

HURRICANE MARIA

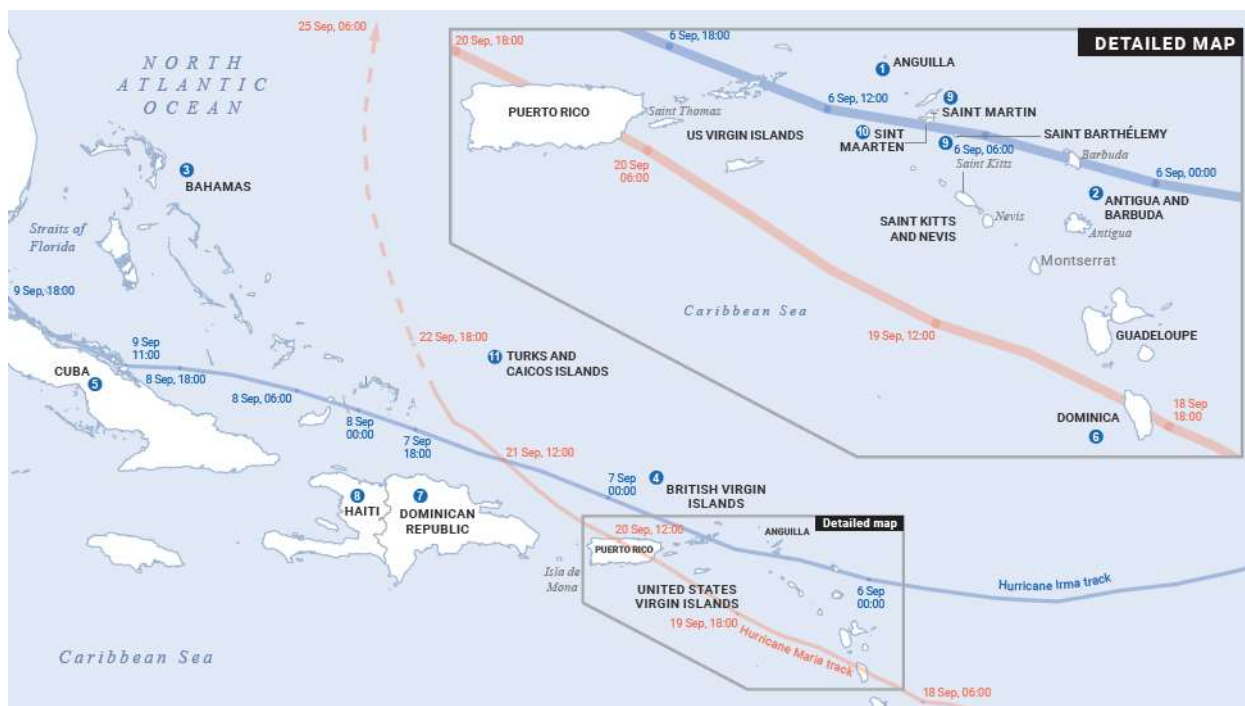
SITUATION REPORT #9

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SYNOPSIS OF HURRICANE MARIA

Maria, the 13th named storm of the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season, became a category 5 hurricane near the Leeward Islands on Monday September 18th, 2017. Hurricane Maria impacted Dominica at approximately 9:35pm on September 18th as an extremely strong hurricane with wind speeds of 155 mph. Maria then impacted Antigua and Barbuda, Montserrat and St. Kitts and Nevis on September 19th, 2017 and the Virgin Islands September 19 – 20, 2017.

MAP OF IRMA AND MARIA OVER CARIBBEAN SEA



Source: UN OCHA, September 2017



DOMINICA

Needs:

Shelters

Immediate

- food and water and bedding materials (cots, sleeping bags, blankets),

medium term

- to clear schools

long term

- building materials, especially roofing materials.

Food and distribution

- The plan is to create family and individual packages for 5-7 days.
- bags for packaging the items...large family size bags

Clearance

Immediate

- Flood lights
- Water pumps
- Bob carts
- Front end loaders
- PPE
- Helmets
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Tools
- Shovels
- Chainsaws
- Wheel barrows



The Government of Dominica has established a hotline at the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) to register their queries, concerns and seek clarification on all matters in regards to Post Hurricane Maria efforts. Hotline Telephone Numbers: 1-767-277-8667; 1-767-285-0989; 1-767-614-3000

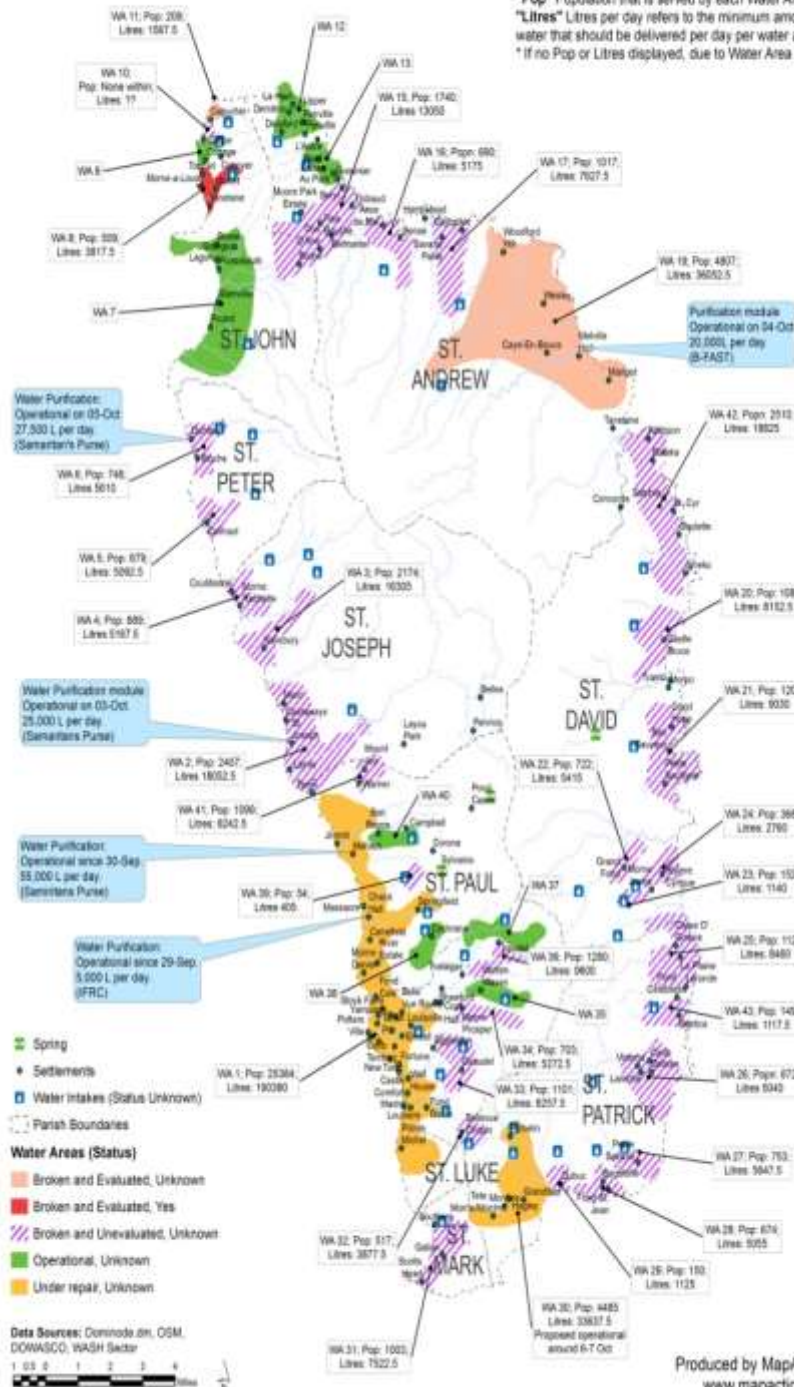
Persons can also contact the EOC at the following email address: domeocmaria@gmail.com

Curfew from 6:00pm – 6:00am daily

Dominica: Water Status (05 Oct 2017)

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Call out box refers to:
 "WA" Water Area code
 "Pop" Population that is served by each Water Area
 "Litres" Litres per day refers to the minimum amount of water that should be delivered per day per water area
 * If no Pop or Litres displayed, due to Water Area is operational



CDEMA COORDINATING UNIT



Dominica – Actions Undertaken:

The following tasks were conducted by CDRU:

- Management of relief efforts at Woodbridge Bay Port, Warehouse 2.
- Distribution of relief supplies to the following communities, organisations and shelters:
Discore/Slyvania Village □ Kalinago territory □ Marigot Village □ Pichetin Village □ Vielle Case Community □ Agape home for the elderly □ Home for at risk children □ Madicrest Baptiste Church □ Police □ Prison □ Hospital □ Ministry of Finance □ Ministry of Education □ Ministry of Works □ Customs Department □ Solid Waste Management □ Prime Minister's Office □ Port Management Office □ Financial Complex □ Paix Boude Private Home Shelter □ Penville Shelter □ Dominica State College Shelter □ Ford Cole Community Shelter □ Cordwall Pentecostal Shelter □ Southwest District Shelter □ River Road and Roseau Central □ Roseau Valley □ La-Pain Village □ Calihest (Plet-McPiere) Village □ Broche Village □ Rose Hill □ Kings Hill Community □ Bells Village □ Dominica Import and Export Company; □ Petro Caribe; □ Caulisible Shelter □ Lewisville Shelter □ Grand Bay Shelter □ Layos
- Distribution of a number of supplies comprising 7 food hampers, 16 tarpaulin, 568 canvases, 670 cases of water and 15 bags of flour to persons at the sea port
- Conducted damage assessments in Kalinago Reserve, 500 houses assessed in the Kalinago Territory to date (Concord, Sineki, St. Cyr, Monkey Hill, Bataka, Gaulete), Salybia is pending
- Preliminary results show that more than 75% are damaged at level 3-4
- Government of Dominica requested extension of the CDRU and COST

The following tasks were completed by Engineering Operations by the Artisans:

- Collected materials from Astraphan for the Inland Revenue Building and entered them into inventory
- Installed shutters at the Electoral Office
- Removed some of the electrical fittings from the Inland Revenue Building as part of the process to commence repairs to the roof and ceiling
- Installed a tarpaulin on the residence of the Cabinet Secretary
- Conducted an assessment at the EOC in Jimmit and provided a list of plumbing materials to be purchased
- Materials were allocated for jobs at the Grammar School
- Erected a flag pole to fly RSS flag at main entrance of Grammar School
- Removed, straightened and replaced gate 2 at the Grammar School
- Built a water drain cover for an open man hole at Grammar School
- Conducted checks and rectified leaks at Grammar school after water was restored
- Constructed and installed bathroom doors on the second floor of the Grammar School
- COST continues to support EOC operations
- SAR team continues to support the fire and ambulance services (mainly repairs to public buildings and clean-up activities).

PHASE 3 – Disaster recovery Operations:

Support to Participating States:

- Ensuring the conduct of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) in collaboration with partners. This will help reconstruction
- Ensuring in coordination with national, regional and international response organisations, an After Action Review is conducted and a report is produced. This will help to rebuild the level of preparedness of the country and will enhance the national, regional and international response for future events
- Ensure early recovery activities are planned and implemented to ensure the continuity of operations of the government and the private and social sectors.
 - Support of Ms. Jennifer Worrell, former National Disaster Coordinator
- In coordination with the affected country and with regional and international donors, prepare proposals for reconstruction and recovery projects based on the PDNA reports

- Based on reports and lessons learned, revise and enhance the RRM, the RCP, the SRFPs', the RCC's, the SRCCs and the regional and international organisations' response and recovery plans to ensure there is a better coordination and better response for future events.
- RRM review was previously planned and will be undertaken
- Continue promoting preparedness and mitigation measures in a continuous manner to ensure vulnerability and response capacity do not decrease with time.
- Continue to support states through the Programming Areas of the CDEMA Coordinating Unit

CDEMA/CARICOM LEGACY PROJECTS

- As we move into the early recovery phase CDEMA is proposing undertaking a project for each of the most significantly impacted states as a legacy of support.
- Some financial support is already available through donations but more support needs to be generated

Barbuda

- ❖ Noting the displacement and recognising there will be some space required for decision-making, undertaking support to the displaced population focussing on:
 The most vulnerable (single female headed families, elderly and disabled) through:
 - Voucher Grants for grocery and hygiene supplies
 - Rent Grant support

British Virgin Islands

Through initial consultation with the BVI on emerging needs

- ❖ A Transitional Social Protection Programme the government intends on implementing to assist those persons who were adversely impacted by Hurricane Irma.
- ❖ Supporting the Education dimension of such a venture
- ❖ Focus on efforts to assist educational provisions for children with special needs.

Dominica

Housing support to the Kalinago Territory of Dominica to benefit up to 1000 families focussing on the most vulnerable (single female headed families, elderly and disabled) through:

- ❖ Donation of roofing material through a voucher system
- ❖ Reconstruction of up to 40 homes

This is being made possible through a pledge of 100,000 tons (300,000 sq. ft.) of galvanized sheeting and some pledged cash contribution

CDEMA COORDINATION WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS THROUGH THE RRM



CDEMA worked with international partners and World Food Programme (WFP) to re-establish the food ration for the population.



CDEMA has worked with various international actors to reestablish access to water.



In collaboration with ITU, TSF, military engineers and communications companies, the communication networks have been gradually reconnected.



CDEMA has collaborated with UNICEF, UNFPA, UNWOMEN on social protection issues and focused on the security problems with RSS and other military assets available in the region.



Reconstruction and removal of debris is an urgent and relevant area where CDEMA has worked in collaboration with UNDP and militaries.



CDEMA has provided support to several ministry of health and received collaboration with PAHO/WHO and CARPHA to restore health facilities and provide medical supplies.



Urgent needs on shelter and temporary housing are being addressed with international partners such as USAID/OFDA, IOM and militaries.



CDEMA made efforts in collaboration with military and with WFP and other international agencies to mobilize ships and aircrafts to deliver relief assistance.



ST KITTS AND NEVIS



Completed post hazard household assessments
 Final damage assessment report is still outstanding



Completed repair of Old Road, which is now usable



Plastic sheeting from USAID/OFDA being distributed to persons as temporary shelter



100% restoration of all utilities (Electricity, Water, Communications)



Working with IFRC on accessing grant for roofing materials for vulnerable population (elderly and persons with disabilities)

- ❖ Government announced that one of the response mechanisms is for persons to gain duty free on any material/item that may have been damaged as a result of the passage of the hurricanes .

This programme is being supported jointly by NEMA, Ministries of Finance and Planning and this mechanism is expected to last until March 2018. NEMA to provide assessment data to verify beneficiaries

- ❖ Government also announced that Essential Services personnel who worked during the passage of the storms will be provided with an incentive by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis

Needs List (below)

ST KITTS AND NEVIS



No.	Category	Items	Quantity St. Kitts	Quantity Nevis
1.	Medical	First Aid Kits	1000	200
2.	Equipment/Tools	Shovels	80	50
3.		Cutlasses	80	50
4.		Hammers	80	50
5.		Wheel barrows	50	40
6.		Chain saws	50	30
7.		Storage	Water Storage Containers (commercial 1000 gall.)	35
8.		Water Bottles (portables 5 gall.)	800	300
9.	Comfort	Blankets	1000	500
10.		Sleeping bags	1000	300
11.		Cots	1500	600
12.		Lanterns (oil and battery)	600	200
13.	Safety	Flashlights (Crank)	600	300
14.		Rain Coats	1000	500
15.		Rubber Boots	600	300
16.	Shelter/Shelter Management	Tarpaulin (40x40)	2000	1500
17.		Tarpaulin (20x20)	1000	500
18.	Public Announcement	Loud Hailers (Bull Horns)	20	20
19.	Building Materials	Shingles	8,000 bundles	1000
20.		Galvalume Sheeting	12,000 sheets	500
21.		T1-11	6,000 sheets	250
22.		Nails	18,000 lbs	300
23.		Screws	560 boxes	200
24.		Tar Paper	2500 Rolls	150
25.		Galvanize	8,000 sheets	200
26.		Closure Strips	5000 length	500
27.	Other	Transistor Radios	500	250
28.		Personal Hygiene Kits	1000	500
29.		Portable Generator (5000 watts – 110)	50	30
30.		Goggles	100	50
31.		Helmets	500	200
32.			Ration Packs (breakfast, lunch and dinner)	500 each

REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS UPDATES

Government of Jamaica

- The Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) as part of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) continues to assist with security and recovery efforts in Dominica

Government of Trinidad and Tobago

- The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) currently has 93 personnel deployed to Dominica who support the following functions:
 - Facilitation of Port Operations and security at the port (in conjunction with local authorities);
 - Repairs to the Roseau Hospital;
 - Land and Marine SAR operations, as required
 - Relief Operations, as required (often conducted alongside military forces from other countries);
 - Engineer route reconnaissance for restoration of transportation networks;
 - Maritime reconnaissance;
 - Security at a medical clinic set up by TT NGO, **Is There Not A Cause** (ITNAC) and staffed with Trinidad and Tobago doctors and nurses
 - Shipped 2.1 tons of relief supplies into Dominica
- The ODPM, as the official point of contact for Disaster Management matters in Trinidad and Tobago, continues to coordinate relief efforts of both the public and private sectors and is also communicating with CDEMA on relief activities
- The Immigration Division continues to provide passports and other travel documents to all personnel traveling to and from Dominica as well as ensuring that stranded nationals obtain the proper documentation to return home.

DOMLEC

October 5 – 6, 2017 updates:

- The three mains feeders in Roseau will all be energized by Oct 11. This means customers (businesses and homes) who have been inspected as safe by government will be able to apply to DOMLEC to be connected. The DOMLEC office in Roseau opened on October 6 to facilitate this process.
- The main feeders in Portsmouth will all be energized by Oct 13th.
- Ross University should be energized on October 6.
- Working to restore the Parliament building by October 7.
- Approximately 12 MW of generation capacity is available, about 700kW of load is being supplied.
- 11 CARILEC linemen 1 drone operator (5 from Emera/Barbados Light and Power and 6 from Jamaica JPS and one from Emera Grand Bahama) and are now deployed.
- Emera/DOMLEC Working with Rescue Global on inaccessible damaged line assessments.
- Regular updates are available on the Dominica Electricity Services facebook page which is being regularly updated by Emera staff in Barbados, from information direct from the field
- USD \$1 million of food, supplies and rebuild parts and materials have now been sent, or are in transit to DOMLEC from Emera affiliate companies in Barbados and Florida.

LIAT

- Continues to provide support with the transportation of emergency relief supplies and personnel to the impacted countries

Tropical Shipping

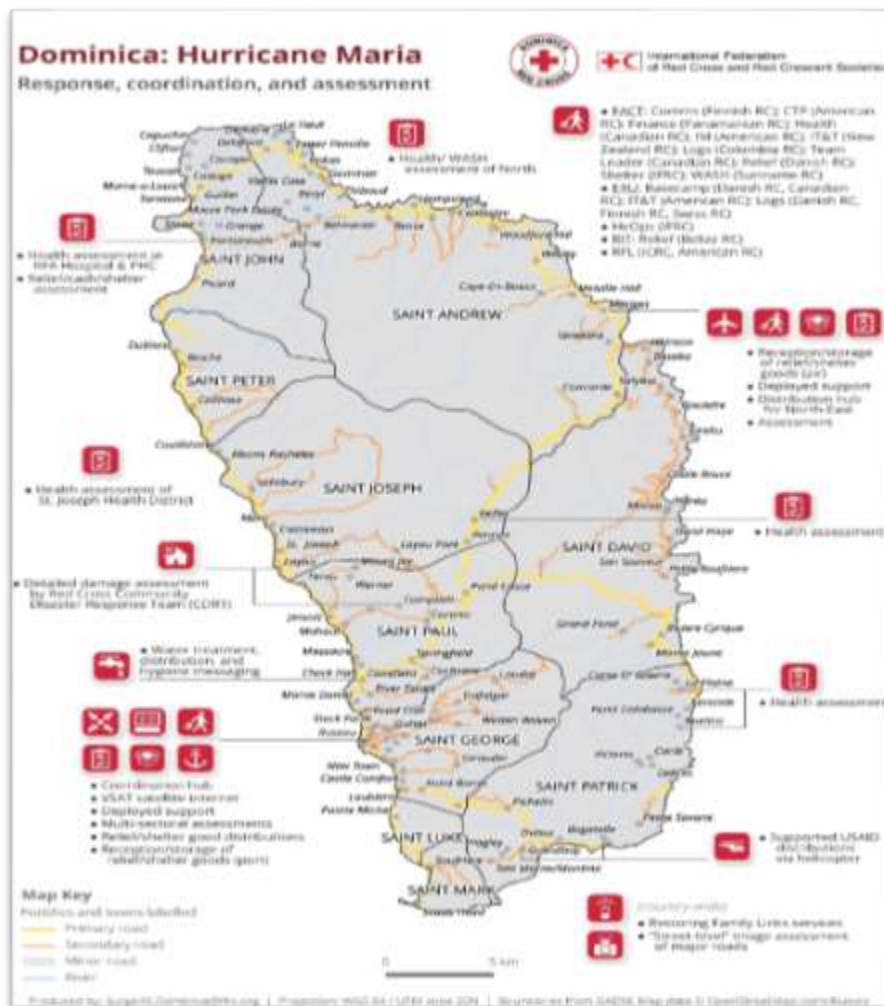
- Continues to facilitate the transportation of relief supplies into Dominica

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UPDATES

ECHO

- **ECHO** has approved EUR 250,000.00 for humanitarian assistance covering logistic support and food assistance.
- Through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism:
- **FR:** The assistance arrived in Guadeloupe and transport is currently being arranged for the final phase of logistics (this will be for the 50,000 aquatabs, 667 solar lights, 11 chainsaws, 10 medical supplies kits, 2080 blankets, 270 picks, 23 pairs of gloves, 366 tarpaulins and 72 ropes rolls).
 - **UK:** The first assistance arrived on 27 September via NL Navy Vessel Pelikaan (5,000 solar lights, 1,280 shelter kits, 1,560 hygiene kits, 100 tents, 1,612 kitchen sets, 96 boxes of rations). The remaining has now arrived (5,140 water purification cubes, 154,000 aquatabs, 7,147 water purification sachets, 1,131 buckets, 1 silverline water filtration system, 383 hygiene kits, 2 bladders, 96 tonnes of lumber).
 - **BE:** The water purification module that arrived on 27 September continues to operate in Londonderry Bay (North East) and a handover process has been made with local authorities.
 - **NL:** The strategic sea support provided by the two NL ships and co-financed under EU Civil Protection Mechanism ended their operations and left on 3 October.

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies



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Health and Care

- The order of 60 dressing/suture kits has been placed. The deadline for delivery is within the next month

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- Water treatment equipment was installed in Check Hall. The capacity of the equipment is 5,000 litres a day. 10,000 litres have been distributed in two batches, on 28 September and 3 October. Hygiene messages were shared during the distribution of treated water. The water treatment unit serves about 150 nearby households.
- The situation in the target communities is being monitored. As a result of findings in the communities surrounding the Check Hall the equipment will be moved to another site as the communities no longer have need for it. The potability of the treated water was tested and confirmed by Pan American Health Organization.
- In Tete-Morne, 1000 aquatabs (1 tab/10 liters) were distributed.
- In Point Michael and Layou, 297 households received hygiene items, the distributed items included 297 hygiene kits, 614 jerry cans and 347 buckets. In Tete-Morne, 50 Jerry cans and 20 buckets were distributed.
- The households that received water handling and storage items were trained on safe water storage and use of water treatment products.
- In addition to the above activities, DRCS supported USAID helicopter distributions of non-food items including hygiene related goods. The distribution included approximately 80 kitchen sets and 200 hygiene kits, blankets and collapsible jerry cans in Grand Bay. In Bagatelle, the National Society supported the distribution of approximately 40 kitchen sets and 100 hygiene kits, blankets and collapsible jerry cans.

Restoring Family Links (RFL)

- A Restoring Family Links tool has been established through ICRC's Family Links website so that inquires can be received from families located in other countries. Disaster Inquiries are restricted to family members. Active searching is prioritized for sought persons with identified vulnerabilities such as illness, injury, advanced age or being unaccompanied minors.
- RFL provided safe and well calls to 80 people in Marigot. They made calls to family members in 13 countries, and successfully exchanged family news 105 times. Mobile charging services were provided to approximately 41 persons, allowing them to access the contact lists on their phones.

Shelter and Settlements

- Relief goods have been distributed in central Roseau, Goodwill, Layou and Pointe Michel. 1,485 Households have received relief items. The distribution included 2,171 tarpaulins, 157 toolkits, 1,194 blankets, 1,594 mosquito nets, 140 kitchen sets. 61 food parcels were also distributed. The police received 10 tarpaulins.
- Residents in Layou attended technical orientation on plastic sheet use.
- Targeting and registration of beneficiaries is ongoing.
- The shelter team is developing the standard roof construction for strong winds.
- The distribution of building material to target families is being planned in the upcoming distributions, 825 wooden construction posts (2x4in) provided by DFID have arrived.

Cash Transfer

- Distribution of unconditional cash grants to 1,000 families (3,000 people) through the cash transfer programme is planned and discussions on collaboration with WFP are underway.
- Sensitization is well underway. Ministry of Tourism has approved the programme.

National Society Capacity Building

- The repairs of the Dominica Red Cross warehouse have not started. Ad interim, a warehouse with 400 meters of space has been secured in Roseau and is currently receiving items.
- The following activities are planned in months 3-9:
 - Repair of the DRCS' headquarters' building
 - Furniture and equipment for DRCS office to replace destroyed or looted equipment
 - Repair of logistic capacity at headquarters
 - Logistic training to increase capacity through the Regional Logistics Unit

Disaster preparedness and risk reduction

The following activities are planned for months 9-11:

- Community early warning system training in selected affected communities
- Sensitization campaign on community disaster preparedness

- Training for volunteers on disaster risk reduction and early warning
- Support the development of family disaster plans
- Training and equipment of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)
- Community early warning system training in selected affected communities

Programming / Areas Common to all Sectors

- Health assessments have been conducted first in St. Joseph Health District and the RFA Hospital including Primary Health Center in Portsmouth later assessment included Belles and La Plaine.
- In Clifton, Dos D'Ane, Vieille Case, Penville, Thibaud and Marigot health assessment was conducting along with a WASH assessment.
- Cash transfer programming (CTP) assessment was conducted in Roseau. Key informant interviews were held with select financial institutions and stores and a feasibility monitoring conducted.
- IFRC and USAID assessed relief, shelter and Cash transfer issues in Portsmouth Red Cross Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) in Layou conducted an assessment detailing the hurricane's effect on 171 homes and 5 community/public buildings.
- Assessments can be accessed through an online tracker :
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1whvQ8LgZMgQQltpDGkRN1wxtU9jpZBw4O7cUjCtuOuQ/edit#gid=0>
- A first rotation of the partners liaison delegate commenced on October 2nd and will continue to support coordination
- The Emergency Plan of Action, following the appeal launched 21 September, was launched in October 2017

UNITED NATIONS (UN) AGENCIES

UNICEF	
Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a field visit to Point Michel and Soufriere communities to distribute 48 family hygiene kits and determine possible locations for safe learning spaces. Plans will be finalized by MoE and MoSS by the end of the week.
WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in a technical visit to the sewage treatment plant to do a quick assessment and identify the main challenges for repairing the ongoing leaks in several streets of Roseau city. • Trucking of safe drinking water continues. UNICEF has reached six communities (800 people). • WASH information management partner (MapAction) is leaving soon. UNICEF is researching alternative IM capacity at several levels.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains regular contact with schools, some of which are shelters that are at varying levels of readiness to reopen. • The full consignment of schools-in-a-box (40), ECD (17) and 11 recreational kits from Barbados has been received.

PAHO	
General Situation: Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 health facilities: 31 operational but with varying degrees of damage; 17 (all clinic-level) not operational; 2 status unknown • 2,905 people in shelters (4-Oct); status unknown of 55% of total 165 shelters (2-Oct) • Access constraints around Grand Bay (east) and valley area of Roseau • Syndromic surveillance system in place in only 9 health facilities & some shelters (incidental cases of GE, scabies, chickenpox, asthma reported by shelters; 4 suspected leptospirosis cases)
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the MOH with the coordination of international assistance in health (9AM daily meetings) • Facilitated the repatriation of 10 persons previously evacuated to the Dominican Republic for emergency treatment; significant support from Dutch and US armed forces, Dominican Republic • PAHO Director and PWR-ECC met with national authorities and international partners

- PAHO vehicles transporting medical workers, distribute medicines, supplies
- Convened preliminary outbreak prevention meeting held with national authorities, stakeholders
- Delivered emergency supply of blood to PMH, facilitated by MOH/Barbados
- Mobilizing teams of health promoters to disseminate best post-disaster health practices
- Supervised repairs of essential equipment at PMH (CAT scan, mortuary, X-ray machines);
- With MOH, utilizing LLS/SUMA to store and catalogue donated medicines and supplies

Situation: WASH

- Water restored to Roseau (2-Oct); greater Roseau area to have water within next few days
- Several water systems severely damaged

Response:

- Leads WASH coordination group meetings with national authorities & partners
- Procuring generators, water containers, and supplies for the water system
- Support in assessing damage and needed repairs, liaising with partners to meet gaps
- Delivered 35,000 liters of water by truck (meets daily water needs for approx. 4,700 persons)

USAID

Humanitarian Coordination and Logistics

- On October 5, JTF-LI successfully completed hurricane response activities in Dominica as humanitarian conditions and access to populations in need have steadily improved. To facilitate the rapid delivery of assistance throughout Dominica, the DART requested the unique capabilities of DoD through the JTF-LI to transport relief items to isolated communities. Since September 9, JTF-LI personnel supported storm-affected populations through more than 55 flight sorties that delivered more than 155 MT of emergency relief commodities, such as plastic sheeting and water containers. In addition, JTF-LI transported nearly 61 MT of response-related equipment, including desalinization units and forklifts. To further support hurricane response efforts, DoD aircraft transported more than 130 humanitarian personnel.
- In coordination with the GoCD, the DART is gradually transitioning from emergency response to early recovery activities as humanitarian conditions improve in Dominica. The GoCD and other stakeholders are transitioning focus to early recovery efforts, while response activities continue. In support of the transition to early recovery, three USAID/OFDA-supported DRMSs will remain in Dominica to support the EOC's existing capacity and the GoCD-led response to Hurricane Maria.

Shelter

- As of early October, more than 3,000 storm-displaced people remain in 78 assessed shelters—of 143 identified shelter centers—in Dominica as a result of housing damage resulting from Hurricane Maria, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports. IOM continues to conduct rapid shelter site verification activities and plans to conduct needs assessments among people residing in shelters in the coming days.
- On October 3, the DART delivered 160 plastic sheets and 100 blankets to GoCD government officials for onward distribution to affected populations. On October 5, the DART delivered an additional 150 rolls of plastic sheeting, as well as water containers, to support storm-affected Dominicans. With DoD support, the DART also distributed GoCD-provided canned goods, kitchen sets, and rice on October 3 to residents in Dominica's Wottenwaven and Bagatelle villages, which had been difficult to access by road following Hurricane Maria.
- Between September 25 and October 2, the DART distributed plastic sheeting to St. Andrew, St. David, St. John, and St. Joseph parishes in northern and eastern Dominica to address the shelter needs of more than 2,500 hurricane-affected households.

WASH

- The Dominica Water and Sewerage Company (DOWASCO) reports it has restored piped water services to approximately 45 percent of Roseau's population, as well as to approximately 50 percent of the population in the town of Canefield. Many of the leaks in the piped water system are the result of damage to household and building water service connections caused by heavy equipment during the debris removal process.
- On October 2, the DART, with DoD support, transported 3,000 feet of replacement pipes and related equipment to Dominica's isolated Grand Bay community to assist with repairing the water distribution system. DOWASCO estimates that repairs to

Grand Bay's piped distribution system will require approximately three days; the company aims to restore water to the area by the week of October 9.

- On October 4, a DART water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) technical expert and a UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) representative visited the DOWASCO sewer treatment plant near Roseau to assess damages and meet with DOWASCO officials. The plant operator reported that storm damage hindered plant operations, and that mud and debris are blocking the network of sewage pipes running beneath roads in Roseau. The operator noted DOWASCO would require external resources and equipment to fully complete repairs. In response, the DART is providing technical assistance to identify external support resources and equipment that DOWASCO will require to complete longer-term reconstruction activities.
- On October 1, at the request of the DART, the JTF-LI airlifted water treatment supplies, including 600 pounds of calcium hypochlorite (HTH), to the island. The DART is providing the HTH—chlorine in concentrated granular form—to DOWASCO for general cleaning of its water systems.
- The DART's WASH technical advisor and other humanitarian actors continue to support improved access to safe drinking water for Dominican residents. USAID/OFDA has contributed \$200,000 to Samaritan's Purse to support WASH assistance for more than 14,300 people, or approximately 20 percent of Dominica's population.

Food Security

- On October 4, the UN reported that GoCD blanket food distributions—supported by the UN World Food Program (WFP) and other response stakeholders—continue to reach storm-affected populations in Dominica. To date, at least 70 metric tons (MT) of food have been delivered in 50 locations, meeting the food needs of approximately half the country for three days, the UN reports. WFP indicates that residents of Dominica will continue to require blanket food distributions until commercial food outlets reopen, permitting a potential shift to cash- or voucher-based assistance.
- On October 3, DART food security technical advisors conducted rapid needs assessments in northeast Dominica, including Castle Bruce, Marigot, and Wesley towns, finding that storm-affected populations continue to require food assistance. Households and stores reported dwindling food stocks and uncertainty regarding future food supplies. In addition, individuals described widespread agricultural destruction and hampered access to fields due to downed trees and landslides in the northeastern region—an important agricultural production area—which will affect households' ability to access sufficient quantities and diverse types of food in the immediate to near-term. Despite the limited food supply, the DART reports that the prices of food, where available, remain comparable to pre-storm prices. DART members also spoke with a representative of a local financial institution, who reported operations were resuming, but with greatly reduced service hours and account withdrawal limits.
- The DART and DoD have helped facilitate recent GoCD food distributions, and DART staff continue to coordinate with humanitarian actors and the private sector to determine how best to address outstanding food assistance needs.

International Response

- On October 3, UN Resident Coordinator (RC) for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Stephen O'Malley noted the positive progress of relief operations in Dominica. Since Hurricane Maria made landfall on September 18, resulting in widespread devastation, Dominica's primary port has reopened, most roads are passable, and humanitarian assistance is regularly reaching storm-affected populations, RC O'Malley noted. To continue robust response efforts, RC O'Malley urged international donors to contribute to the Dominica Flash Appeal, which calls for \$31.1 million to support early recovery and humanitarian efforts.
- On October 7, UN Secretary-General (SG) António Guterres is scheduled to travel to the islands of Antigua, Barbuda, and Dominica to survey storm damage and observe response activities. SG Guterres has highlighted recently launched UN appeals for nearly \$114 million to address critical storm-related needs throughout affected areas of the Caribbean.