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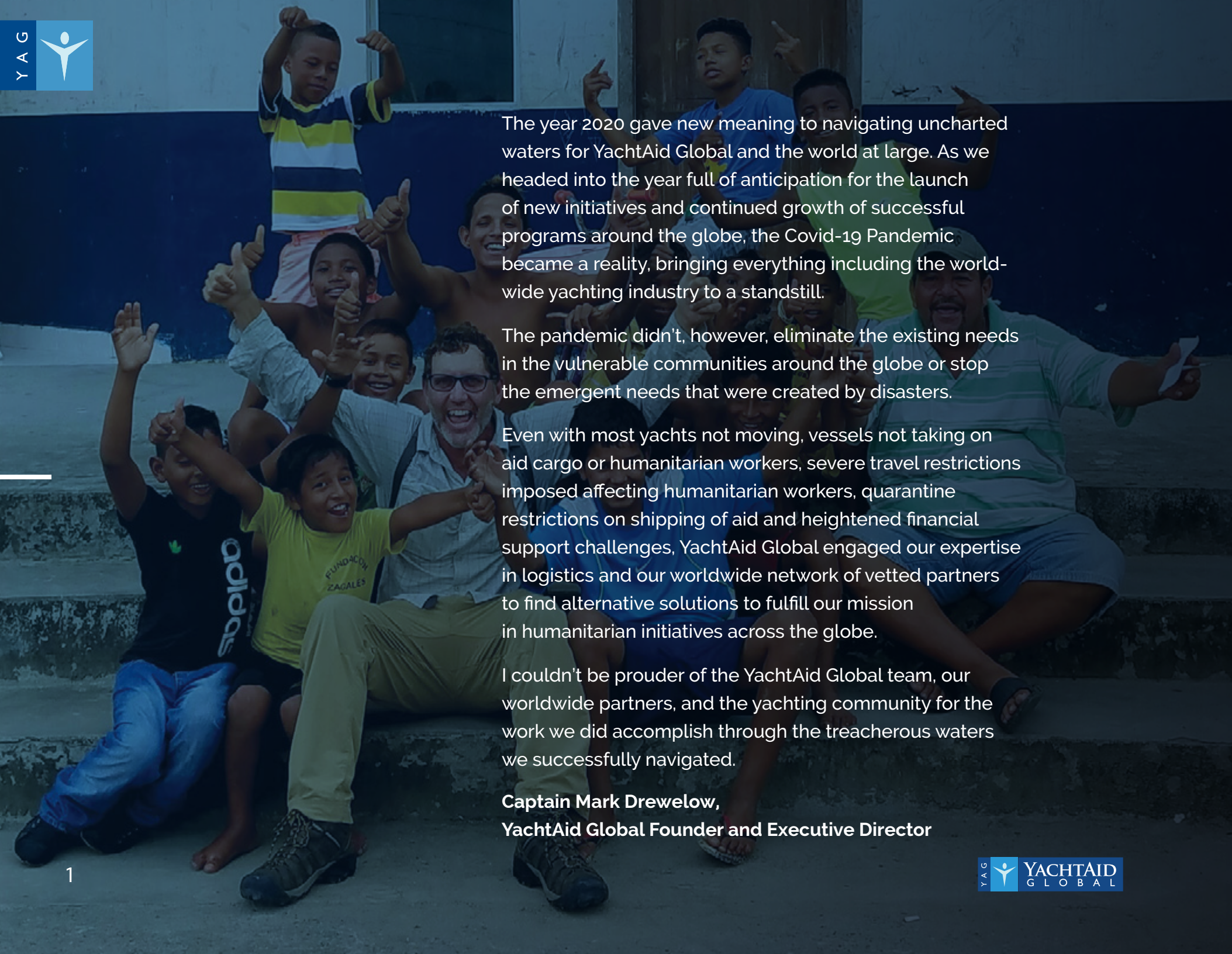
# 2020 Annual Report

Navigating Uncharted Waters



*Changing the World Without Changing Course*





The year 2020 gave new meaning to navigating uncharted waters for YachtAid Global and the world at large. As we headed into the year full of anticipation for the launch of new initiatives and continued growth of successful programs around the globe, the Covid-19 Pandemic became a reality, bringing everything including the world-wide yachting industry to a standstill.

The pandemic didn't, however, eliminate the existing needs in the vulnerable communities around the globe or stop the emergent needs that were created by disasters.

Even with most yachts not moving, vessels not taking on aid cargo or humanitarian workers, severe travel restrictions imposed affecting humanitarian workers, quarantine restrictions on shipping of aid and heightened financial support challenges, YachtAid Global engaged our expertise in logistics and our worldwide network of vetted partners to find alternative solutions to fulfill our mission in humanitarian initiatives across the globe.

I couldn't be prouder of the YachtAid Global team, our worldwide partners, and the yachting community for the work we did accomplish through the treacherous waters we successfully navigated.

**Captain Mark Drewelow,**  
**YachtAid Global Founder and Executive Director**



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# 2020 Annual Report: Navigating Uncharted Waters

## Dear YachtAid Global Friends and Supporters,

Year after year we are grateful for the caring and committed people and organizations around the world that contribute to the success of our initiatives. In the best of times, the funding, planning, implementation, execution, and success of programs is achieved through exceptional collaboration. The year 2020 redefined exceptional collaboration as we steamed ahead through uncharted waters.

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While nature's wrath wreaked havoc across the globe escalating human need, the pandemic eliminated tried and true courses of action. Undaunted, YachtAid Global and its worldwide network of partners navigated around the obstacles and developed alternative solutions to successfully deliver disaster relief and humanitarian aid across the islands of the pacific, access to clean water in Nicaragua and Mexico, ongoing educational support in Galapagos and continuing aid to post Dorian Bahamas.

As the complexities of our delivering the right aid, to the right people, at the right time increased exponentially, so did the value of that relief and the overwhelming appreciation of its recipients.

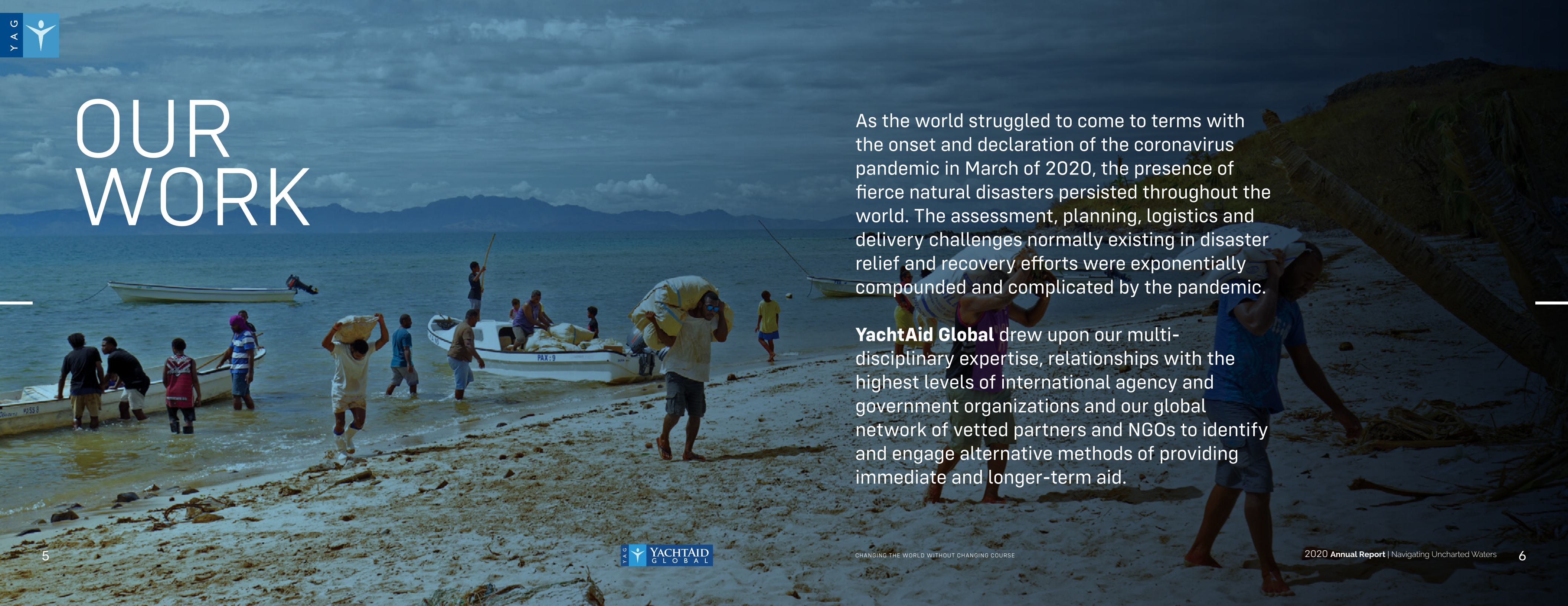
We look forward to 2021, with a continuing commitment to making a measurable difference in the world around us by saving lives, alleviating suffering, and protecting our planet in cooperation with our partners across the world.

Thank you for supporting YachtAid Global's mission and initiatives enabling us to continue **"Changing the World Without Changing Course"**.

With much gratitude,

**Captain Mark Drewelow, Founder, Executive Director**  
**Zoran Selakovic, Director**





# OUR WORK

As the world struggled to come to terms with the onset and declaration of the coronavirus pandemic in March of 2020, the presence of fierce natural disasters persisted throughout the world. The assessment, planning, logistics and delivery challenges normally existing in disaster relief and recovery efforts were exponentially compounded and complicated by the pandemic.

**YachtAid Global** drew upon our multi-disciplinary expertise, relationships with the highest levels of international agency and government organizations and our global network of vetted partners and NGOs to identify and engage alternative methods of providing immediate and longer-term aid.



# DISASTER RELIEF & RECOVERY

## Operation Nasama

YachtAid Global continues to support Vanuatu in the rebuilding of lives, homes, and communities.

**On April 6, 2020, Category-5 Tropical Cyclone Harold made landfall** as one of the strongest storms to ever hit Vanuatu, and strongest ever to hit the island of Espiritu Santo. The storm's heavy rainfall, flash flooding, life-threatening storm surge, sustained winds of over 200 kph and reported gusts of over 300 kph caused extensive damage, stripping trees, flattening buildings, homes, and schools, cutting power, destroying food and water supplies. Its wrath left over 160,000 people, including 20,200 children, in need of water, food, shelter and communications across northern islands of Santo, Pentecost, Malo, Ambryn and Malekula.

While responding to the devastation and destruction of the storm, Vanuatu authorities were concurrently trying to manage the threats of the pandemic within the framework of already taxed disaster response mechanisms, including the suspension of coronavirus social distancing and hygiene protocols.



However, prior to the storm reaching Vanuatu, YachtAid Global pro-actively reconfigured our traditional disaster response mechanisms to account for worldwide limitations in supply chain logistics, quarantine restrictions and the lack of partner vessels in the region. A coalition of in-country team members and partners, including local NGOs, community leaders and officials was vetted and built to work closely with Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office and local leaders to provide initial



assessments, capabilities and permitted access to multiple islands. Through the support of our donors, YachtAid Global expanded the coalition to include two local yachts to carry out the operation, deliver critical physical and medical relief aid and support to those most in need.

The coalition successfully delivered building materials, food rations, hygiene kits, feminine sanitary supplies, shelter kits, kitchen kits, solar lights, and linens. In addition, supplies and instructors for a traditional coconut thatch roof weaving workshop held by neighboring island craftsmen were supplied enabling residents to begin home repairs in earnest. The success of the unconventional disaster relief logistics, planning, execution, and local coalition building by YachtAid Global stands as further testament to our organization's global logistics and leadership capabilities.

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# DISASTER RELIEF & RECOVERY

## Operation Viti



**On December 18, 2020, Tropical Storm Yasa made a landfall on Fiji.** Yasa, the strongest tropical cyclone in the South Pacific since Winston in 2016, as well as the fourth most intense tropical cyclone on record in the basin, brought with it heavy rain, flash flooding, threatening storm surge and reported sustained wind gusts of over 250 km/h.

The storm caused extensive damage, destroying homes, schools, power, food, and water supplies. More than 116,000 people were impacted by the storm requiring 270 evacuation centers to be opened to house evacuees in the immediate aftermath. The concurrent managing of the Covid-19 pandemic and quarantine protocols taxed the island's traditional disaster



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response mechanisms and added the additional burden of using in-house resources with coordination from afar.

Three days before Yasa made landfall, YachtAid Global activated disaster response mechanisms in direct communication and cooperation with Fiji National Disaster Management Office. Reconfiguration of traditional disaster response mechanisms to comply with Covid-19 quarantine restrictions, focused on the maximization of deploying in-country assets to reach remote communities impacted by the storm with life-saving aid and relief.

YachtAid Global engaged maritime and aerial assets to carry out immediate disaster relief efforts. A sea plane operation provided valuable aerial surveillance of impacted communities and transported emergency medical personnel to assist with injuries.

The four vessels riding out the storm in Fiji engaged as part of the maritime operations and critical last-mile logistics. The integration of the maritime, land, and air operation assets enabled YachtAid Global to provide real solutions in close alignment with Fiji NDMO and key partners across the sectors and islands.

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**YachtAid Global continues to assess needs and supports the ongoing recovery of the people of Fiji.**

# DISASTER RELIEF & RECOVERY

## Operation Jade



In late October 2020, YachtAid Global closely monitored the development of what was predicted to be catastrophic storm activity across the Central America. As a proactive measure Operation Jade was launched on October 31st to access, organize and position relief supplies in preparation for post storm aid.



What ensued were two concurrent hurricanes. Hurricane Eta, a destructive category 4 storm, made landfall on November 3rd, causing massive destruction, flooding, landslide and deaths across Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.



Hurricane Iota followed two weeks later on November 16th, making landfall on the same track as a category 4 hurricane and one of the strongest on record to hit Nicaragua.



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The rains, strong winds, flash flooding, storm surges, and landslides triggered by the Hurricanes decimated the region and affected approximately 5 million people across Central America. The devastation caused by the storms exacerbated the existing effects of years of erratic weather and the complications of the Covid-19 pandemic.

YachtAid Global's verified needs assessments through in-country vetted partners and established that access to clean water was an immediate need across the communities of the Tola Region on the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua. The 600 regional wells, already known be contaminated with e coli, had been further contaminated by the storms.

Working closely with partners and YAG volunteers on the ground, YachtAid Global constructed and implemented two clean water depots in critical need communities using Sawyer water filtration systems. These installations provided immediate lifesaving daily water supply for 444 residents. The installation of the water depots also serves as a pilot project for future expansion throughout Central America where a vast number of people lack access to safe, clean water.



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# DISASTER RELIEF & RECOVERY

## Operation Topaz



**YachtAid Global continues to provide ongoing post Hurricane Dorian disaster relief and recovery** support to the people of the Bahamas through Operation Topaz, which launched in 2019 to render assistance in the immediate aftermath of the category-5 hurricane. Areas of focus include support of the rebuilding of lives and community through programs with schools, community centers, and medical facilities.

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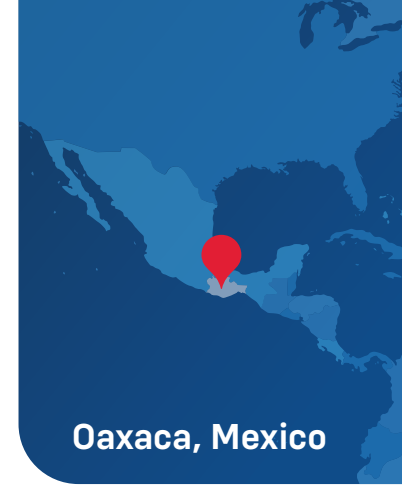
# CLEAN WATER ACCESS

## Operation Quartz

Operation Quartz, the culmination of a two-year pilot program installing potable water filtration depots in the communities in and surrounding Puerto Escondido state of Oaxaca, Mexico, was successfully formalized in 2020.

**Water contamination from increasing climate related challenges, coupled with the need for clean water in containing the transmission of Covid-19, elevated the need for clean water around the globe.** For years the residents of Puerto Escondido and the surrounding communities have faced clean water access issues due to lack of proper water sourcing, treatment, and distribution.

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The pilot program enabled YachtAid Global to understand regional logistics and establish strong relationships with municipal and state authorities for the accelerated installation of clean water access depots across Puerto Escondido and the state of Oaxaca.

Through the efforts of our resident YachtAid Global Program Outreach Coordinator in Mexico, communities in need of access to clean water are identified and vetted. A co-investment model establishing goals, objectives, education, installation and maintenance plans is executed through a team of community resident and authority delegates. This insures accountability for the use and care of the depots at the local level.

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# EDUCATION

## Operation Beagle



**Operation Beagle was launched by YachtAid Global in 2018** to support communities of the Galapagos Islands in reaching sustainable development goals in the areas of clean water access, education, and environmental conservation.

Successful initiatives throughout 2019 provided schools with clean water access and environmental conservation education regarding the importance of the reduction of single use plastics. In addition, the Galapagos' first public library was officially launched, equipped with books, computers, key equipment, furniture, and a full-time librarian making for a fully operational, sustainable library serving the communities at large.



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Throughout 2020, the "Biblioteca para Galápagos y el mundo" or "The Library for the Galapagos and the World", continued to grow as an important asset in supporting education and literacy while providing a safe environment for learning. Hundreds of formalized library services, extension programs, workshops, courses, training, talks, literary meetings, concerts, and presentations on a wide variety of topics enhanced education in reading, social, science, conservation, culture, art, creativity, and community empowerment arenas.

A two-month pandemic lock down across Galapagos in April and May paused library activity but the library regained momentum upon re-opening in June with health and safety measures in place ensuring the safety of patrons.

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# EDUCATION

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**Hurricane Dorian destroyed a vast number of schools across The Abacos in the Northern Bahamas.** Just as some recovery was making progressing in late 2019, the pandemic hit causing closures and further delays in rebuilding the educational infrastructure.

Throughout 2020 YachtAid Global continued to work to establish needs, fundraise, procure, and arrange for the shipment of school supplies to The Abacos. Deliveries were organized and made in partnership with Friends of the Environment and the logistical support of our friends at 4Ocean in anticipation of the needs once recovery activities resumed.

The schools in The Abacos will continue to be a focus of our support in the years ahead as they need everything from hygiene and sanitizing supplies to all basic supplies, textbooks, workbooks, instruction aids to audio visual and tech equipment.



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# ACREW

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The Humanitarian award was created to recognize crew that have demonstrated an altruistic commitment by helping coastal communities in times of need or disaster. The award also shines a spotlight on the fact that many members of the superyacht community are committed to supporting and caring for the coastal peoples and locations they visit and enjoy.

MY Loon was a lead vessel in the rapid and critical response to the Hurricane Dorian relief in the Northern Bahamas. Prior to the hurricane's impact, YachtAid Global and MY Loon planned for the yacht's engagement to support search & rescue operations and deliver critical disaster relief aid across devastated communities.

Thanks to the Captain and Crew's commitment, MY Loon arrived in the devastated communities within 24hrs of the storm's impact playing a critical role in saving hundreds of lives, coordinating evacuation of displaced and injured residents, and delivering much needed disaster relief aid.



**YachtAid Global congratulates Captain Clarke, the Crew and vessel MY Loon on the well-deserved recognition and applauds them for their commitment to humanitarian initiatives and support provided to the people of the Bahamas.**

### In the words of Captain Paul Clarke,

"After the devastating Hurricane Dorian left a trail of disaster its wake, we just had to get there and help. Loon took in over 19 first responders, 12 tons of aid supplies and was on station in the Abacos for 10 days before being relieved. We arrived 3 days after the storm had passed.

This is something that all yacht owners and crew should be prepared to do if they happen to be in the right place at the right time to render assistance.

Working with YachtAid Global has been one of my and my crew's biggest life achievements and one that we are preparing to do again as the 2020 Hurricane season begins."



# 2020 Financial Report

## Revenue & Support

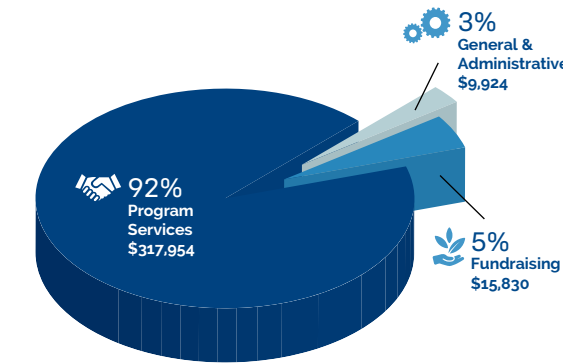
Contributions	\$	563,066
In-Kind Donations	\$	89,130
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>652,196</b>

## Expenses

### Program Services:

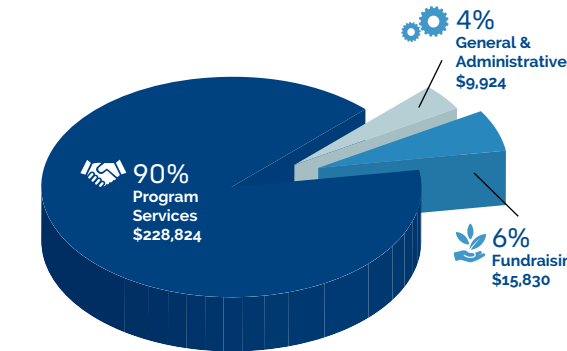
Disaster Response	\$	214,755
Clean Water Access	\$	27,036
Education & Youth-at-Risk	\$	76,163
General & Administrative	\$	9,924
Fundraising	\$	15,830
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>343,708</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>308,488</b>
<b>YEAR-END NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,176,072</b>

## Expenditure



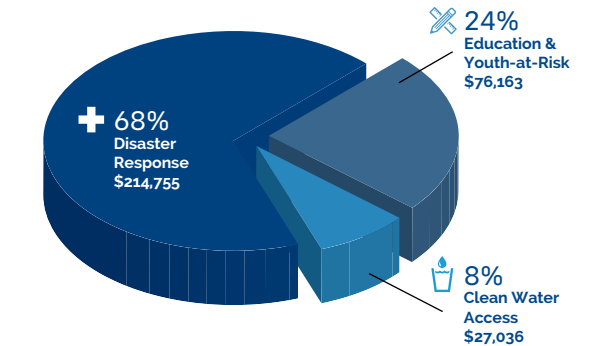
### Spending with In-Kind Donation

General & Administrative	\$9,924	3%
Fundraising	\$15,830	5%
Program Services	\$317,954	92%
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>\$343,708</b>	



### Spending without In-Kind Donation

General & Administrative	\$9,924	4%
Fundraising	\$15,830	6%
Program Services	\$228,824	90%
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>\$254,578</b>	



### Program Services

Clean Water Access	\$27,036	8%
Education & Youth-at-Risk	\$76,163	24%
Disaster Response	\$214,755	68%
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>\$317,954</b>	



# YOU CAN HELP!

## Transport

One of the primary tasks of YachtAid Global is finding vessels willing to transport donated or purchased goods, supplies and relief materials in support of existing programs or in times of disaster relief.

**YachtAid Global** is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible as a charitable contribution to the fullest extent allowed by law. We are committed to sound stewardship and using your gift to deliver the most effective, sustainable solutions for humanitarian aid and conservation.



Partner superyachts may shift goods from their origin straight to a destination or move goods to a location closer to its ultimate destination.

If your superyacht is interested in helping YachtAid Global by being a vessel of transport, please contact us at [Info@YachtAidGlobal.org](mailto:Info@YachtAidGlobal.org). A questionnaire will be provided to enable us to determine the best way to engage your help.

## Financial Contributions

**Financial contributions** enable us to stand ready with the resources necessary to provide timely humanitarian aid, conservation, and disaster relief to coastal communities on an ongoing basis through established initiatives or in a rapid response to disasters as they arise. Links to donate to YachtAid Global in general or to one of our specific operations can be found on the website at [YachtAidGlobal.org](https://www.YachtAidGlobal.org)

## In-Kind Contributions

**Gifts in-kind** to support YachtAid Global initiatives or operations are welcomed. As each operation has its own array of needs, please contact YachtAid Global to discuss the best fit for your potential in-kind giving at [Info@YachtAidGlobal.org](mailto:Info@YachtAidGlobal.org)

## Planned Giving

**Including YachtAid Global** in your future giving and estate planning will support the creation of humanitarian, conservation, and relief programs, as well as, lasting legacies across vulnerable remote coastal communities. Please contact YachtAid Global for information, to discuss your intentions, or to indicate that you have already included YachtAid Global in your estate plans.

## Join the Conversation

**Follow YachtAid Global** at our website or social media platforms to keep up to date on our latest news, projects and operations as we join together with like-minded yacht owners, captains and crew to continue **Changing the World Without Changing Course**.





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**YachtAid Global (YAG)** is a registered 501(c)(3), operating at the highest levels of international nonprofit work across coastal communities and with Small Island Developing States worldwide.

Our humanitarian aid, conservation programs, and disaster relief responses are successfully implemented through a vetted network of agents, brokers, NGO's and government agencies, in combination with YachtAid Global's provision of consultation, leadership,

and logistics management, at local and global levels, for superyachts interested in participating in the execution of the altruistic activities.

In addition, YachtAid Global is uniquely positioned to receive and channel contributed financial resources to emergent needs of coastal peoples in situations that do not allow for physical access by the yachting community through established partnerships with vetted NGO's, agents, government agencies and charities worldwide.

Since 2006, YachtAid Global has engaged 250+ yachts across 175+ projects over 25+ countries in timely, agenda-free projects that saved lives, alleviated suffering, and built stronger communities. The programs enabled our partner donors, businesses and yachts to contribute to the world around them and leave lasting philanthropic footprints across global coastal communities.

Contact us at YachtAid Global to learn more about our existing programs and emerging initiatives that enable us and our partners to achieve positive maximum impact by distributing the right aid to the right people at the right time and enable us to continue *Changing the World Without Changing Course*.



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