



Global Response Management

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2019 Financial Report

A summary of our work in 2019



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2019 has been a busy year for Global Response Management. As a new organization we continue to focus on growing our capabilities, while preserving our effectiveness and minimizing unnecessary bureaucratic processes that hinder sustainable operations. Our goal is to be the, “Tesla” of humanitarian medical support, utilizing technology and innovation to make international emergency medical responses, both humanitarian and disaster, more efficient, effective and sustainable.

As we head into 2020, we like to provide our volunteers and donors with a summary of the work we have accomplished in 2019 and outline our anticipated projects for the following year.

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Financial Impact Report



Al Durayhimi- Yemen

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Most have heard the statistics: in Yemen, a child under the age of 5 dies every 10 minutes from a preventable cause. Over 24 million people are food and healthcare insecure. The years of ongoing civil war have taken a toll and the instability in the region has complicated international humanitarian response. In January of 2019, GRM sent a small team into Yemen to assess the situation on the ground and set up the necessary framework for the needed medical response.

While there we were able to obtain vital details as to the medical and humanitarian situation in Al Durayhimi region, the only region of the country without a formal UNHCR assessment. These assessments are key, as the UN directly uses the information obtained to direct and coordinate the humanitarian response, as well as to direct funding priorities for the upcoming year.

In total, GRM spent \$43,193 dollars in Yemen over 7 months, coordinating a response, working with local partners, providing security to our team on the ground, and assessing the most inaccessible regions of the country to facilitate international medical responses. Our assessment will impact all 30,000 of the current residents in the Durayhimi region and will help them have access to needed resources.

Unfortunately, in July of 2019, we had to pull our team from country. As a small self funded organization, we have to be extremely critical of every dollar we spend. In Yemen, the cost of keeping a team on the ground was extraordinary and our ability to provide needed resources was limited by geo-political factors outside of our control. As a result, after the completion of our UNHCR assessment, and 7 months on the ground, we made the heart-wrenching decision to pull our team from Country.

We are incredibly proud of what we achieved in such a short time, and should funding become available we would love to provide the medical support that is so desperately needed in Al Durayhimi.

Livelihood Projects

Ongoing

While our primary focus is to provide life-saving emergency, trauma and prehospital medicine to low-resource, high-risk areas, we also realize that the cycles of war and violence are complicated and often rooted in exploiting extreme poverty and illiteracy. We often find ourselves looking for ways to offer on-going support to the areas we have worked and the people we have worked with. In June of 2019, we started a series of livelihood projects to help women and children impacted by war and conflict find financial independence. We started a micro-business via the Etsy platform to sell products made by displaced women and families. 80% of the purchase price goes back to the creator, and 20% is used to facilitate the shop in the United States. To see their products and support their work click [here](#).

- In Yemen, we have a team of women who sew and embroider, making a variety of products that we then sell in the United States via the Etsy platform. To date, \$600 in products have been sold, helping these women to find financial independence that helps support their families.



- In Iraq, a small group of girls have worked together to start selling friendship bracelets to help earn money for their families. These girls have experienced the devastating impact of the war and have banded together to help each other. To date, we have sold over \$100 worth of bracelets, helping these ladies work towards financial independence.



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- In September, Iraq children headed back to school. In Mosul, most of the children in school have been catastrophically impacted by the war. Many have lost one (if not both) parents, family members, siblings, or relatives, and have experienced first hand their homes being destroyed by gunfire or artillery. These experiences can be debilitating for these kids, and as such return to school can often be stressful. Additionally, many families cannot afford the costs of providing their children with the necessary resources for attending school. In coordination with our local partner in Mosul, Iraq, GRM helped to provide \$500 worth of school supplies, school clothes, and shoes to impoverished kids in and around Mosul. These projects are small works to help us positively impact the area and help those who need it most.

- In October, we started the same project for women who have been displaced from Central and South America due to violence. These women are currently awaiting their asylum hearings at the U.S./Mexico border, many of them with no jobs to support their families. The livelihood project was brought to them with the assistance of the Asylum Seekers Resource Center to help women in the camp find financial independence and support while awaiting their court dates.

Mexico Refugee Response

Ongoing

In September of 2019 we watched as MPP (commonly known as Remain in Mexico Policy) went into effect stranding thousands of refugees and asylum seekers at the U.S./Mexico border with little to no support. From Tiajuana to Matamoros it is estimated that there are over 40,000 asylum seekers/refugees in need of emergent humanitarian relief such as food, water and medical care. The most desperate of these areas is Matamoros, Mexico, where organized crime activity has earned the area the same security rating as Syria.

Since October of 2019 GRM has operated the only primary medical resource field clinic located in the camp, operating 7 days a week and staffing with U.S licensed Doctors, Nurses and Medical volunteers from across the U.S.

As of writing this article the clinic has already seen and treated hundreds of adult and pediatric patients who otherwise would not have access to basic healthcare or necessary medical screenings. Our project is scheduled to run for the next six months, but ideally, funding provided GRM will remain in the camp as a trusted medical provider for as long as necessary. You can learn more about our work [here](#).

Baby Remas Heart Surgery

January 2019- February 2019

In January of 2019 a partner organization brought to our attention a very ill baby from the Old City of Iraq who desperately needed open heart surgery. Her name was Remas, she was 18 months old, weighed only 12lbs, and had severe aortic stenosis with dilated cardiomyopathy and an ejection fraction of less than 20%. Without oxygen supplementation, her oxygen saturation would stay in the low 80's. She was extremely ill and needed emergent open heart surgery. GRM stepped up and raised the necessary \$4,500 which would fund more diagnostic testing, the travel documents required for her to travel to and from Baghdad, as well as for her Mother and Aunt, who would be required to travel with her. These things in Iraq take time, months often. Even just getting new identification cards can take months and during this time the funds we provided helped Baby Remas have the necessary oxygen and medical support she needed. Unfortunately in May, Baby Remas became gravely ill, her condition worsened severely, and she passed away, surrounded by her family and loved ones. In the end, \$2,650 was leftover from the money we pledged to Baby Remas. This money was donated to another child from the old city who also needs open heart surgery in Baby Remas honor.

Ahmed Surgery:

Working with our partner in Iraq, Doctor Mohammed Akram, we coordinate multiple surgeries per year. Little Ahmed is affected by a condition known as Hirschsprung disease, where a portion of his intestine is paralyzed. This disease can have life long impacts and can even result in death if left untreated. We were able to coordinate with local and international donors to get baby Ahmed the necessary surgery he needed to continue growing healthy and strong. While this surgery would have cost thousands of dollars in the United States, we were able to coordinate to get Ahmed's surgery covered for just \$700 USD. Our wonderful donors and supporters get 100% of the credit for helping Ahmed have a happy and healthy future he otherwise might not have had access to.

Bahamas Response:

In September Hurricane Dorian devastated the islands of Grand Bahama and Abaco just off the southern coast of Florida. The impact was widespread and affected thousands. 200 mph winds and 30 foot tidal surges destroyed homes and demolished entire cities. Thousands remain missing. 19 days after the storm impacted the Bahamas, Global Response Managements' Operations Executive went to Grand Bahama as a medical advisor and volunteer helping to coordinate needed field medical work in remote areas of the Bahamas. Shortly after arriving, it became clear that much more than field medical support would be needed (read the CNN report of our findings [here](#)).

Shortly after this visit GRM coordinated with Peace River K9 SAR to conduct the first thorough search for missing persons in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. The team, which included 14 Search and Rescue (SAR) technicians as well as 9 Human Remains Detection K9's, deployed first to Grand Bahama and then subsequently to Abaco assisting law enforcement and local government officials in finding missing persons and helping to bring victims and families the closure and dignity that comes with being found.

We are incredibly proud of this new partnership and hope that this will lead to a great future of providing a sorely needed resource in the disaster response field that is desperately needed and often overlooked.

2020: Going Forward

As we move into 2020 we are inspired by all that we have been able to achieve. As a small organization, we know that the competition in our field is fierce, and we appreciate every one of our donors for the opportunity to show them what we can do. In the last 3 years our total operating budget has been just over \$700,000. These dollars represent donations, grants, and world health funding. With that money we calculate that we have impacted the lives of over 50,000 people in 6 different countries.

Moving forward we hope to secure more long term donors who have faith that the work that we do crosses boundaries to improve the lives of those impacted by war and conflict. We hope to obtain enough funding to onboard more volunteers and help show the humanitarian world that medicine can be done differently.

Our top five priorities for 2020 are:

1. Growing our volunteer database to over 500 qualified medical volunteers.
2. Advancing our yearly operating budget to over \$200,000.
3. Developing our Disaster Response/K9SAR abilities
4. Developing innovative technology that launches us as a key leader in the humanitarian medical space.
5. Continuing to provide the life saving, evidence based, emergency medical care that has impacted so many lives.

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