

Hurricane Ida

Situation Report #2

September 2st, 2021

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team (ERT) assisted the Louisiana Department of Health to set-up a 250 persons special needs shelter at the New Orleans Convention Center (this shelter has not been opened or announced yet)
- The ERT of 5 medical practitioners is triaging and providing basic medical care at the Pard Par Rec Center In Jefferson Parish (Marrero, LA) for persons being triaged and relocated to shelters outside the affected area.
- 4 ERT members are deployed in the field with public health staff visiting and triaging more than 200 residents in large scale apartment complexes and homes as identified by the city's special needs registry.
- ERT members are supporting the New Orleans health department and providing first aid and basic medical care support in the Central City neighborhood in New Orleans at the Allie Mae Williams Multi-Service Center.
- Project HOPE delivered 8,080 disaster health kits, 98,800 N95 masks, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to the Convention Center in New Orleans.
- Project HOPE is closely monitoring pharmaceutical needs in the affected areas, and is ready to deploy additional Medical Teams and supplies as needed.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

In Louisiana, damages from Hurricane Ida left more than 441,000 residents without water and more than one million people without power. While Hurricane Ida's impact is widespread, significant damages were most pronounced in southern Louisiana. Power outages are expected to last for several weeks or possibly months, as energy companies work to repair the electric grid. Three major hospitals and sewer stations also reported damages.

Quick Facts

- 1+ million residents are still without power In Louisiana
- Power outages are expected to last between 3-6 weeks or more
- 441 000+ residents don't have water in Louisiana
- Search and rescue efforts continue
- Louisiana coasts dealing with major flooding

COVID-19 continues to be a concern in the affected areas as hospitals and their intensive care units are at capacity with patients with COVID-19. Before the storm, the number of infections was beginning to decrease; however, COVID-19 cases are expected to increase following the storm as displaced populations gather in congregate settings such as shelters.

Hurricane Ida also left severe damage to gas and oil processing facilities in Louisiana, resulting in widespread shortages of gas and increased prices. Reports indicate that 52.3% of stations in New Orleans have run out of gas. As of September 1, 2021, it was estimated that 13% of gas stations in the entire state of Louisiana were out of fuel. Recent projections suggest that fuel shortages will last for more than three weeks. Gas shortages will impact the ability for health facilities to operate generators, as well as affect the transportation of evacuees, frontline workers, and relief supplies.

PROJECT HOPE'S RESPONSE

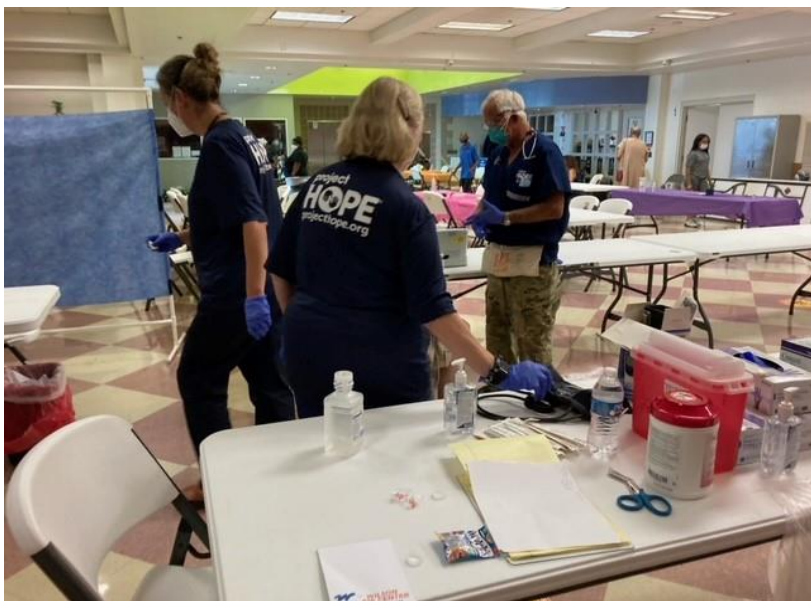
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Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team (Dr Neil and Dr McKeen) seeing patients.

Project HOPE's delivered 8,080 disaster health kits along with more than 98,800 N95 to the Convention Center in New Orleans where they are expected to be used to support in establishing the Center as a regional shelter for persons with special needs. The shipment was done in cooperation with MAP International. Each kit includes a washcloth, first aid kit, shampoo, soap, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, sports bag, and zip bag.

Project HOPE is closely monitoring pharmaceutical needs in the affected areas, and is ready to deploy additional medical volunteers and coordinate with partners to ship additional relief to the affected population.



Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team (PA, LPN, RN) begins operations in New Orleans to assess and treat community members following Hurricane Ida.

The protocol for first responders who wish to volunteer is to register with the Louisiana Department of Health at <https://www.lava.dhh.louisiana.gov/>. Out-of-state medical professionals seeking a temporary, voluntary license for an emergency event in the state of Louisiana, can apply for an Emergency Temporary Permit at <http://www.lsbme.la.gov/> or e-mail questions to lisensing@lsbme.la.gov.

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