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KIRKLAND, WA - AmeriCares Purchases 2nd BLU-MED Deployable Field Hospital for China Earthquake Relief

AmeriCares, a nonprofit international relief organization, delivered a second deployable field hospital to China's devastated Sichuan Province, where health concerns remain acute following last month's deadly 7.8-magnitude earthquake. This second field hospital will be delivered to Wenchuan County, which was the epicenter of the 7.8 earthquake. The new hospital will be located on the site of the former Xuankou Township Hospital, which received severe structural damage. Currently, medical personnel are working out of a collection of tents on the site, seeing anywhere between 80 - 200 patients a day.

The new hospital will include operating and emergency rooms, a laboratory, radiology unit and a patient ward. AmeriCares is working with local Chinese authorities to make the hospital fully operational by the middle of July.

The Xuankou field hospital follows the construction of an earlier field hospital in Qingchuan, an area where 250,000 residents lost their only hospital after the initial earthquake and major aftershocks. The field hospital in Qingchuan is fully operational.

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About AmeriCares

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