

## **Heart to Heart International team in Bahamas responding to Hurricane Dorian Update**

**MEDIA ALERT** – (September 9, 2019) Heart to Heart International (HHI) was one of the first medical teams to arrive in the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian, landing in Nassau on Tuesday, September 3. The team began treating patients in Treasure Cay on Wednesday, September 4, by hand-carrying medications and supplies to reach people who had not received any medical care since the storm. The Abaco islands, where Treasure Cay is located, are some of the hardest-hit islands in the Bahamas.

Working in coordination with the Bahamian Ministry of Health, the team has established a clinic in Treasure Cay and is performing mobile medical outreach to the surrounding communities, including Cooper's Town, Marsh Harbour and Man-O-War Cay on the Abaco islands.

HHI chief medical officer Dr. Rick Randolph has been treating people in the Bahamas since the beginning of the response. "These communities have been destroyed; lives upended," Dr. Randolph said. "If we can bring even the smallest comfort and hope to people in the middle of this tragedy, that is what we will do. Whether it is providing antibiotics, coordinating a medical airlift or simply listening to stories of their heartbreak, we are there. And we will continue to be there as long as we are needed."

Currently, HHI has eight medical personnel in Treasure Cay providing much-needed medical care. The medical team has seen patients with injuries from the storm and storm clean-up, administering tetanus vaccines, wound care and infection control, and coordinating medical flight evacuations. The response is ongoing.

More pictures of the response can be used with attribution from HHI's social media accounts or [flickr.com/heart\\_to\\_heart](https://www.flickr.com/photos/heart_to_heart/)

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*Heart to Heart International is a nonprofit international health organization with its headquarters in Lenexa, Kansas. Since its inception in 1992, HHI has delivered medical aid and supplies worth \$1.9 billion to more than 130 countries, including within the United States. HHI responds to natural disasters both domestically and internationally by supplying medical relief and mobilizing volunteers. The organization is a 4-star Charity Navigator charity, a BBB Accredited charity and is on the "Philanthropy 400." To learn more, visit [hearttoheart.org](http://hearttoheart.org).*

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