

# Global Emergency Relief, Recovery & Reconstruction

Annual  
Report  
2021



# ABOUT

Founded in 2016, Global Emergency Relief, Recovery and Reconstruction (GER<sup>3</sup>) seeks to address several weaknesses in the humanitarian space by focusing on debris management, community engagement, and bridging the gap between relief and recovery work. GER<sup>3</sup> is committed to building back better, ensuring sustainability and increased resiliency in the most vulnerable communities.



## MISSION

To enable crisis-affected persons globally to build back better following disasters through integrated relief, recovery, and reconstruction services.

## GOALS

- Deliver Excellent Community Based Disaster Assistance Domestically (USA) & Internationally
- Facilitate Sustainable, Environmentally Advanced and Community Focused Support
- Create Dynamic Partnerships
- Build a Sustainable and Accountable Organization

# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2021, GER<sup>3</sup> operated relief and recovery programs in four countries, expanding both local and international teams and international presence, and providing integrated support to a range of vulnerable communities.



- Four countries supported with relief and recovery services
- 2,600+ cubic meters of debris removed
- 15,000+ local team Cash-for-Work hours
- 225+ homes helped/repaired

# HONDURAS

## PRONIÑO

- Access restored

- 1-3 feet of mud cleared from interiors of buildings



Following Hurricanes Eta and Iota, GER<sup>3</sup> focused support to rural schools and homes. Proniño, a children's home that provides education, safety, and living space to children in need, was badly damaged by the hurricanes. GER<sup>3</sup>'s local team restored access to the property, led debris removal, and cleaned feet of mud out of all buildings.

## LA CANAÁN

- 134 homes supported

- 3,336 CFW hours

- 530 people served



Made possible by the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, GER<sup>3</sup> supported the community of La Canaán with significant debris removal and household cleaning. All streets and homes that were previously inaccessible due to significant mud and debris were cleaned by GER<sup>3</sup>'s local team. Most vulnerable community members were prioritized.

# ST VINCENT

## RESULTS

- Cleared ash and debris from over 60 homes
- Used a cash-for-work model that provided temporary income to 62 individuals
- Rehabilitated 10 homes that were damaged by the eruption
- Lead innovative capacity building activities

Following the eruption of La Soufriere Volcano in April of 2021, GER<sup>3</sup> mobilized a team to assist with the relief and recovery efforts. With funding from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, GER<sup>3</sup> launched a community recovery project focused in the community of Sandy Bay.



In addition to ash removal and home rehabilitation, GER<sup>3</sup> worked with local organizations and individuals to design and implement a number of capacity building initiatives. These included workshops on upcycling volcanic ash into organic compost, farming with regenerative agriculture techniques, bamboo crafting using traditional methods, and solar electricity installation and use.

# HAITI

## LOCAL TEAM

- provided emergency shelter supplies
- conducted assessment to determine where GER<sup>3</sup> could best support
- coordinated with local partner and donor organizations

## GER<sup>3</sup> FOCUS

- debris management
- community engagement
- livelihood support through a cash for work program



In August, a local team was activated in response to the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck southwestern Haiti. Debris management was identified as a critical part of relief and recovery efforts. In December, GER<sup>3</sup> began a comprehensive debris management program in the community of Maniche that would focus on community engagement and livelihoods support through a cash for work program. Minor home repairs were also planned for 2022.

# BAHAMAS

Two years after Dorian struck, GER<sup>3</sup> continued critical recovery work in Abaco. With a strong team of local cash-for-workers and contractors, GER<sup>3</sup> provided income opportunities to affected individuals while rebuilding communities that had not yet received the support they needed.

## CLINIC HOUSING

- 6 units fully restored for healthcare workers to safely return
- Improved roofing, windows and doors to ensure hurricane resiliency



GER<sup>3</sup> led the restoration of clinic housing units attached to Marsh Harbour's healthcare center. Restoring these units was a priority to get healthcare workers back to the hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project was supported by Direct Relief and the Discovery Land Company Foundation.

## VULNERABLE HOUSING

- Implemented by local Abaco team
- 26 vulnerable homes rehabilitated across two projects
- Community training events on installation of hurricane straps & clips for stronger roofs



In 2021, GER<sup>3</sup> identified housing to be a major gap in the recovery effort. Housing rehabilitation programs were designed and implemented by GER<sup>3</sup> with support of Templeton World Charities and Discovery Land Company Foundation. GER<sup>3</sup> focused on reaching most vulnerable community members.

# HQ OPERATIONS

In 2021, GER<sup>3</sup> committed resources to augmenting its capacity as an organization to respond to global crisis through a number of areas:

✓ Global Emergency Response  
Fund (GERF)

✓ Insurance

✓ Equipment

✓ Financial Audit

✓ Roster Management

GER<sup>3</sup> also moved its main office location from  
Winchester, VA to Millwood, VA



# THANK YOU

GER<sup>3</sup>'s work would not be possible without the generous support from partner and donor organizations, individuals, and the local communities in which GER<sup>3</sup> operates.



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- Discovery Land Company Foundation
- Direct Relief
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