



OUR MISSION

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER

The frequency and severity of natural disasters reached historic levels and caused Global Empowerment Mission to expand its impact and reach in 2019.

It was a year of global crisis that activated Global Empowerment Mission's response to supporting survivors in the *California Wildfires*, supplying aid to those in the midst of *Venezuela Refugee Crisis*, providing water filtration systems to neglected villages impacted by the *Mozambique Tropical Cyclones*, distributing millions of lbs of aid and building materials to those communities devastated by the *Bahamas Hurricane Dorian*, and worked alongside fire fighters to control the *Bolivia Amazon Wildfires*.

For almost a decade, Global Empowerment Mission has been implementing *Haiti Sustainable Development* efforts through educational and empowerment programs. As we look to the year ahead, the organization's focus is to make these sustainable development initiatives available to the global community. The reason why this work is so important to us is that we know where we want our investments to go in order to make a consistent life-changing global impact. We are committed to serving in these three critical phases:

- First Response
- Bridging the Gap to Development
- Sustainable Development

Your compassion enabled us to efficiently and effectively address the needs on the ground immediately following these disasters and leverage relationships with community partners. We thrive on keeping you informed of your funding impact and invite you to follow our global progress on our social media channels. You can also visit the live updates section at globalempowermentmission.org.

Thanks to our dedicated supporters, hundreds of thousands of people received support in 2019.

Thank you for empowering those who need it most!

With Gratitude, Michael Capponi





OUR WORK

VISION

GEM aims to provide grassroots efforts with a large institutional impact for the most vulnerable populations affected by natural disasters around the world.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DIFFERENTIATORS

- 1. Smart partnerships with local organizations and government agencies
- 2. Creative solutions to complex humanitarian emergencies
- 3. Creation of uniquely specific funds for donors with customizable outcomes
- **4.** The highest degree of fundraising efficiencies
- 5. Participates in three planned phases of disaster response
- 6. Works in the gap period between first response and sustainable Development







OUR WORK

To make a consistent life-changing global impact, our work focuses on: First Response, Bridging the Gap to Development and Sustainable Development.

1ST RESPONSE PHASE - DISASTER RELIEF

Immediate response to global disasters and civic emergencies. Goal is to restore hope and opportunity in the lives of those most affected. In times of crisis, GEM has led groups of emergency first responder's firefighters, doctors and nurses to hard-hit areas. These teams have provided emergency lifesaving care to tens of thousands suffering injuries from natural disasters. The ability to arrive on the scene quickly is absolutely critical to saving lives.

Our work in this phases consists of:

- 1. Reconnaissance and assessment
- 2. Search, rescue, and loss mitigation
- 3. Identify and form strategic partnerships

2ND RESPONSE PHASE - THE GAP PERIOD

Time between first response and government or other permanent infrastructure. Goal to minimize the time in which this gap period exists.

Our work in this phase consists of:

- 1. Temporary housing and shelter
- 2. Establish criteria, beneficiary identification and distribution of vital funds
- 3. Stabilization efforts and sustenance supplies

3RD RESPONSE PHASE - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Long Term response in coordination with governments and public private partners. Goal to create a self sufficient and thriving community GEM provides quality education, diverse vocational training and job creation to people in developing countries, such as Haiti. The objective is for people to have a self-sufficient and sustainable economy, ultimately eliminating their dependency on foreign aid.

Our work in this phase consists of:

- 1. Permanent and durable housing and infrastructure
- **2.** Facilitator of economic and educational programs
- 3. Implementing empowerment and livelihood programs





DONOR SPECIFIC FUNDS & STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Global Empowerment Mission is appreciative to all of our partners and major gift donors whose generosity helps us restore hope and opportunity in the lives of those most affected by disasters.

One of the differentiating factors of the organization is its unique ability to create donor specific funds with customizable outcomes. Within the architecture of the organization, there are strategic partnerships with its own set of initiatives and goals powered by Global Empowerment Mission. These partnerships are a direct result of alignment and deeper engagement with philanthropists.

Global Empowerment Mission is proud to be the official **#BStrong** initiative partner! **Bethenny Frankel's #BStrong** program is a disaster relief initiative that provides real time emergency assistance to individuals and their families in crisis.

Since the launch of the **#BStrong Initiative** in 2017 it has raised and distributed millions of dollars in cash and supplies for victims of natural disasters around the world.

In the United States, Puerto Rico, South America, the Caribbean islands and now Australia, children, families, women, and men whose lives have been upended by catastrophe have found a helping hand and a start at recovery through programs provided by **#BStrong**.









GEM IMPACT

2019

200 HOMES UNDER RECONSTRUCTION

6 COUNTRIES SERVED

16 SUPPLY BARGES SENT

30 PLANES WITH AID

 $\boldsymbol{3}$ schools under construction

27 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

859 EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS

700 AMAZON FIREFIGHTERS OUTFITTED







CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES





(PHASE II CYCLE)

Global Empowerment Mission responded in the second phase, the gap period, by establishing criteria, beneficiary identification and distribution of vital funds to survivors of the California Wildfires. Beneficiaries fell into very urgent situations from sleeping in cars to needing to relocate back to their home.

- **2,540** Beneficiaries
- Distributed **\$350,000** in direct cash cards underwritten by the #BStrong Initiative, Paradise Adopt a Family and North Valley Community Foundation:
 - \$80,000 distributed amongst 2,000 beneficiaries
- \$270,000 distributed amongst 540 beneficiaries
- \$1M in donated in-kind supplies for 10,000 ppl
- Tools for **70** contractors











VENEZUELA REFUGEE CRISIS





(PHASE I CYCLE)

Global Empowerment Mission responded in the first phase, disaster relief, by providing an immediate response to the civic emergency for those in the midst of turmoil in Venezuela in partnership with *Motorrad Angels* and the *I Love Venezuela Foundation*. Thousands of people flee the country every day, mostly on foot, as the country has been unable to provide social services. As a result, Venezuelans face severe food and medicine shortages, as well as the continuing spread of infectious diseases. Venezuela's infrastructure has been poorly maintained recently, leading to a series of country-wide blackouts in March 2019 that left millions without power.

- Organized and facilitated 3 mission trips
- Supplied aid to **2,400**+ refugees in Cucuta, Colombia
- Supplied *medicine* and *medical equipment* to hospitals in Caracas, Venezuela











MOZAMBIQUE TROPICAL CYCLONES





(PHASE I CYCLE)

Global Empowerment Mission responded in the first phase, disaster relief, by providing water purification systems to those most affected by the tropical cyclones in Mozambique. The destructive storm caused catastrophic damage, and a humanitarian crisis in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, leaving more than 1,300 people dead and many more missing. The Global Empowerment Mission partnered with Local Development Catalyst Network (LDCN) to supply local health clinics, village leaders and schools with water purification systems to decrease the likelihood of more disease spreading.

- On ground 10 days after disaster
- Walked with over one ton of aid through swamps, rivers and grass field for miles
- Over **30** villagers helped bring supplies to remote villages
- Provided **food** and **water filtration systems**
- Supported *Cholera prevention* programs to several neglected villages
- Repaired *Escola de Lamego*







Each yellow bucket can be filled up to 75 times a day, producing 300 gallons of safe drinking water per day.





BAHAMAS HURRICANE DORIAN









(PHASE I, II, III CYCLE)

Global Empowerment Mission responded in the first phase, disaster relief, by providing an immediate response to the devastating Category 5 Hurricane that struck the Bahamas. To date, this storm has been regarded as the worst natural disaster in the country's history. Global Empowerment Mission responded in the second phase, the gap period, by distributing sustenance supplies. Global Empowerment Mission is currently responding in the third phase, sustainable development, by working with government and community leaders to provide permanent and durable housing and infrastructure (primary and secondary schools). Working towards a long term response in coordination with government, community leaders, and public private partners to create a self sufficient and thriving community.

- **859** People evacuated
- 6.5 million lbs. of aid & building materials
- \$33 million of aid provided
- Rebuilding 3 schools & 256 + homes
- Implementing *Plastic buy back* program
- Implementing **Adopt a fisherman** program













BOLIVIA AMAZON WILDFIRES





(PHASE I CYCLE)

Global Empowerment Mission responded in the first phase, disaster relief, by supplying gear for 700 volunteer firefighters to control the Bolivia Amazon Wildfires.

GEM IMPACT:

Partnered with Oxygen Seven, Indigenous Celebration and Pledge to Earth, within 3 days of being on ground to facilitate the following:

- Tank vehicles equipped with firefighter resources
- Water pumping equipment
- Temporary camp tents
- Electric pumps for pumping water wells
- Drone for inspections
- Satellite phones













HAITI SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT





(PHASE III CYCLE)

Global Empowerment Mission is currently responding in the third phase, sustainable development, by offering educational programs from elementary school to university level: Ecole Évangélique, Chrétienne de Lauture, Ecole Baptiste de St Cyr and College Hosanna, Université Quisqueya.

The education, medical and empowerment program range from:

- Registration
- Tuition
- Uniforms
- Lunches
- Transportation
- Logistics
- Medical care
- Field trips
- After school care
- Private tutoring
- English classes

"Education is the most POWERFUL weapon which you can use to change the WORLD" - Nelson Mandela

GEM INVESTING IN THE FUTURE



















GEM | 2019 ANNUAL REPORT | FINANCIAL POSITION

TOTAL REVENUE IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR \$36,491,441

IN 2019, WE RAISED: \$3,465,538 in cash donations \$33,025,903 in kind donations

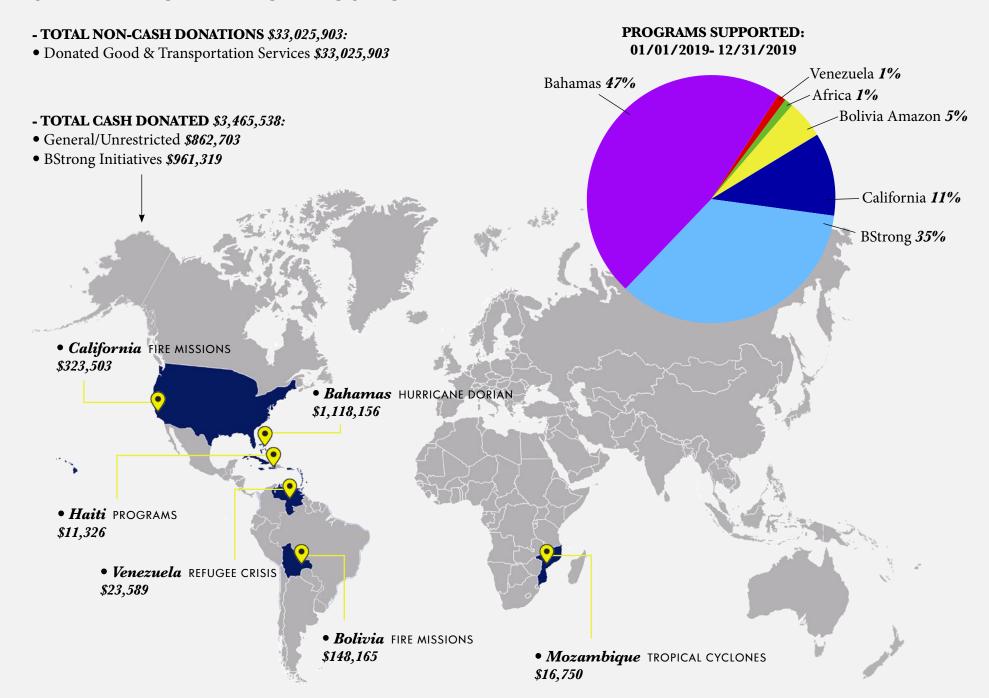
IN 2019, WE INVESTED: *\$34,315,463* to fund GEM programs *\$612,250* to fund operating expenses





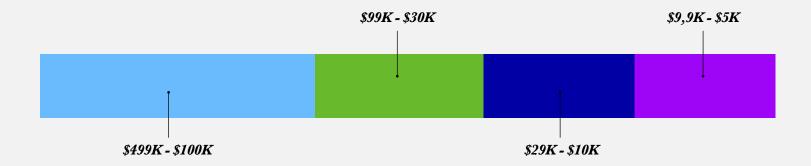


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION





OUR 2019 CASH DONORS



\$499K - \$100K

First Name/Org Name North Valley Community Foundation Kroenke Family Foundation

\$99K - \$30K

Jefferies Llc
India Hicks
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Francine Delarosa
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Samara Fund Inc
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Debbie Bickerstaff Moss Foundation Carter Taylor Joshua Tripp Dba Village Paper & Ink Gil Besing Donald M Sofer Landyn Hutchinson The Dunmore Hotel Nathan A Coe Cardinals Care Spaulding Ashley Salz Family Fund Virginia Salas Kastillo Raymond James Marc J Leder Rosy Levi Charitable Lead Trust Karen Borin Jam Packaging Llc Gloria Estefan Centre Pointe Michael Ferro Daymond John Reid Boren

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Pledge to Earth
Oxygen Seven

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Circle Of Generosity

Susan Sarandon



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\$4+M - \$1M

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\$999K - \$100K

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Indigo Workplace

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Onesha Dalba

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SEDCO

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(Skinny Latina LLC)

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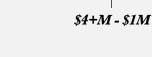
Blanchard Machinery

Meals for Hope - SC

Stand Together For Haiti Foundation Corp.

Brooklyn Bridge Rotary Club

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\$9,9K - \$50

\$999K - \$100K

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