

## Global Medic Team in China

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In response to the earthquake that rocked the Sichuan Province of China earlier this month, GlobalMedic is deploying a Rapid Response Team to the affected areas near Chengdu. The confirmed number of dead is 51,151 with an additional 288,431 people injured and 28,328 people missing. The earthquake has resulted in the damaging of 5,000 km pipes, 839 water tanks, and 1,281 water treatment works have been damaged, affecting 10.59 million people across the province. There is an extreme need for clean drinking water in order to stave off water-borne diseases and further fatalities. IDP in the middle of the town.



The GlobalMedic team is already on the ground in Chengdu. They have started training Chinese officials on water purification principles and the technical aspects of using the donated systems. Today the team installed two portable systems in schools where over 3500 are taking



shelter and started the distribution of water purification tablets. Tomorrow the team and their Chinese counterparts are moving further into the secluded areas to install more systems and distribute water purification tablets. Local government officials are very pleased with the performance of the Trekker units and are seeking more. An appeal to Canadian donors is being prepared to ship over more units.

GlobalMedic has deployed 20 Trekker Water Purification Units, 1 Nomad (large volume) Water Purification Unit, as well as 5 million Aquatab Water Purification Tablets (one tablet purifies one litre of water) to the region.

On May 26th, GlobWes Normington training local officials at the Non Quan Primary School. GlobalMedic surveyed IDP camps in the town of Nan Quan, located 80 km north of Chengdu. The team installed a Trekker Water Purification Unit in the Nan Quan Primary School, which is the temporary shelter for 1,500 internally displaced people. Until the Trekker was installed, the primary source of drinking water for the people was a nearby river. The team also installed a Trekker in the Nan Quan Junior School, which is temporarily housing 2,000 people. The Trekker Units will provide enough water to meet the emergency needs of both populations. GlobalMedic team members trained local

community leaders on the operation of the units, who will also oversee the water distribution. In addition, GlobalMedic delivered 50,000 Aquatabs to the shelters. The surrounding area is home to tens of thousands of people who have been affected by the earthquake.

David McAntony Gibson Fountain was created in the spring of 1998 in honour of David McAntony Gibson, who tragically lost his life on February 7, 1998. The Global Medic team is a branch of the DMGF. Destroyed building in Non Quan

David was a remarkable man who believed in taking the time to help those around him both near and far, Mr. Gibson will be remembered by his friends, family and peers as caring, compassionate and dedicated. In keeping with David's spirit, DMGF is designed to help those in need around the world by providing relief supplies and equipment, and has adopted "Serving the Global Community" as its motto.



DMGF will launch programs designed to strengthen the delivery of emergency medical services in the Third world. These objectives will be obtained by the procurement of equipment, medicine, and supplies, as well as funding the delivery of training packages.