



International Medical Corps staff members deliver supplies to a health center in Houston, TX, in the wake of Hurricane Beryl in 2024.

On Friday, July 4, catastrophic flash floods swept through the Texas Hill Country, claiming at least 108 lives, including dozens of children—making it one of the deadliest floods in the US in the last 100 years.¹ Many of the affected children and youth were at Camp Mystic, located along with Guadalupe River, which saw rapid surges of more than 26 feet in the flooding. Search-and-rescue operations continued Monday, hampered by the weekend's ongoing heavy rainfall and widespread flood warnings, with 18 people still reported missing. More than 20 state agencies and hundreds of volunteers have been mobilized to assist the response efforts.²

Governor Greg Abbott issued disaster declarations for 21 affected counties,³ and President Donald Trump approved a federal major disaster declaration for Kerr County, hardest-hit by the floods. Triggered by the remnants of June's Tropical Storm Barry, the floods caused extensive infrastructure damage, washing away homes, vehicles and roads—isolating communities and hindering access to emergency services and shelters. Major junctions and state roads near Austin, El Paso, Lubbock, Odessa and Waco remain closed or impacted due to high flood waters.⁴

Thirteen state and local shelters, reunification centers and feeding operations have been established, with the American Red Cross opening facilities in Concho, Kerr, San Saba, and Tom Green counties. Though power outages remain localized, vulnerable populations—including low-income residents, the elderly, children, non-English speakers and those living with chronic health conditions—face heightened risks. The affected region includes more than 27,000 Medicare and 538,000 Medicaid clients, many reliant on electricity-dependent medical equipment. Additionally, more than 73,000 people experiencing homelessness are at increased risk due to limited access to shelter and care.⁵

Hospitals and health facilities report that they remain operational, though several long-term care facilities have been evacuated or relocated, including one in Burnet County. Twenty-four federally qualified health centers within 50 miles of

FAST FACTS

- On July 4, catastrophic flooding caused by the remnants of Hurricane Barry struck Central Texas, killing at least 108 people, including dozens of children. Search-and-rescue efforts continued Monday, as 18 people are still reported missing.
- Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued disaster declarations for 21 affected counties, and President Donald Trump signed a major disaster declaration for Kerr County.
- Mental health needs as a result of the crisis are anticipated to be significant.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps is partnering with the Texas Association of Community Health Centers, which has requested our assistance and is identifying patient and health facility-specific needs in affected areas.
- International Medical Corps is procuring and delivering urgently needed supplies to affected health centers, helping them to remain open and ensuring that patients can continue to receive essential care. Our assistance will include such items as hygiene and wound-care kits; vaccinations, medications and medical supplies; batteries, nebulizers and monitors for at-home medical equipment; personal protective equipment and other infectious disease supplies; communication and connectivity devices; tarps; and portable showers, bathroom facilities and washing machines, based on specific needs.
- International Medical Corps has also offered support for partners to cover patient copays, surge community health worker and health center outreach, and increase mental health programming, with the support we provide remaining flexible as needs evolve.

¹ <https://www.cnn.com/weather/live-news/texas-flooding-camp-mystic-07-08-25-hnk>

² <https://healthresponsealliance.org/>

³ <https://tdem.texas.gov/press-release/7-5-25>

⁴ <https://disastercenter.com/FEMA%20Daily%20Operation%20Brief.pdf>

⁵ <https://39932089.hs-sites.com/txflood-sitrep1>

the city of Kerrville, located in Kerr County, are facing increased demand. Local and regional partners have expressed concerns about increases in mental health needs, especially given the impact of this tragedy on local communities.

International Medical Corps' Response

International Medical Corps is partnering with the Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC), which has requested support for its member health networks. In collaboration with TACHC, we are collecting requests to support specific facility needs and to ensure that affected communities have access to ongoing health and mental health services. International Medical Corps also is preparing to rapidly procure and deliver essential supplies to health facility partners and the families they serve, including such items as hygiene and wound-care kits, medications, vaccines, medical equipment, diapers, mobility aids, portable power sources, insulin coolers and other critical relief items based on evolving needs.

Additionally, we have offered to support funding for patient copays, surge staffing for community health workers and outreach services, and additional mental health programming to address anticipated mental health concerns. Our approach remains flexible and responsive to the needs of health centers and of affected communities.

International Medical Corps in the US and Territories

International Medical Corps has been an emergency responder in the United States and Caribbean since 2005, when we partnered with local community clinics overwhelmed by Hurricane Katrina. In the US, International Medical Corps works with national, state and local partners and agencies to deploy emergency response teams in response to disasters and address the significant challenges that face domestic healthcare services. In 2024 alone, International Medical Corps responded to six hurricanes across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. In early 2025, we launched a month-long, comprehensive response to the Los Angeles wildfires.

In Texas, International Medical Corps has continued to support Hurricane Beryl response and recovery efforts in the Houston area while partnering with local health facilities to build and support efforts around measles prevention and response, and other emergency preparedness. In close partnership with TACHC, International Medical Corps has conducted training and is working to strengthen emergency preparedness capacity across local health facilities.

In the last seven years, International Medical Corps has engaged and supported a partner network of more than 275 hospitals, clinics, health and health-related facilities, and non-profit organizations across 18 states and territories in the United States, delivering health resources, services and training to more than 6 million patients and providers. Over the last two years alone, we've responded to 11 emergencies across 10 states and territories, and trained 630 health workers from 47 organizations. We support local entities not only during disaster response but also in non-emergency times through training that strengthens healthcare systems and enhances preparedness.