



# Hurricane Ida

## Situation Report #4

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Project HOPE's Emergency Response Team(ERT) has provided basic medical services to 48 Houma Nation tribal community members at the Houma National Center in Houma, Louisiana.
- ERT triaged 10 patients and provided first aid services to evacuees at the Allie Mae Williams Multi-Service Center.
- ERT and the Louisiana Health Department conducted site visits in Plaquemines Parish and triaged patients in need of medical assistance.
- ERT provided basic medical care to 25 people and conducted COVID-19 testing at the Christian Family Center in Galliano, Louisiana.
- ERT continues to engage with local partners to conduct medical outreach and deliver relief supplies to the affected population in hard hit areas such as Lafourche, Jefferson, and Terrebonne Parishes.

### Quick Facts

- As of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 3,055 survivors were living in evacuation shelters in Louisiana
- As of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 115, 475 people in Louisiana are still without power
- 91 water systems in 14 parishes in Louisiana are under Boil Water Advisories, impacting 325,000 people
- 18 water systems and 9 parishes are facing water outages, impacting 19,661 Louisiana residents
- Fuel shortages continue in Louisiana

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of September 9<sup>th</sup>, the City of New Orleans reported that 3,055 survivors were living in shelters in Louisiana. Approximately, 115,475 people in Louisiana are still without power. According to the City of New Orleans, due to increased generator usage, more people are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning. Also, water outages continue to be an issue in Louisiana. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Louisiana Department of Health reported that 91 water systems and 14 parishes were under Boil Water Advisories, an issue that has impacted 325,000 people. Additional 18 water systems and 9 parishes are facing water outages, affecting 19,661 Louisiana residents.

There are still mounting concerns that the aftermath of Hurricane Ida will cause a spike in COVID-19 cases in impacted areas. As of September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Louisiana Department of Health reported 2,173 new cases of COVID-19 and about 1,775 COVID-19 patients in hospitals.

## PROJECT HOPE'S RESPONSE

Project HOPE's ERT continues to conduct site visits and medical outreach in hard-hit areas across Louisiana, particularly in Jefferson, Terrebonne, and Lafourche Parishes. Most recently, the ERT provided basic medical services to 48 Houma Nation tribal community members at the Houma National Center in Louisiana.



*Figure 1. Project HOPE medical volunteers prepare to start outreach in Houma and Galliano, LA to those affected by Hurricane Ida. Photo by Project HOPE staff.*



Due to low vaccine rates among tribal members, the Houma tribal Administrator has requested the ERT to return to the community and administer COVID-19 vaccines to tribal community members. Similarly, at the request of a local partner, the ERT conducted a site visit in Galliano to carry-on health and damage assessments. While in Galliano, the ERT provided basic medical care to 25 people and conducted COVID-19 testing at the Christian Family Center in Galliano, Louisiana.



Figure 2. Project HOPE medical volunteers setting up at the Christian Family Center in Galliano, LA to help those affected by Hurricane Ida. Photo by Project HOPE staff.



Figure 3. Hurricane Ida destruction in Galliano, LA. Photo by Project HOPE staff.



Figure 4. Project HOPE volunteer Michael Durtschi (RN) provides a COVID-19 test to members of the Christian Family Center in Galliano. Photo by Project HOPE staff.

Additionally, the ERT and the Louisiana Health Department conducted site visits to self-care buildings in Plaquemines Parish to assess evacuation needs from residents as well as triage patients in need of medical assistance. The ERT also triaged 10 patients and provided first aid services to evacuees at the Allie Mae Williams Multi-Service Center.



Figure 5. Project HOPE volunteer Dr. Stephanie McKeen waiting to see patients at the Allie Mae Williams Multi-Service Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Photo by PETER G. FOREST for Project HOPE, 2021.



Project HOPE's ERT remains a strong partner of the public health sector across Louisiana and are now regularly receiving referrals and requests to deliver medical assistance to hard-hit communities.



*Figure 6. Hurricane Ida destruction in Galliano, LA. Photo by Project HOPE staff.*

In Jefferson Parish, the ERT continues to support shelter operations and providing medical assistance to shelter residents, including supporting the return of residents from shelters in the north of the state. Project HOPE will also continue outreach with the local healthcare system to assess additional urgent needs. Project HOPE ERT's transition to hard-hit southern parishes has created additional opportunities for service delivery and long-term opportunities for partnerships.

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