



ANTAKYA, TURKIYE



RUBBLE EVERYWHERE



POST EARTHQUAKE SHELTERS

Antakya , Turkiye



SYRIAN CAMP



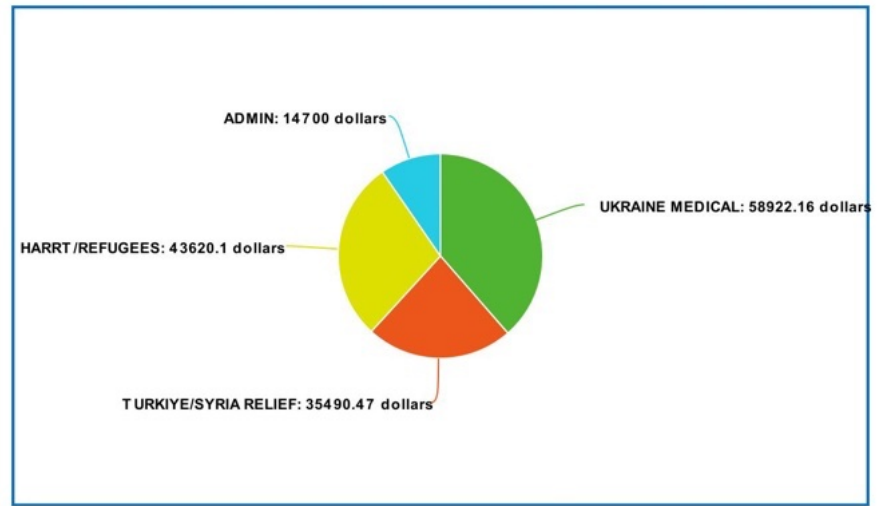
TURKIYE TEAM 1 & 2



MOBILE PHARMACY



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# 2023 Annual Report

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Letter from Valerie Hellermann, Executive Director, **2023**, a year of intense global turmoil. Massive natural disasters, war; it is overwhelming to us all. As a small NGO we respond where we can. We compound our impact by working together with a network of international humanitarian organizations that we have developed relationships with. Hands On Global team members now hail from Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Slovakia and Greece.

**In 2023**, we made 3 trips to Ukraine delivering critically needed trauma supplies and limb saving orthopedic equipment to 5 regional medical centers all dealing with hundreds of wounded people including children. We collaborate with SIGN INTERNATIONAL FRACTURE CARE : they **donate** we **deliver**.

We collaborated with a Ukrainian NGO and delivered trauma supplies and medications needed for civilians defending their country on the front lines.

**There is** such a disruption in every aspect of life when a country is at war. Thousands have been displaced, their homes destroyed, their communities gone. And yet, the Ukrainian people continue to live creating a new normalcy amidst daily air raids, rations and the physical, emotional and spiritual pain of war. A Ukrainian woman told me if they did not do this then the enemy had won. Such brave and resilient people.

**For 2 months** we had teams working in Türkiye post earthquake. The destruction was MASSIVE. It affected 9.1 million people and left 3.6 million people shelterless. The death toll was over 100,000 and many still unaccounted for. There was rubble everywhere and toxic dust.

**Our medical** team provided mobile medical clinics to both Turkish camps and Syrian camps within the affected region. Many are still in desperate need of everything. Potable water, lack of sanitation, food shortages and lack of adequate medical care continue. Thousands are living in ISO boxes (containers) and many more thousand in tents and makeshift shelters.

**We found** the greatest needs in the Syrian camps. Already displaced from a brutal civil war and ISIS, they are again displaced by the earthquake. We saw malnutrition, diseases from unsanitary conditions and a pervasive desperation.

**Domestically in** Helena Montana, we continue **HARRT** (Helena Area Refugee Resettlement Team). Working with the International Refugee Committee we have welcomed refugees and assisted with their resettlement in the Helena community. This work feels so hopeful, to offer assistance with beginning a safe new life. In 2024 with approval of the State Dept we will be assisting Syrian refugees to resettle in the most welcoming Helena Community.

**Reflecting on our work** I know we put bandages on hemorrhages. We do not change those situations that create the need for our work. But we bring hope for the moment, for that day by seeing and hearing the cries of those we serve. We hold many in our arms and perhaps that is the strongest medicine. **WE SHOW WE CARE** and to let them know they are supported by **YOU** our donors who make this work possible.

**It is with deep gratitude I thank you ALL**



Orthopedic equipment



Trauma Surgeons

Zytomer Regional Medical Center, Ukraine



Wounded, Ukraine

23 bags of medical

supplies



Destroyed School, Zytomer Ukraine