survivor and who had visited the MMU for a consultation. Her years-long fight against cancer was a poignant testimony of resilience and strength. Because Amal was passionate about spreading awareness for breast-cancer prevention and treatment, our staff was able to work with her to connect other women to the MMU. She helped raise awareness of the importance of self-examination and directed others to the MMU if they had any concerns. Sharing her story with our beneficiaries was a powerful way of raising awareness, highlighting the need for early detection and vigilance.

*\*name changed to protect privacy*







# **FLOODING IN LIBYA**

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## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**On September 10, Storm Daniel struck Libya with winds of up to 80km/h and extreme rainfall. The next day, two dams upstream from the city of Derna collapsed, inundating the city and causing devastation.**



4,540 confirmed deaths



More than 1.5 million people affected—about 22% of Libya's population



More than 44,800 people internally displaced



25% of Derna completely submerged and destroyed

**International Medical Corps was the first international humanitarian agency to begin providing health services in Derna after the flooding.**





## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS RESPONDS



In response to Storm Daniel, International Medical Corps is providing primary and emergency health services, along with MHPSS services.

Together, we have:

- ✚ deployed 12 emergency medical teams (EMTs) and 60 staff members, bringing lifesaving health services to more than 5,000 IDPs
- ✚ provided 16,880 emergency health consultations
- ✚ conducted 372 MHPSS consultations
- ✚ operated the national mental health hotline, providing consultations to more than 300 people
- ✚ donated 56,070 items of medicines, medical equipment and supplies to six health facilities
- ✚ reached 3,827 people through health promotion and capacity building activities





## INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS RESPONDS



In the aftermath of the floods, displacement and limited resources left women and girls at increased risk for GBV. Additionally, damage to WASH infrastructure put the entire affected area at risk for infectious and waterborne diseases.

Together, we have:

- ✚ reached 258 women and girls with critical GBV and emotional-support services
- ✚ delivered 2,196,000 liters of clean water to 4,338 people through water trucking
- ✚ distributed 13,800 liters of bottled water, working with local collection companies to ensure proper recycling
- ✚ reached 1,072 people with hygiene awareness-raising sessions
- ✚ distributed hygiene kits to 1,300 people







## Continuing Emergency Response Efforts: Moving Forward

International Medical Corps will continue our emergency response efforts, ensuring that we reach all of those affected by the floods. International Medical Corps will:



continue providing essential emergency and primary health services via EMTs—reaching as many as 200 people per day—to address immediate and long-term health needs



scale up our MHPSS services, providing more than 100 additional consultations per month



strengthen WASH interventions to improve access to clean water, rehabilitate sanitation infrastructure at health facilities and promote proper hygiene practices for about 600 people per month







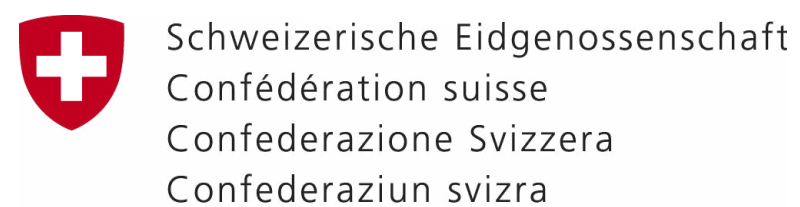
## FROM THE FIELD

Ali Alkareemi, a devoted 35-year-old father of two, found himself facing numerous hardships after his family's home in Derna was destroyed by Storm Daniel. Living in temporary accommodations with limited access to WASH facilities, Ali's primary concern was the health and well-being of his children, particularly his youngest daughter, who was suffering from acute diarrhea. Ali heard about a hygiene promotion and education session conducted by International Medical Corps at a health facility in Derna, which Ali attended, eager to learn how to best care for his family. The team addressed common misconceptions, clarified doubts and actively encouraged the adoption of proper hygiene habits as a daily routine. At the end of the session, Ali received a hygiene kit containing various kinds of soaps, towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, among other essential items, enough for a family of five for one month. Grateful for the valuable guidance and essential supplies, Ali returned home, determined to share his newfound knowledge with his family, protect his children from waterborne diseases and improve their overall health.





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