



# Hurricanes Irma and Maria

1 YEAR DONOR UPDATE

**A year ago, the Caribbean suffered two devastating hurricanes. Striking within weeks of each other, Hurricanes Irma and Maria wiped out power, destroyed homes, and severely damaged islands across the region.**

But your support made sure help arrived.

The local Red Cross on each island mobilized immediately to ensure people were safe. The Canadian Red Cross sent personnel to the ground to assist in emergency operations, ensuring people had relief supplies, clean water, and food. Thousands of shelter kits and tarps were provided so people could have a safe, dry place to sleep.

In the year since, the Red Cross has continued helping people and communities as they recover and rebuild. Your donation has contributed towards long term shelter solutions, supplied kitchen sets, provided cash assistance for basic needs, and supported the rehabilitation of health care facilities.

While there is work still to be done, your support has already made an incredible difference. Thank you for your care and generosity.

“A great deal of progress has been made over the past year... people’s needs for food, clean water and basic shelter have been met.”

– **James Jones**, Red Cross Operations Manager in Dominica

# Your support on the ground:

## Helping families rebuild with better roofs



**In Cuba, Hurricane Irma left behind a trail of damage that flattened the landscape.** Rain flooded many houses, while the strong winds tore down walls and tore off roofs. Thousands of homes were left structurally unsound, not safe for people to live in.

Recovering meant new structures that were more hurricane-resistant than before. With your generous support, roof repair kits were distributed to people whose homes were severely damaged. Containing essential building materials (including zinc sheets, nails, hurricane straps, and tools), the kits enabled families to construct a new roof and strengthen their homes against future storms.

In impacted communities, the Red Cross also carried out workshops that taught people how to install hurricane straps on their homes. Hurricane straps are specially designed to hold roofs down in high winds.

With new and secured homes, more than 600 Cuban families now have a safe, dry roof over their heads thanks to your support.

### HOW YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED:



#### Relief items distributed

to help 25,000 people meet basic needs in Cuba



#### 15,000 people assisted

in recovery efforts in the Dominican Republic



#### 2 Canadian Red Cross hospital rehabilitation units

sent to Antigua and Barbuda to support damaged health facilities, including a kit to set up a new emergency room



#### 3 experts sent

to support emergency and recovery operations for 26,000 impacted people on the island of St. Maarten, where 70% of homes were destroyed and the water and electricity cut off



#### Emergency response activated

to bring help to more than 15,000 impacted people in Dominica



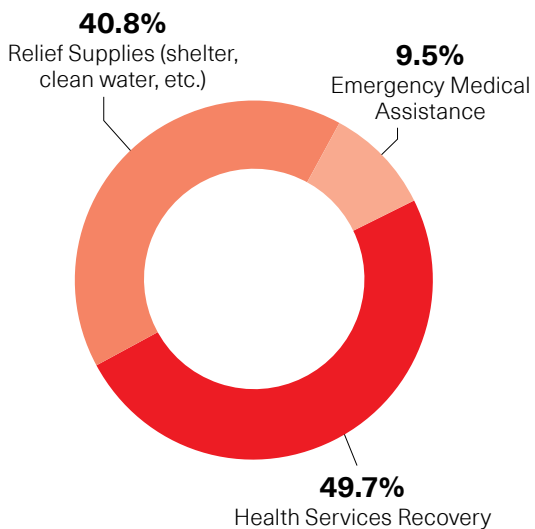


**Thank You!**

## YOUR DONATION IN ACTION

The Canadian Red Cross would like to thank generous individuals, businesses and governments for donating \$5.4 million towards our response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Your donation has provided not only immediate relief but also a helping hand to families and communities on their road to recovery.

### Here is how your support is helping:



The cost of fundraising on this appeal was less than 5%. This includes fees associated with donation processing and receipting, reporting and communications.

#### Relief Supplies

- Emergency shelter, household and clean water supplies in impacted communities in Dominica, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Antigua and Barbuda.
- Supplies include jerry cans, water tanks, tarpaulins, blankets, shelter tools, roofing materials, kitchen sets and emergency cash for basic needs and livelihood recovery.
- Deployment of operational experts to the ground to support relief and recovery efforts in impacted communities across the Caribbean.

#### Emergency Medical Equipment

- Two hospital rehabilitation units sent to Antigua and Barbuda to support damaged health facilities.
- Includes equipment for a new emergency room in the local hospital in Barbuda that was badly damaged.

#### Health Services Recovery

- Rehabilitation of essential health services on impacted islands.
- Activities to strengthen the health of communities, including the prevention of water-borne disease.