



Hurricane Irma

ONE MONTH DONOR UPDATE

In early September, millions in the Caribbean and the United States suffered the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Irma—a category 5 hurricane that flattened homes, flooded communities and battered health facilities.

From massive destruction of plantations and crops, to collapsed homes and risks to public safety, Irma's fury stripped families of shelter, basic necessities, medical care and income. The damage was catastrophic in Antigua and Barbuda, St Kitts and Nevis, and Turks and Caicos, while parts of Cuba and the Dominican Republic were also hit hard by the devastation.

Not even two weeks after Irma, Hurricane Maria swept across the Caribbean. The storm brought heavy rainfall and strong winds, lashing communities in Dominica, Puerto Rico that had been spared Irma's impact.

Across the region, lack of clean water has also posed a deep threat to the health of communities. Many people have also been left struggling without the means to meet their basic needs.

But thanks to compassionate donors like you, help has reached families since the earliest moments of the storm's landfall. In these crucial moments, you enabled vital relief for the most isolated and vulnerable families. With you by their side, hurricane victims will be able to find the hope and strength they need to restore their lives in the trying days and weeks ahead.

"I started to cry. Where am I going to go? Who am I going to call?"

Sylvia Walker, 51, is a mother of five and, before the hurricane, worked at a hotel that was damaged by the disaster. When Irma hit, she was visiting a friend in Barbuda. When she went back to her home the following morning, she found that it had been flattened by the hurricane.

How your donation helped in the earliest hours and days



"It's been rough since the hurricane struck. Our house was flooded and the windows were broken. The help we can get means the world to us at the moment."

– Curvelle, Dominica resident

At a time that called for urgent relief, donors like you came forward swiftly and selflessly to mobilize care.

Your donation enabled the Canadian Red Cross to send personnel to the ground in Dominica, Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, and St. Maarten to support local Red Cross staff and volunteers working hard to ensure people received emergency aid as quickly as possible.

From providing shelter, clean water and medical care, to offering basic household necessities and emotional support, you have helped to keep families safe, healthy and reassured that they are not alone.

In Barbuda, where infrastructure was badly damaged, including the hospital, your support has enabled the Canadian Red Cross to deploy health personnel and equipment. This includes supplies, medicines and equipment for a new emergency room.

Today, your contribution continues to reach families in need by enabling our teams to assess needs, provide ongoing relief distributions, and deliver essential health care.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION



DISASTER EXPERTS

Red Cross workers to carry out ongoing assessments in impacted communities to identify needs and ensure the best response and recovery operation



RELIEF SUPPLIES

Necessities such as kitchen sets, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, to keep vulnerable families safe and healthy



EMERGENCY SHELTER

Tarpaulins, blankets, bedding kits and shelter materials to provide protection from the elements



CLEAN WATER

Water tanks, purification tablets, jerry cans and buckets to help families access clean water



HEALTH CARE

Two hospital rehabilitation units to support damaged health facilities in Barbuda—including one for a new emergency room

The Canadian Red Cross thanks you for your compassion towards families and communities devastated by hurricanes Irma and Maria.

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