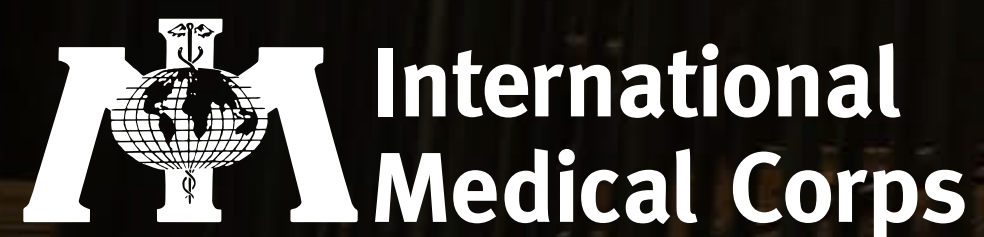


ONE-YEAR UPDATE

LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES RESPONSE



EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

On January 7, a series of wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County, causing an estimated 440 deaths, displacing some 200,000 people and burning more than 16,000 homes and businesses. Fueled by dry conditions and high winds, these fires were not fully contained until January 31.

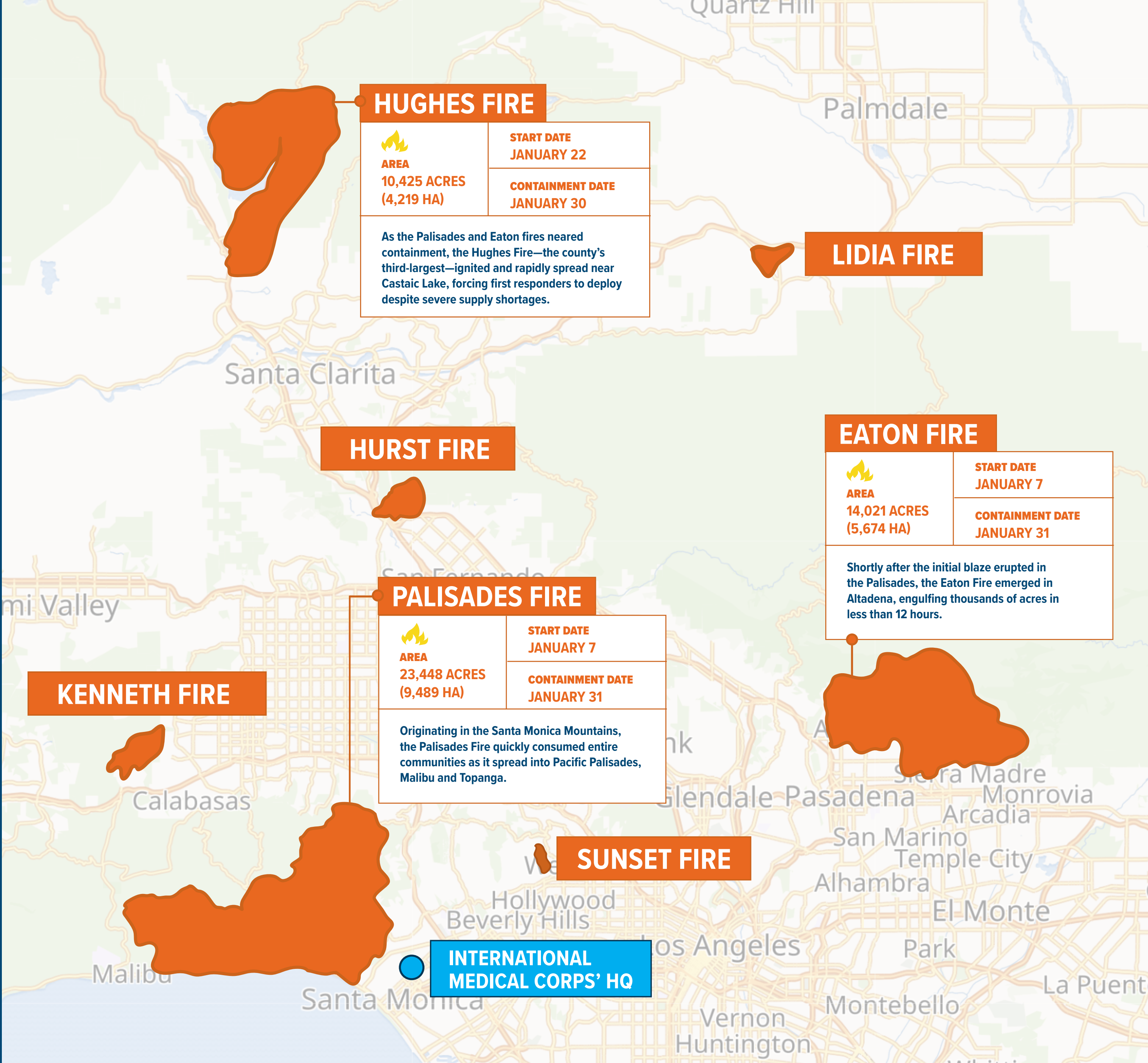
Considered the most destructive in California history, the fires scorched about 57,500 acres, decimating entire neighborhoods and leaving others uninhabitable.



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The Wildfires

In January 2025, 14 wildfires burned across Southern California. Seven of the most devastating struck Los Angeles County, consuming more than 50,000 acres and destroying more than 16,000 homes, businesses and other structures.



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The Aftermath

One year later, Los Angeles County remains in recovery—facing persistent community disruption, pressure on health systems and worsening health vulnerabilities.



Housing Insecurity

Tens of thousands of people, including vulnerable populations, were displaced by the wildfires—and many continue to face housing insecurity.



Elevated Health Risks

During the wildfires and in their immediate aftermath, smoke and debris severely degraded air and water quality—triggering respiratory and cardiovascular complications—while crowded shelter conditions increased the risk of infectious disease. One year later, lingering risks continue to affect those living in affected communities.



Increased Mental Health Needs

Anxiety, trauma and grief—especially among displaced families and people with pre-existing mental health conditions—continue to drive demand for mental health care.



Strained Health Facilities

Health facilities and frontline workers continue to see unmet needs among those affected by the wildfires, as families look for safe and stable housing, health and mental health services and more.

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Our Impact

Headquartered in Los Angeles since our founding 42 years ago, International Medical Corps mobilized immediately to support communities affected by the wildfires. Working closely with state and local authorities and partners, we filled critical response gaps and delivered support to some **72,450 people directly** and **141,623 people indirectly**.



Partnered with **17 different organizations and resource-access sites** to provide urgently needed medical and non-medical resources and supplies



Deployed **58 health and mental health professionals**—many of whom are Los Angeles and California locals—to provide emergency, primary and mental healthcare at shelters, community distribution centers, events and re-entry points



Conducted **5,910 health and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) consultations**



Delivered nearly **77,000 relief and recovery items**—including medicines, medical equipment and supplies, as well as first-aid, hygiene and wound-care kits—to partners supporting affected communities



Supported **six health clinic networks** and provided **more than 500 frontline health workers, staff and patients**, as well as their families, with housing assistance and other forms of support



Emergency Medical Team

Across the US, International Medical Corps is finding that local health systems are ill-equipped to adapt and respond—both immediately and over time—to the needs that arise in the wake of disasters, leaving survivors and displaced communities with unmet and compounding health needs. This is why we deployed an Emergency Medical Team (EMT) within 24 hours of the fires' outbreak—launching our largest US response last year and helping to ensure access to healthcare for those affected.

Over a critical three-week window, when health needs were at their highest, we:

- ✚ Deployed nine physicians, 33 nurses and 16 mental health workers who provided more than 1,500 health consultations
- ✚ Delivered around-the-clock medical and mental health care at three Red Cross-managed shelters—the Westwood Recreation Center, Pasadena Convention Center and College of Canyon shelters—as well as 10 community hubs, distribution sites and re-entry points
- ✚ Established and ran an isolation unit in the Pasadena shelter to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, influenza, scabies and norovirus





Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

The wildfires brought loss and uncertainty for hundreds of thousands across Los Angeles County, driving a surge in mental health concerns. Too often, mental health needs for affected communities and first responders are overlooked, but targeted services at key community access points can have a significant impact and improve recovery for individuals, families and entire communities.

This is why our EMT also:

- ✚ Provided more than 4,400 MHPSS consultations
- ✚ Developed and distributed tailored mental health resources in English and Spanish—designed for first responders and affected communities—including our free online course on psychological first aid (PFA), audio exercises, other practical skill-building tools and more
- ✚ Provided one-on-one support to affected community members—listening to their concerns, administering PFA and sharing coping techniques for trauma and loss





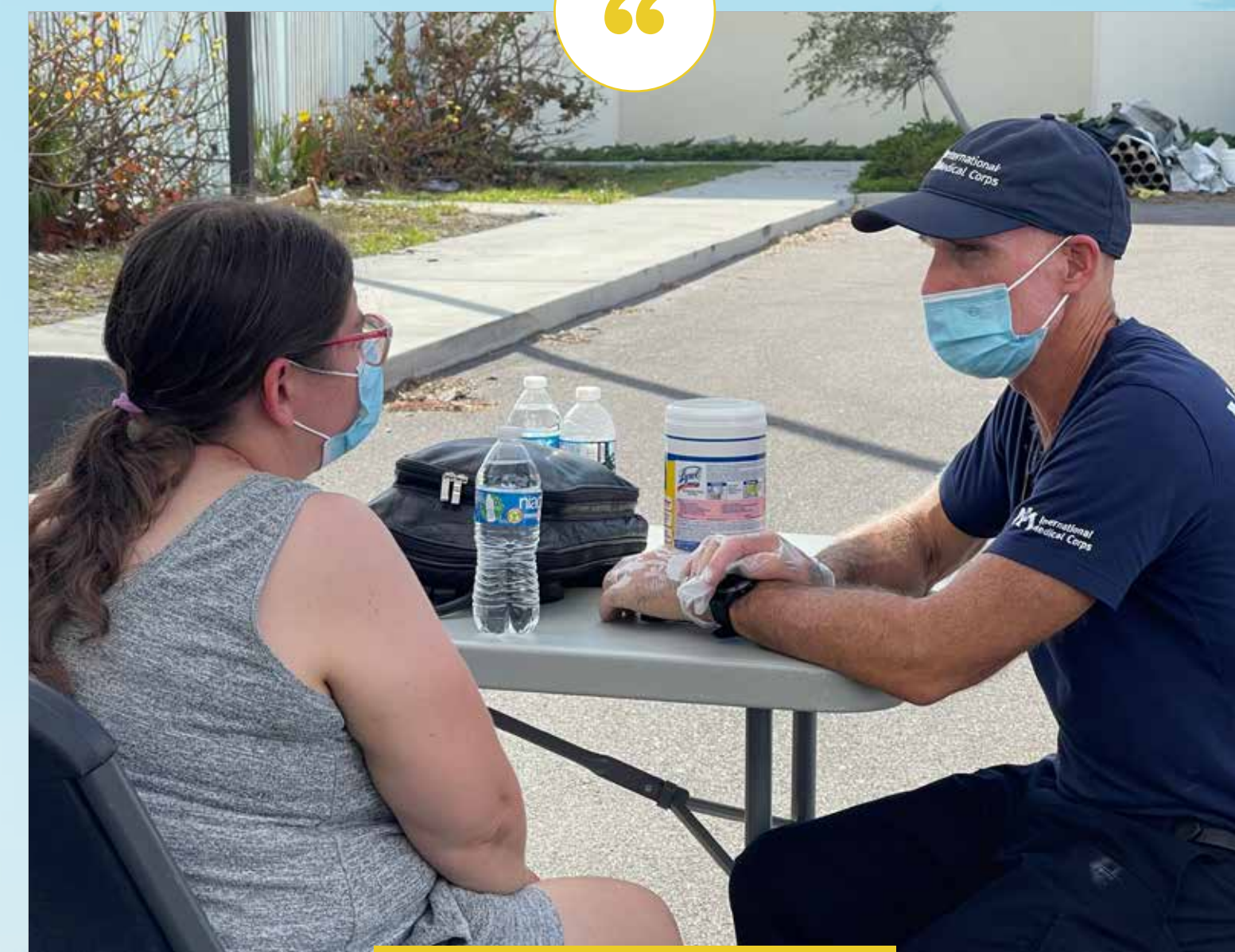
“It’s rewarding to give someone who has lost everything a little bit of normalcy. We can’t fix what they went through, but we can just provide a little bit of something.”

Rawnie, a volunteer nurse from Northern California providing mental and medical care with International Medical Corps at the Pasadena Convention shelter.



“There were a lot of residents who really needed mental health services. And that’s one thing that International Medical Corps is really great at—providing mental health services in the immediate timeframe, when people need it most.”

Mary-Jane, an ER nurse from Sacramento and long-time International Medical Corps volunteer.



“We are all like-minded. We see people who need help, we want to help—and International Medical Corps gives us the opportunity to do that.”

Dr. Gary J. Thacker, a returning volunteer providing essential services with International Medical Corps at our Westwood Recreation Center and College of the Canyons shelters.



Health System Support

In addition to the direct health services provided by our EMT, we provided targeted support to wildfire-affected health facilities and other partners—helping to ensure that they had the capacity to respond to rising needs.

Throughout our response, we have:

- ✚ Supported 16 health facilities and resource-access sites with medical supplies and non-food items
- ✚ Distributed 30,349 units of essential medicines, medical equipment and supplies, as well as nearly 45,000 hygiene kits and dignity items, and 244 air-purifiers
- ✚ Covered overtime costs for health facility staff, enabling them to provide critical outreach services to patients in fire-affected areas
- ✚ Provided housing stipends and rental assistance to more than 500 wildfire-affected staff and patients who lost their homes—helping them to secure safe and stable housing and to replace essential household items
- ✚ Provided 1,196 relief and recovery items to unhoused persons in Skid Row, MacArthur Park, and South and West Los Angeles displaced by the fires





Wildfire Recovery

Affected families continue to face housing insecurity, lingering health risks, disrupted livelihoods and more. We remain deeply engaged in ongoing recovery efforts and are working to build the emergency preparedness and response capacity of local health facilities and frontline workers.



We supported the deployment of mobile medical units and community health workers, providing primary care, vision and mental health services while reinforcing the connection between local health systems and vulnerable communities



We trained 278 staff from 62 health facilities and other frontline organizations on emergency healthcare readiness and service delivery



We distributed 3,043 pieces of medical equipment and supplies, including 66 ready-to-deploy health kits designed to support the delivery of emergency and primary healthcare services





Looking Forward

In the aftermath of the wildfires, local health facilities, organizations and communities are facing challenges maintaining staffing, rebuilding damaged health facilities and sustaining the expanded services—such as telehealth and community outreach—that have been essential to reaching wildfire-affected patients and community members.

To meet these needs, we will continue to strengthen the capacity of local health facilities—filling a critical gap that we see in communities across the country affected by disaster.



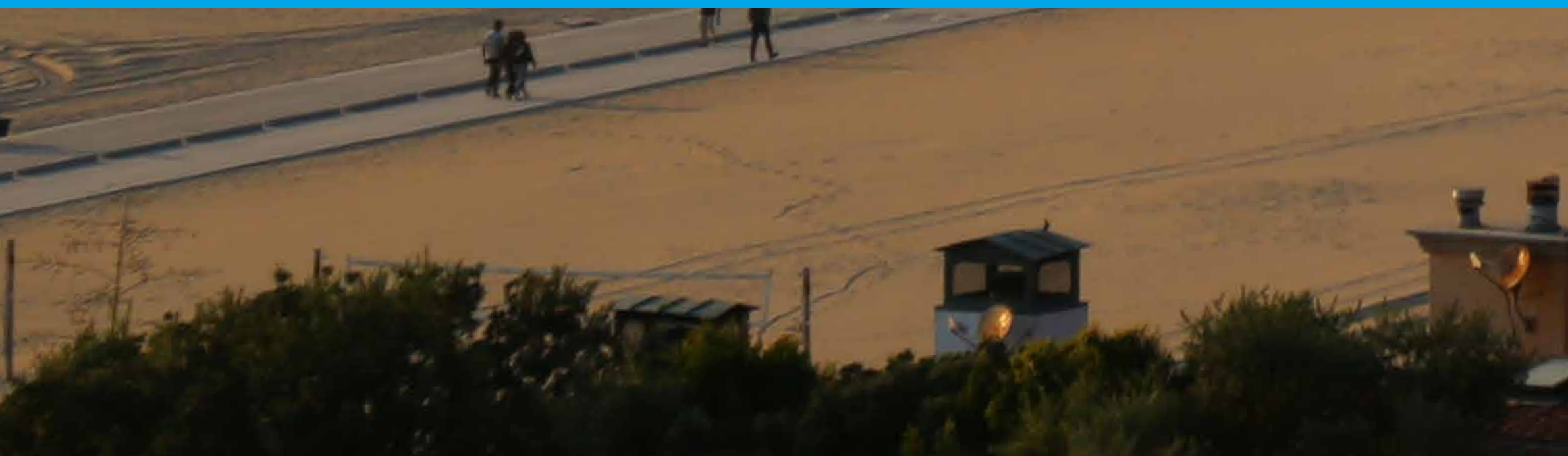
Filling Gaps in Care

We will continue partnering with local health facilities to strengthen the strained health system by deploying mobile services and community health workers, and connecting hard-to-reach communities with ongoing medical and mental health care, especially for vulnerable populations and people living with chronic disease.



Building Emergency Readiness

We will continue to help local, county, state and regional partners bolster their emergency preparedness and readiness. This includes helping local clinics, the California Primary Care Association, Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County and the Emergency Centralized Response Center apply lessons learned and best practices, enabling them to improve coordination and planning.



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