

Community Health in Disasters

Americares Overview





Billions of people
—one out of every
three people on
the planet—lack
adequate access to
quality health care.

With good health, people can attend school, be productive at work, care for their families and contribute to strong communities.





211M

people are affected by
disasters each year

98%

live in developing
countries

The increasing incidence and severity of natural disasters due to climate change put many communities at heightened risk.



1.4x

Increase in Storms

2.5x

increase in floods
in last 30 years

Most of the world's poor are living in marginalized hazard-exposed regions with limited to no access to public health facilities.





Every \$1 invested in preparedness and risk reduction may help save up to \$10 in disaster response and recovery costs... and save lives.



Americares empowers communities to identify and reduce health risks by building the capacity of health care facilities to respond to disasters and provide care during crises.

Our Experience

For nearly 40 years, AmeriCares has responded to the health needs of local partners and their communities and is now the **world's leading nonprofit provider of donated medicine and medical supplies.**



Program Focus



Access to Medicine

Increase access to quality medicines and supplies to improve health outcomes for patients and communities.



Emergency Response

Work across response, recovery and preparedness to protect communities from the effects of disaster.



Clinical Services

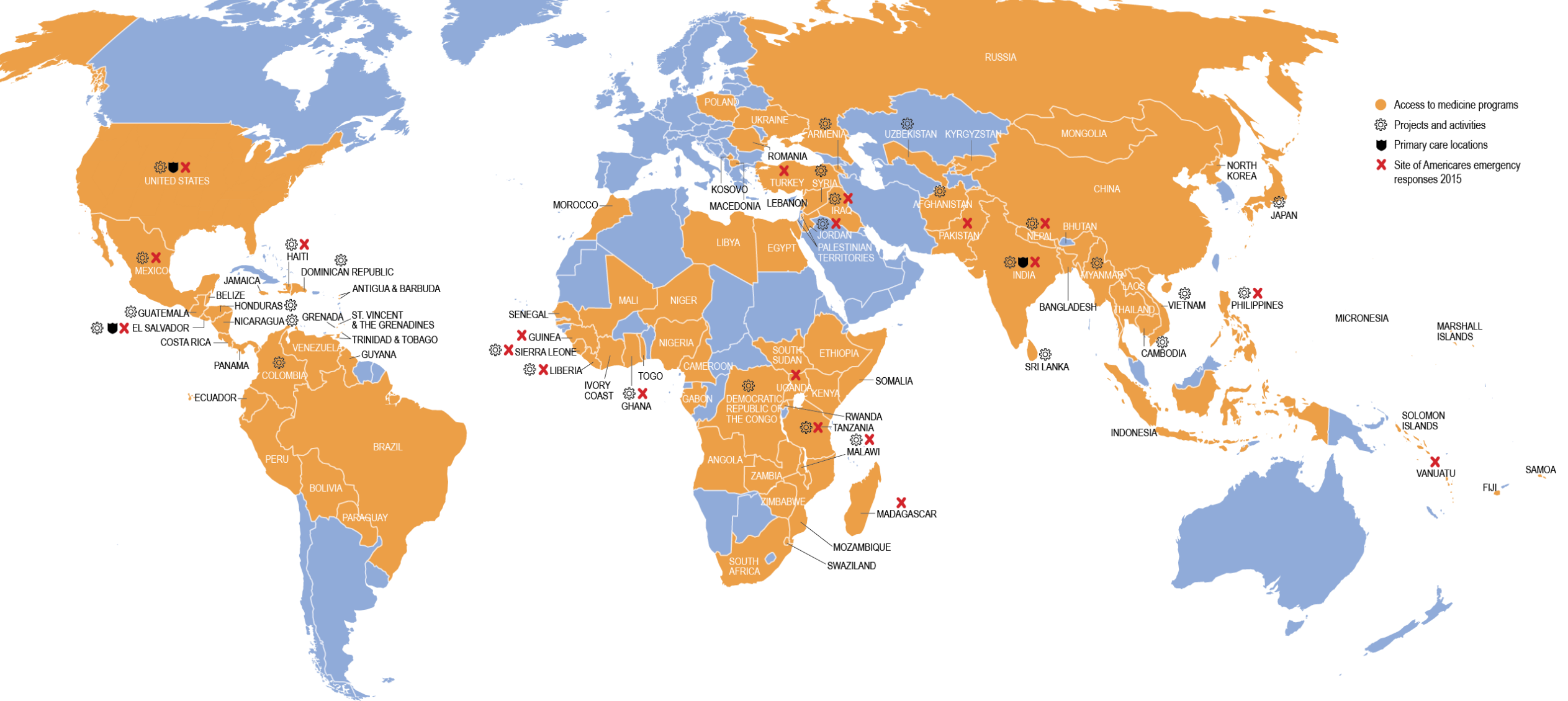
Deliver and support quality clinical services that bridge treatment, prevention and health promotion.



Community Health

Design and implement clinic- and community-based programs to deliver sustained health improvements.





\$600

Million in life-changing programs, medicine and medical supplies provided each year

90

Countries and all 50 U.S. states reached each year

2,300

Health partners around the world

30

Emergency responses every year, on average

600

Global staff operating out of eight field offices

97%

Of expenses support people in need

Haiti Hurricane “Matthew”

Americares response to Hurricane Matthew offers transferable capabilities for U.S. based preparedness and response.

1

Mobile
Medical Units

2

Cholera
Treatment
Units

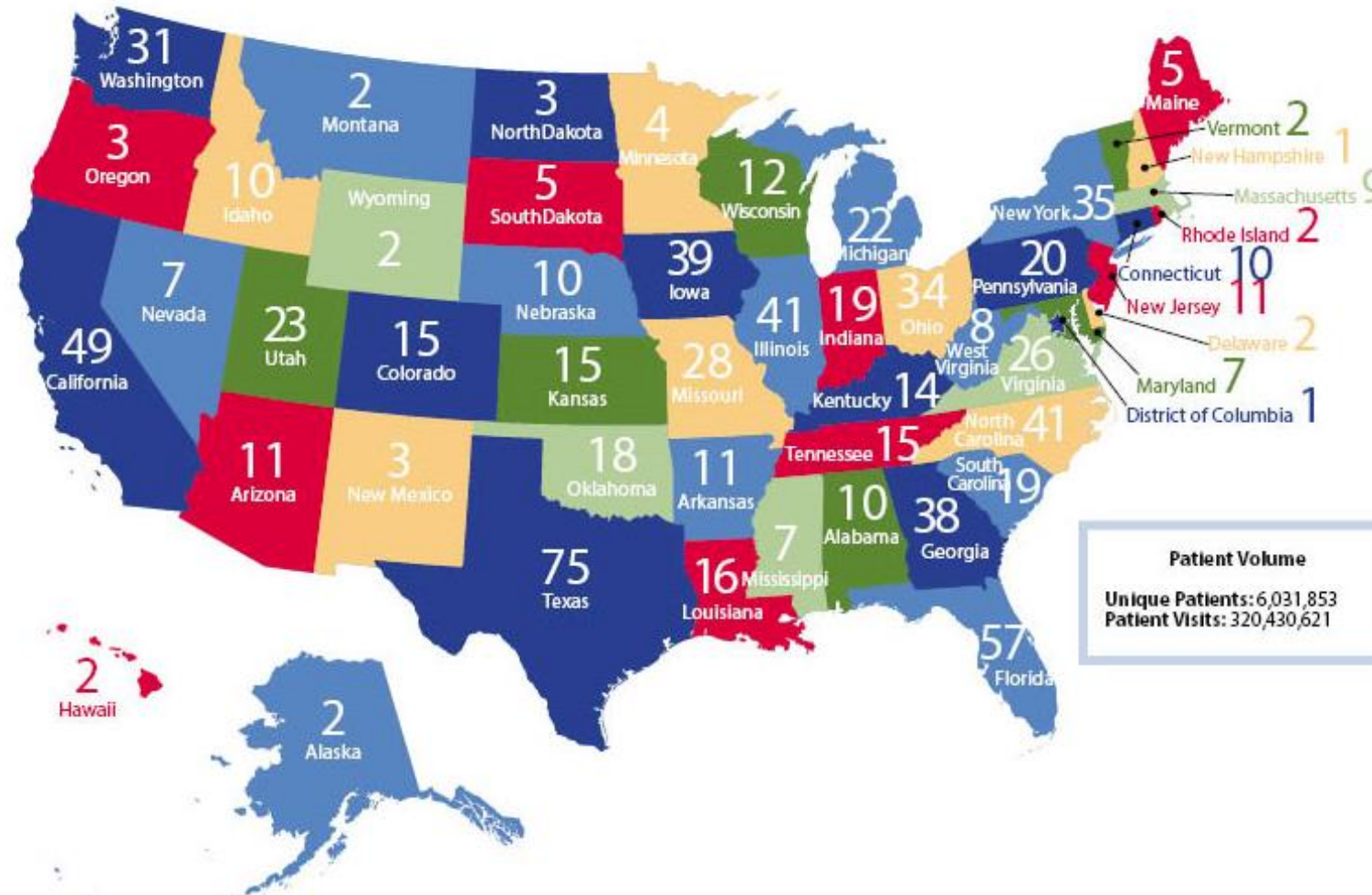
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Cholera
Training

4

Rapid Repairs
for Health
Facilities

Over 1,000 Clinic Partners in All 50 States



Hurricane Sandy: Impact to the Safety Net

- 58 Federally Qualified Health Centers in New York (38) and New Jersey (20)
- Estimated \$18.5 million in losses
- Approximately 12.5 million of identified losses attributed to business interruption
- The inability to quickly re-open:
 - Jeopardizes patient health
 - Forces furloughs or layoffs of staff
 - Threatens the overall well-being of health centers.



Community Health Support:

Mobile Medical Unit Addressed Temporary Space Need

- Temporary space allowed for continuity of operations
- Operated for 95 days at clinics that were damaged or lost power



Community Health Support:

Restoration of Health Services

- Free care for uninsured clinic patients
- Replace lost/damaged equipment/supplies
- Assistance with power generation, mobile unit operations



Training and Technical Assistance: Mental Health and Psychosocial

- Support for patients and survivors
- Care for the Caregiver Workshops - Resilience and Coping for the Healthcare Community



Training and Technical Assistance: Facility Preparedness

- Technical assistance to strengthen emergency management program



Challenges in Health Facility Preparedness

- Limited or no expertise
- Time consuming
- Difficulty securing funding
- Expectations to do more with less
- Staff turnover and lack of continuity



Americares Health Facility Preparedness Efforts



Rapid Data Collection

Importance of communicating impact and needs

Rapid collection of information.

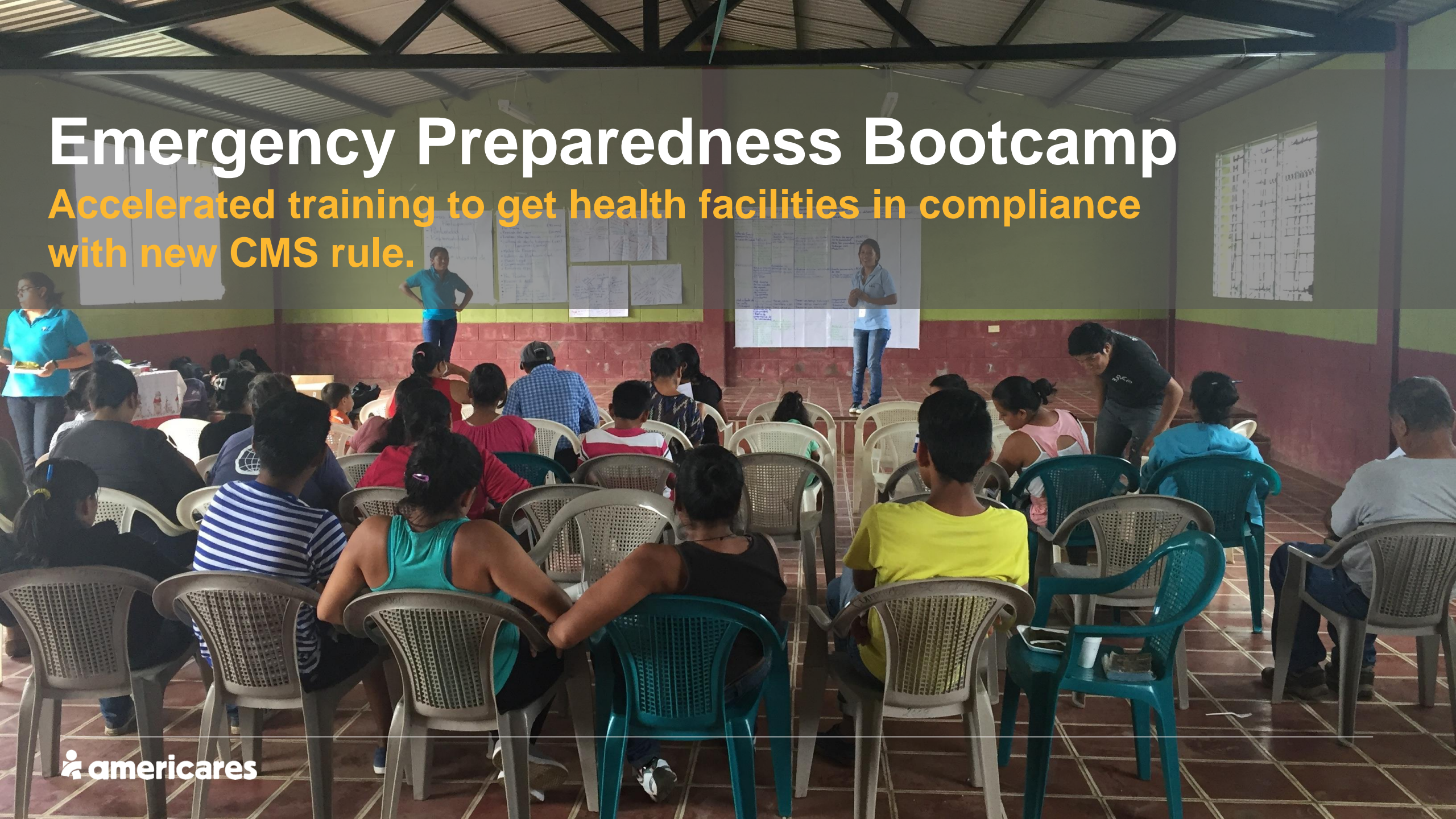
Access to information in real-time for emergency managers.

Sharing situational awareness reports for community health centers.

Informed decision-making impacts delivery of health services.

Emergency Preparedness Bootcamp

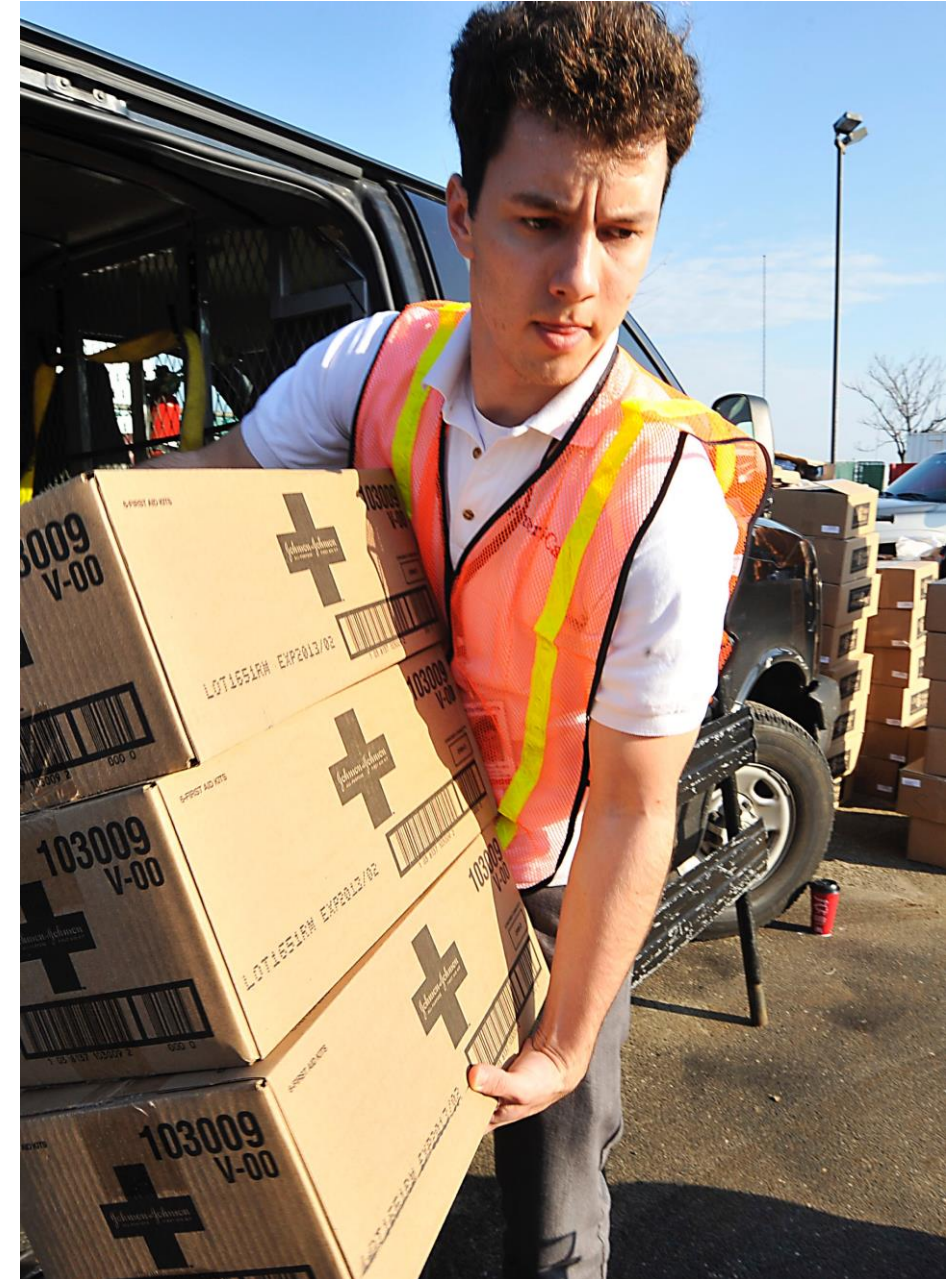
Accelerated training to get health facilities in compliance with new CMS rule.



Guidance and Webinars

Guidance and webinars for Safety Net Health Facilities, including free clinics, reinforcing the importance of healthcare coalitions.





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