

## **Heart to Heart International team on ground responding to Hurricane Dorian**

*Hurricane Dorian is currently a Category 5 storm with 180mph sustained winds. The National Hurricane Center says the storm's course remains unpredictable. The east coast of Florida is under storm surge and hurricane watches, and the governors of North and South Carolina have declared a state of emergency.*

**MEDIA ALERT** – (September 1, 2019) Heart to Heart International (HHI) deployed an advance team on Saturday, August 30, 2019, to respond to Hurricane Dorian.

The team includes the Mobile Medical Unit (an urgent care facility on wheels), 2 support vehicles and 4 logistics experts in advance of the storm's estimated landfall. The team includes an EMT and a nurse who is also an HHI disaster response intern. The mobile medical unit is stocked with medicines, tetanus vaccines, and medical supplies and will also bring hygiene kits, water and supplies for those affected by the storm.

The advance team with the Mobile Medical Unit is pre-positioned in Atlanta; HHI also has a disaster response team member in North Carolina and disaster response medical volunteers in Florida. Being prepared enables HHI to respond to whatever areas are impacted by this catastrophic storm.

HHI is also monitoring the impact of the storm in the Bahamas and are reaching out to partners to determine how to best help after the storm crosses the island.

This advance response is being supported by HHI's long-time partner AbbVie Foundation.

The team will be continuing to monitor the storm track and more information will be released about HHI's response to the hurricane as soon as it is available.

**To help those impacted by the storm, donate: [hearttoheart.org](http://hearttoheart.org) or text HHIHR to 41444.**

*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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