From natural disasters to armed conflicts, Global Communities provides humanitarian assistance to people in need. We partner with affected communities to provide immediate relief in ways that enable communities to quickly recover, build back more safely, and restart livelihoods sooner. In the process of providing immediate assistance, we develop innovative programs that consider the long-term recovery of a community.

Our assistance focuses on restarting livelihoods, increasing access to financial services, rebuilding homes and neighborhoods to help families recover from the trauma of disaster and conflict. Our work focuses on four main areas:

**Food Security and Livelihoods**

Rebuilding livelihoods and restarting economic activity is a critical component for disaster-affected families as they restart their lives. Without support for livelihoods or widespread economic recovery, the economy of a community remains reliant on handouts and can stagnate for years following a disaster. Helping families rebuild their livelihoods through short-term employment or vocational training enables them to become proactive agents in control of their own recovery process.

**Shelter and Settlements**

Global Communities is a recognized international leader in providing shelter and housing to disaster and conflict-affected families. Following disasters, Global Communities supports families living in a variety of contexts – with relatives or host families, in their own house which they rebuild one room at a time, or rented apartments. We are also widely known for our work in transitional shelters, or t-shelters. These are durable temporary homes that meet global standards and enable a family to live and thrive during the phase between emergency shelter, such as tents, or in the immediate aftermath of a disaster and permanent, fully constructed housing.
Risk Reduction
We incorporate risk reduction into all our programs to help build safer, more resilient communities. Changes in climate, population growth, and environmental degradation lead to more and increasingly destructive disasters. By helping communities prepare for these crises now, by focusing on issues like food security and safe construction, we empower them to better cope and rebuild when the next disaster comes.

Urban Disasters
As the world becomes increasingly urbanized, disasters are striking cities more frequently, and 20th century predominantly rural-based responses are not always sufficient. Global Communities is an international leader in 21st century urban disaster response, including in Haiti and Gaza, and continues to develop programs that address the unique challenges of densely populated urban environments. Global Communities is currently working with disaster-affected communities around the world.

RECENT HUMANITARIAN WORK
LIBERIA: Helping Communities Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Ebola
As Ebola began affecting more communities and taking root in the capital city Monrovia, Global Communities built upon its years of experience in Liberia to provide critical support to people and organizations during the health crisis. The $32-million USAID Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)-funded ALERT program reaches all 15 Liberia counties and delivers effective, accurate, and timely information to educate individuals, households and community leadership about safe and hygienic methods to reduce the risk of exposure to and contraction of Ebola. This program capitalizes on Global Communities’ long-standing relationships, resources, networks, and community trust within rural and urban Liberia.
Through ALERT, Global Communities established the Disco Hill safe burial site in Montserrado County, replacing cremation, a technique that while safe did not reflect community traditions. As of August 2015, Global Communities has facilitated safe and dignified burials to over 5,000 deceased persons, with an average 94% of bodies buried within one day of notification. Global Communities has engaged over 1500 communities in outreach activities to improve health action planning, trained contact tracers and active case searchers, and mobilized 72 burial teams and 57 disinfection teams at the height of the outbreak. Recently Global Communities also launched border surveillance and CLTS activities to protect Liberia against cross-border reinfection.

**SYRIA, JORDAN & LEBANON – Working to Support Conflict-Affected Syrians and Syrian Refugees**

Since 2014, Global Communities has had an operational base in Gaziantep in Southern Turkey and worked with local Syrian NGO partners to deliver critically needed humanitarian assistance to vulnerable, conflict-affected populations in Northern Syria. Local partners are responsible for liaising with communities and stakeholders inside Syria, while Global Communities is responsible for overall program strategy, management, finance and administration, monitoring, and compliance. This cross-border approach of assistance delivery via local Syrian partners is a widely accepted model of assistance to areas that are largely inaccessible to international NGOs. More importantly, this approach ensures that we are working through local groups with intimate knowledge of a specific area, mitigating security concerns and facilitating access. Currently, Global Communities is currently implementing five programs in Northern Syria, addressing emergency food and shelter needs of conflict-affected populations, while laying the groundwork for early recovery through market-based approaches that build local resilience.

Global Communities response includes support to communities outside of Syria affected by the conflict. In Lebanon, Global Communities partners with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Lebanon to assess, select, and rehabilitate homes and distribute shelter materials to Syrian refugee families, as well as upgrade sanitation facilities, promote hygiene,
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AND REHABILITATE SCHOOLS. IN JORDAN, MORE THAN HALF A MILLION REGISTERED SYRIAN REFUGEES HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN THE COUNTRY SINCE THE CRISIS BEGAN, PUTTING PRESSURE ON ALREADY STRAINED LOCAL ECONOMIES, MUNICIPAL SERVICES, AND NATURAL RESOURCES. IN APRIL 2013, WE LAUNCHED THE USAID COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT (CEP) IN APRIL 2013, PARTNERING WITH JORDANIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP COMMUNITIES MEET PRESSING NEEDS DURING THIS TIME OF CHANGE. THE PROJECTS REFLECT THE PRIORITIES OF EACH COMMUNITY AND BENEFIT LONGTIME RESIDENTS AND REFUGEES ALIKE: BETTER SYSTEMS FOR TRASH COLLECTION, CREATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF YOUTH RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY FOR GIRLS.

YEMEN – HELPING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES MEET THEIR NEEDS IN SPITE OF CONTINUING CONFLICT

Global Communities has been working in Yemen since 2004 implementing humanitarian and development programs across a broad range of sectors and has continued to provide on-the-ground assistance throughout the current conflict. Currently, with funding from USAID/OFDA, Global Communities is implementing the Emergency Assistance to Support Yemeni Communities (EASE), which has emergency assistance to vulnerable conflict-affected populations since 2011. Building on the success of the first three years of programming, EASE helps to bolster food security and livelihoods, improve WASH outcomes, and promotes economic recovery activities for displaced populations as well as host communities. In addition, Global Communities is implementing Yemen Food for Asset Development (YFAD) with support from USAID’s Office of Food for Peace. YFAD utilizes an integrated strategy involving the use of food aid to vulnerable households, labor-based methods to re-engage actors in their own recovery, and participatory decision-making approaches focused on women in order to develop productive assets that are owned, managed and maintained by target households and the community.

GAZA – IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE AND DISPLACED PEOPLE

Global Communities has worked continuously in Gaza for 20 years, including during the conflict in the summer of 2014 that caused a drastic deterioration of humanitarian conditions. During this conflict Global Communities is responding, as we did before in the 2008-09 and 2012 conflicts, to the needs of the most vulnerable people affected by the conflict in Gaza. We provided food assistance to internally displaced and vulnerable families, domestic and personal hygiene kits as well as other essential non-food items, shelter kits for homeless families, and psychosocial support for some of the 25,000 traumatized children in Gaza. In addition, we will continue to provide assistance to many of the 60% of the population that is food insecure, through a partnership with the UN World Food Programme.