HURRICANE IRMA

September 6: Makes landfall in Barbuda as a Category 5 storm with 185 mph winds

September 10: Makes landfall in Florida

7.7 MILLION AFFECTED
134 DEATHS
5-10 FT. STORM SURGE
$65 B ESTIMATED DAMAGE

HURRICANE MARIA

September 19: Makes landfall in Dominica as a Category 5 storm with 160 mph winds

September 20: Makes landfall in Puerto Rico

3.9 MILLION AFFECTED
3,000+ DEATHS
35 INCHES OF RAIN IN PUERTO RICO
$102 B ESTIMATED DAMAGE

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HURRICANES
MARIA & IRMA
PATHS OVER THE REGION

Path of Hurricane Irma
Path of Hurricane Maria
FLORIDA
IMPACT OF HURRICANE IRMA

6.5 MILLION
WITHOUT POWER

200,000
DISPLACED TO SHELTERS

25%
OF HOMES IN THE FLORIDA KEYS DESTROYED

90
DEATHS
Provided a generator to a Bonita Springs health facility serving 30,000 people

Installed sanitation facilities to help 50 clinic staff displaced from their homes return to work

Provided 2,020 hygiene kits and 1,008 solar lights to families and health facility staff

Provided low or no-cost medication to vulnerable families in Miami Dade County

**LOCAL PARTNERS**

- Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida
- Miami Beach Community Health Center
“I read the papers a lot and I heard very, very little about what happened to this island... But this country has been devastated, and there are still thousands and thousands of people without homes, without clothes, without fresh water, or clean water, without roofs on their houses, those whose homes weren’t destroyed. The schools still aren’t open. There’s still no electricity. And I think a lot of work needs to be done to help them.”

Dr. Melinda Brecknell
Volunteer with International Medical Corps in Dominica
In the days and weeks following the hurricane, International Medical Corps brought urgently needed healthcare to families and communities:

- Deployed doctors and medical volunteers to support 13 facilities across St. John and St. Andrew’s parishes, providing more than 2,270 consultations.
- Established an Air Bridge that provided more than 80 flights to and from Dominica for nearly 330 responders and patients, as well as 71,000 pounds of medical equipment, specimen samples, and other urgently needed supplies.
- Delivered medical supplies to provide up to 10,000 people with care for three months.
- Trained 282 health workers and community leaders in Psychological First Aid and the provision of mental health services after a disaster.
PROVIDING RECOVERY SERVICES IN DOMINICA

With water systems damaged or destroyed and roads blocked with debris, access to safe water became an urgent concern. To keep families healthy and prevent the spread of disease, International Medical Corps helped shore up water, sanitation and hygiene systems in St. John and St. Andrew parishes, two of the hardest hit areas of Dominica:

1.1 MILLION
liters of water trucked to reach 1,740 men, women and children through water distributions

3,173
men, women and children re-connected to the water supply through rehabilitation of the water systems in Giraudel and Paix Bouche

10,838
people educated with health and hygiene messages through door-to-door outreach and community awareness

7,552
hygiene kits distributed to vulnerable families and individuals

LOCAL PARTNERS
The Dominica Water and Sewerage Company Limited (DAWASCO)
For seven hours Vanessa fought through the night to keep her four children safe during Hurricane Maria. She tied a chain to the front door to keep it from being ripped outside as the rainfall began to crash through her windows, soaking their family’s belongings. As the ceiling of her home began to lift, the boom of her kitchen stove landing in the bushes outside let Vanessa know for certain that the second floor had collapsed above them.

While she and her family survived the night safely, Vanessa struggled to recover from the experience. To help herself and her community better understand and cope with the emotional and psychological impact of the storm, Vanessa enrolled in International Medical Corps Psychological First Aid training.

“It helped me find a better way of understanding people,” she said. “It helped me deal with others in a better way... a better way of trying to comfort people.”
The first needs that people have are power and water. It’s not just an inconvenience to a few people or a major inconvenience to a fraction of the population. Every single person is profoundly affected.”

DR. ROBERT FULLER
Clinical Director of the Emergency Department, University of Connecticut, and International Medical Corps volunteer

PUERTO RICO
IMPACT FROM HURRICANE MARIA

- 3.4 MILLION WITHOUT POWER
- 56% WITHOUT ACCESS TO SAFE WATER
- 80% OF AGRICULTURE DESTROYED
- 92% OF ROADS CLOSED
- 2,975 DEATHS
What surprised me the most was the extent of the impact on the entire island. There really was not a single corner of the island that was not affected by the hurricane.”

DR. HERNANDO GARZON
Global Health Program Director, Kaiser Permanente, and International Medical Corps Volunteer in Puerto Rico
International Medical Corps responds to the hurricane in Puerto Rico.

**Puerto Rico**

**INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS RESPONDS**

- Supported **25,000+ consultations** through the restoration of power and safe water access in health facilities.
- Deployed medical staff to support ASPPR’s mobile health clinics, reaching **995 patients**.
- Distributed **14,791 hygiene kits** to patients and families.
- Provided more than **1,200 mothers** with breastfeeding and nutrition education and information, helping to prevent malnutrition and keep infants healthy.

**LOCAL PARTNERS**

- La Asociacion de Salud Primari de Puerto Rico (ASPPR), a network of 76 health clinics focused on providing care to low-income families.
- La Liga de La Leche and Alimentación Segura Infantil.

**MAP KEY**

- Municipalities reached with mobile medical teams, water bladders, or generators.
To help communities recover from the storm, International Medical Corps provided more than $500,000 in grants to 45 ASPPR clinics. This supported:

- Installation of solar-powered vaccine refrigerators
- Hiring of mental health specialists
- Procurement of portable generators
- Rehabilitation of wells
- And more
At the Salud Integral en la Montana facility, International Medical Corps supported the launch of a mobile vaccination clinic to help reach communities in the mountainous and remote regions of Naranjito. In Comerio, the mobile clinic operated out of a local school and served communities that had gone without power and household water for nearly six months.
The damage to the solar panels has driven up electrical costs by 25 percent and stressed an unstable power grid. The diesel consumption of backup generators and increased electrical bill has consumed financial resources that would be better used providing emergency health services and community education programs. With the support of International Medical Corps, we can more quickly reinstate sustainable energy backups and reduce $6,000 of unexpected operating costs.”

LICENCIADO EDDIE PÉREZ CABÁN
Executive director of Camuy Health Services, Inc.
Today, International Medical Corps is preparing an initiative to strengthen the capacity of community health centers to be ready for the next disaster. The initiative will:

- Train 20+ health clinic organizations on critical emergency planning and response mechanisms, including incident management systems, health hazard vulnerability assessments, and emergency coordination.

- Enhance capacity of some 250 healthcare workers to identify and support mental health needs among adolescents.

- Develop information managements systems and data collection processes at health centers to facilitate rapid and effective communication in the aftermath of future disaster.
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With your support, we have served more than 300,000 people across Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Florida with emergency relief and recovery services following Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Thank you for your continued support as we work to assist those in urgent need anywhere, anytime, no matter what the conditions.

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