

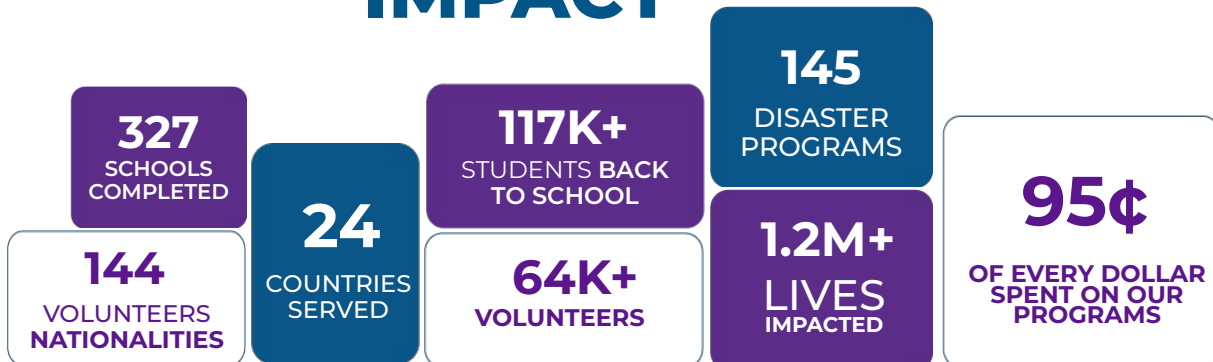


Update from the field



We have earned a 4-star rating by Charity Navigator for the eighth year in a row. This year only six percent of rated nonprofits received this distinction for financial and operational efficiency.

OUR TOTAL IMPACT



# 2022

## WRAPPED UP

As we move into 2023, with the restatement of our mission;

*providing community-inspired,  
volunteer-powered disaster relief*

and with volunteer applications up by 26%, since September, combined with more programs opening due to increased need around the world, 2023 is going to be an impactful year.

Last year, as part of our commitment to wellbeing, safety and an environment free from abuse, AHAH commissioned an independent, leading anti-sexual violence organization in the U.S., to conduct a review of our policies and documents.

Under their guidance a number of measures were taken such as the development of a Sexual Misconduct Policy, supplemented with staff training focused to safeguard all people within our duty of care: staff, volunteers and the people we serve.

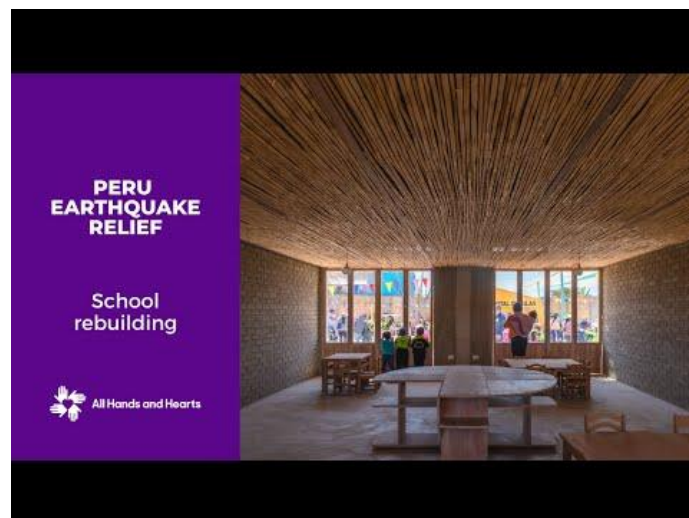
## PERU School Rebuild

For 13 years the children of Santa Cruz de Villacuri, Ica region, were beginning their academic journey in unsafe and uncomfortable conditions after their preschool was destroyed by the Pisco earthquake. No permanent solution was offered or provided to the school, only temporary structures were constructed, unsuitable for any child to be taught in or any teacher to educate.

Starting construction in January 2020, unaware of what was to occur, AHAH set a completion date for June 2020. Unfortunately, the severity of COVID-19 in Peru, compounded by political unrest, caused a pause in the work. This was heartbreaking for the volunteers, our staff, donors and most of all the children of Santa Cruz de Villacuri.

**Yet, we were not about to give up.**

While we could not resume our traditional volunteer model due to these continuing factors, **we remained committed to the community of Villacuri and on October 2, 2022 the preschool was completed** using local contractors, overseen by AHAH very own Senior Construction Manager, Ander Bados. **Now, more than 1,394 students, over the next ten years will directly benefit** from this disaster-resilient school where they can learn and play safely.



## THE BAHAMAS Hurricane Relief

September 2019 saw the strongest hurricane ever to hit The Bahamas. Hurricane Dorian, a category 5 storm, decimated the islands of Grand Bahamas and Abaco causing vast flooding and mass destruction.

Over the three years on Abaco Island, AHAH work focused on immediate response activities; mucking and gutting, debris removal and mold sanitation. As the early recovery phase approached, AHAH shifted gears to support the **recovery of 4 schools providing 1,300+ students with safe, disaster-resilient and engaging places to learn and thrive.**

## THE BAHAMAS ...Continued

Toward the two year anniversary of Dorian AHAH supported families still reeling from the hurricane, living in unsafe conditions, with little to no external help. Here, **we constructed hurricane resilient roofs (inset), conducted interior response and rebuild activities and installed hurricane shutters** to add an extra level of resiliency when faced with future, inevitable, hurricanes.

AHAH time in The Bahamas has been transformational, for the communities we have served and for us as an organization. The sheer scale of destruction, combined with the onset and longevity of the COVID-19 pandemic, threw challenges at AHAH we had not experienced before. Yet, it was through the determination of our volunteers and staff, the continued and generous support of our donors and the overwhelming sense of community within Abaco that kept us striving to achieve the best outcome for those most in need.



## UKRAINE CRISIS RELIEF

Our initial response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine supported the transportation of families across the Poland border.

We continue to support inside Ukraine and have expanded our work to include the improvement and winterization of refugee shelters in Poland.



## UKRAINE HUB Winterization

AHAH is working with a trusted in-country partner to support the winterization of HUBs (first port of call for those newly displaced to access social services) and mass tent shelters used for evacuation operations, needs assessment processing and the provision of basic supplies. **Heated tent shelters for displaced individuals and families have also been provided for those fleeing the heavily affected Southern and Eastern regions of Ukraine, who lack access to safe, warm living conditions particularly throughout the winter months.**

## UKRAINE Transitional Shelters

With our in-country partner, AHAH is **building a network of 92 transitional shelters across Kyiv and Western Ukraine for 92 families displaced as a result of the war.** So far, 70 t-shelters have been completed with the remaining 22 due to be installed by the end of February. As we work to move families in as shelters are completed, 39 families (158 people) now have housing that is safe and warm.



## POLAND Refugee Shelters

As of January 2023 more than 1.5 million Ukrainian refugees have been recorded in Poland. Many of the shelters in use are not suitable for large numbers of people and/ or were not prepared for cold weather conditions. To tackle this issue AHAH has been working on six shelters to accommodate more than 1,500 people, mostly women, children and people with disabilities.

As our work in the Przemysl area comes to a close towards the end of February, and with increased need identified around the city of Krakow, AHAH plans to continue our support of refugees here with shelter repairs, distribution of supplies and supporting local capacity.



**BORATYN SHELTER**  
before

Only 5 miles from the Ukrainian border, AHAH converted the attic space at Boratyn Shelter to accommodate an additional 60 refugees.



**BORATYN SHELTER**  
after

[Find the details of volunteering on this program here.](#)

# DISASTER RELIEF

## ACROSS THE U.S.

In 2022 more than 3.3 million people were displaced across the United States as a result of natural disasters. With climate change increasing the frequency and intensity of adverse weather events more and more populations will become vulnerable to these inevitable hazards.

AHAH is committed to tracking and responding to these events as well as non-climate related incidents, such as earthquakes, to ensure we address the immediate and long-term needs of communities reeling from disaster.

### CALIFORNIA

#### Flood Relief

In December atmospheric rivers caused severe flooding along the California coast. Our team, which has an established base in Paradise, as part of our year-round wildfire relief program, was able to respond immediately clearing debris and carrying out critical chainsaw work in Butte County.

Our Disaster Assessment Response Team (DART) then moved to Merced County where we partnered with CORE to support the muck and gut of six homes.

It was apparent over the month we supported these communities that launching a large scale response was not necessary, and fortunately, they are able to continue recovery at the local level.



Photo by Justin Sullivan

### CALIFORNIA

#### Wildfire Relief

Our year-round wildfire relief program continues as we move into February. The sites and scope of work our Program Development Team has identified, leverages the biggest impact with our skilled, but smaller workforce. Such mitigation projects have included creating fuel breaks at a Wildfire-Urban Interface, which will reduce the risk of wildfires for the whole community of Paradise and creating 'defensible spaces' between homes and wildland to prevent the spread of wildfires.

These mitigation efforts will create a lasting impact while **we seek funding to support our recovery aspect of the wildfire program;** building homes for residents of Paradise who lost theirs during the Camp Fire in 2018 and conducting 'home hardening' on existing homes to limit the threat of catching fire.

**Read our Wildfire Preparedness & Response guidance here to learn more!**

## FLORIDA Hurricane Relief

Hurricane Ian, a category 4 storm, made landfall more than four months ago causing significant damage across the west coast of Florida contributing to almost one million Floridians being displaced as a result of natural disasters last year.

Our program is currently based in the Fort Myers area where the team is performing crucial response activities while also planning to meet early recovery needs and developing a critical repair program. To date, **we have completed over 200 jobs such as debris removal, muck and gut and mold sanitation, with our intrepid volunteers contributing over 15,000 hours to make this a reality.** As we continue this much needed work into 2023 we're excited to see this impact grow.



## LOUISIANA Hurricane Relief

As the Hurricane Ida relief program draws to a close in February, after more than two years, it is incredible to see the impact AHAH has had so far; **210 people have been supported as we worked across 99 households conducting 157 jobs from debris removal, demolition, mold sanitation, food distribution to interior rebuilds,** to name just a few. All of this would not have been possible without the **276 volunteers, committing more than 20,000 hours,** working tirelessly to provide a brighter future to those who have been through so much. One such group of volunteers **were our partners at Johnson & Johnson,** where 6 of their employees gave their time, sweat and tonnes of energy to mucking and gutting and hanging drywall in one of the homes we have supported.

To our donors and partners we thank you for providing AHAH with the opportunity to support these families who may have otherwise remained vulnerable when facing the next, inevitable, storm.



# EDUCATION FOR ALL

Millions of children who have lived through natural disasters often face extended periods of time with school closures due to damage or destruction. When these communities reopen many students will not have a safe school to return to. Instead, they will be taught in unsafe structures or temporary learning centers, that in reality are not 'temporary' as they wait years for support.

AHAH school recovery programs aim to provide safe, disaster-resilient learning environments for these students. **To date we have completed 327 schools across 16 countries, where more than 117,000 students can now learn in a setting safe from future hazardous events.**

## NEPAL Earthquake Relief

AHAH enters its **8th consecutive year in Nepal supporting the reconstruction of its 26th school; Shree Janaprabhat Ni Ma Vi.** Serving 231 students between kindergarten to grade 8 (3-14 years) all classrooms were either damaged or destroyed by the 2015 earthquakes. The school has received some assistance with reconstruction, yet it is not enough to meet the needs of the students so many grades remain being taught in unsafe structures.

To provide an entire disaster-resilient school campus AHAH will construct 9 classrooms, repair the existing toilet blocks, install a water filtration system, construct two play areas (suitable for the older and younger students) and conduct landscaping around the school campus to create an inviting and playful environment.

## MEXICO Disaster Relief

Last October AHAH, AHAH Mexico and the community of San Pedro Pochutla, in Oaxaca, celebrated the completion of Cri Cri Kindergarten - our 22nd school rebuild in Mexico!

Cri Cri was condemned by the 2017 earthquakes and with no planned government or other external support, the students' parents took it upon themselves to build a temporary learning center. From May-October 2022, Cri Cri was transformed into a disaster-resilient school, providing more than 300 students, over the next ten years, with a fun and productive learning environment.



## MEXICO

### Disaster Relief

**January 2023 saw the start of construction at our 23rd, 24th and 25th schools in Barrio Nuevo Toltepec.** This campus, part of the CONAFE system, consists of a kindergarten, primary and secondary school serving almost 60 students. CONAFE provides education to those who live in marginalized communities, where it is not possible to access public schools that serve larger areas.

While the CONAFE system is effective for rural communities, the budget for these schools is incredibly limited, making rebuilding the 60+ schools in the Pochutla area that incurred damage from Hurricane Agatha a process that will last years. Working with AHAH Mexico, AHAH aims to reduce this recovery time so the children of Pochutla can continue their educational journey in a safe and enjoyable environment.

## THE PHILIPPINES

### Typhoon Relief

Following the fishing boat rebuild program AHAH Program Development Team identified a pressing need; **disaster-resilient education spaces for schools in Southern Leyte** impacted by Typhoon Rai (Odette).

AHAH enhanced and reinforced the proposed transitional learning space (TLS) design that is safe, conforms to the culture of Southern Leyte and can withstand up to category 3 cyclones, creating an educational space with a minimum 5 year lifespan.

**As our work draws to a close we are proud to have supported 6 schools, providing 10 TLS which will impact 2,145 students during their most formative years.**

Yet, our work in The Philippines does not stop there. Moving into the fall AHAH will construct a new school design, using cement and bamboo frame technology. This sustainable construction method brings many positives; providing livelihood to local farmers, 60% less carbon footprint than traditional school builds, creates a comfortable indoor climate and is a permanent disaster-resilient solution.



## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### Become a Builder

**The Builders** are a passionate group of givers supporting our work, financially, every month. **By becoming a Builder, you bring hope and assistance to disaster-affected communities** by ensuring we can arrive *“early and stay late”*.

### Volunteer with us

One of the best ways to support our work is by **joining us on program!**

### We're Hiring!

We have opened a number of versatile positions within our dynamic nonprofit. Take a look at our **careers page**.

### Donate today

Help us to continue making an impact in the world. Did you know you can now donate through **Venmo**?