

SITUATION

Major Hurricane Dorian, the 1st named hurricane of the 2019 Atlantic Hurricane season, formed on Saturday August 24, 2019. At the peak of strength, Dorian, a Category 5 hurricane had sustained winds of 185 mph with gusts of up to 220 mph. Estimated rainfall was 12-15 inches, and storm surge 18-23 feet above sea level.

As a Tropical Storm, Dorian placed four (4) CDEMA Participating States - Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia and Dominica - under Tropical Storm Warning and one (1) CDEMA Participating State - British Virgin Islands under Hurricane Warning. The impacts on these five (5) states were negligible to minimal. Hurricane Dorian significantly impacted the north-western Bahamas islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama and the surrounding Cayes.

Hurricane Dorian made several records and is historic in many ways. It is the strongest Atlantic hurricane documented to directly impact a land mass since records began, tying it with the Labor Day Hurricane of 1935. Hurricane Dorian affected the north-western Bahamas islands for an approximate total of 68 hours, with the southern eye-wall planted over Grand Bahama for about 30 hours. The unpredictability and unprecedented nature of this hurricane is also record-making.

SNAPSHOT – IMPACT ON ABACO AND GRAND BAHAMA ISLANDS



**EST. EXPOSED
POPULATION**

76,268



**CONFIRMED
FATALITIES**

43



**EST. # OF PERSONS
WITH NEEDS**

15,000



UPDATE FROM THE NEOC as at 2:00 PM September 8, 2019

The National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) of The Bahamas has identified the following priority areas:

EVACUATION

Evacuation of the heavily impacted areas on Abaco are ongoing. From Friday September 6, to Sunday September 8, 2019, approximately five thousand (5000) persons have been evacuated from Abaco, primarily the Marsh Harbour area. The NEOC is working to maintain a log of the evacuees – who have been evacuated and to where – and to ascertain the number of residents still on Abaco. It is estimated that a further four thousand (4000) residents are still on Abaco.

SHELTER

Four (4) shelters have been activated in Nassau to receive evacuees from Abaco. Some evacuees are also seeking shelter with family and friends on the other Bahamian family islands.

RELIEF MANAGEMENT

Relief supply management and distribution efforts are ongoing with the support of regional and international partners.

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Environmental health concerns are heightened. There is a stench from dead animals and possibly dead human bodies.

The Water and Sanitation Corporation (WSC) has advised that the water on Abaco should not to be used for either potable or domestic use. Arrangements are being made for supply of water to meet the local needs.

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) OPERATIONS

Search and rescue/recovery operations are ongoing with support from the United States SAR Teams. Operations are principally focused on the Abaco Cays and on the main island of Abaco.

SECURITY

The Royal Bahamas Defense Force is present on the ground in Abaco and will assist the Royal Bahamas Police Force to address any security matters that may arise.

DEBRIS CLEARANCE

Debris clearance is a priority, particularly roads to increase the access to the impacted areas. There is currently inadequate heavy equipment on the islands to facilitate debris clearance.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

The CDEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Teams (RNAT) have completed their preliminary assessments and the reports for the two islands have been shared with the government for their consideration.

Further to the preliminary findings of the RNAT, the NEOC has requested support from CDEMA to provide two (2) CARICOM Disaster Assessment and Coordination (CDAC) Teams to assist with detailed assessments on Grand Bahama. One team will start assessments on the west-end, the other on the east-end and they will both work their way towards the centre of Grand Bahama.

National teams have already commenced detailed damage assessments of government buildings.

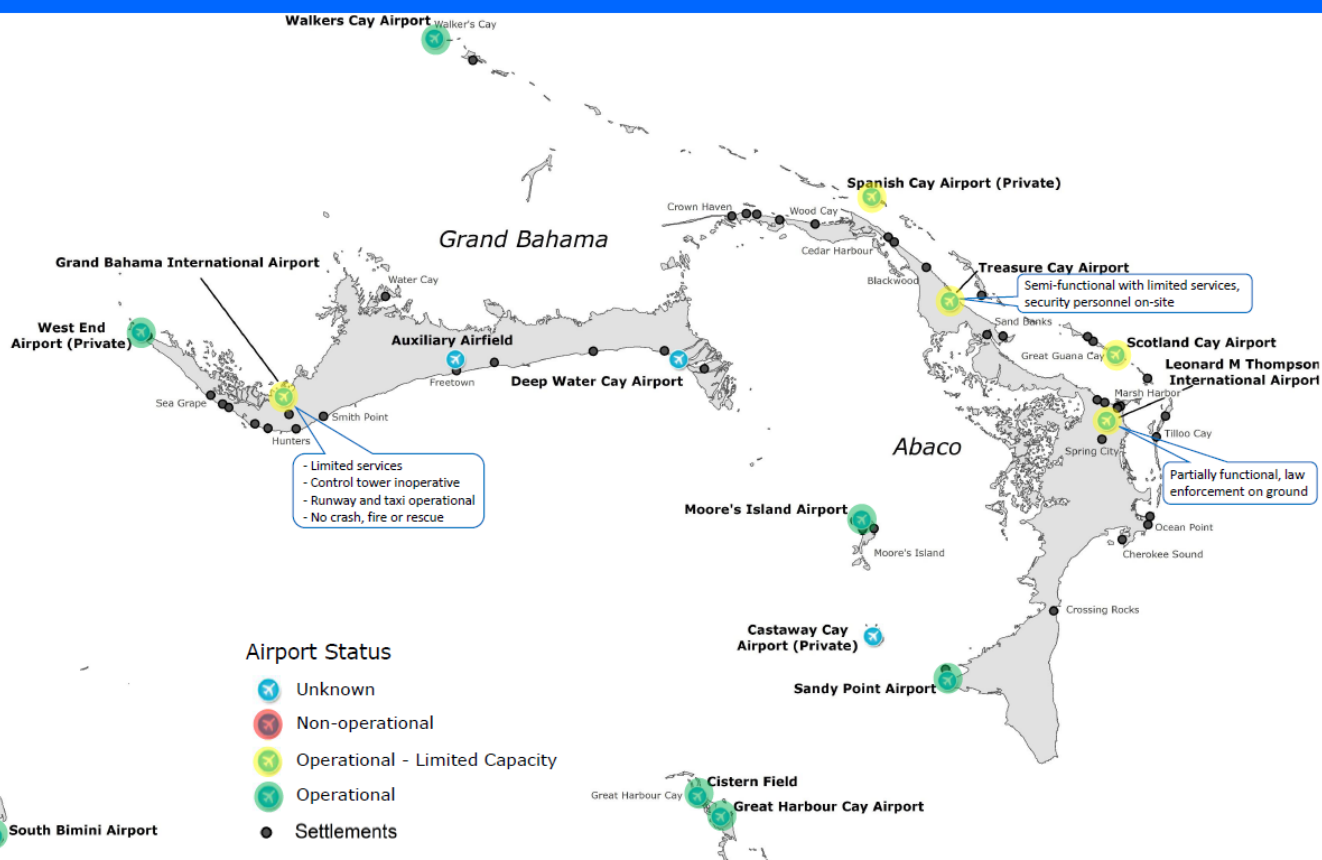
Situational Awareness

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- **The Bahamas Health Facility Status**, 07SEP19 2000EDT
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- **The Bahamas Power Status**, 07SEP19 2000EDT
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Hurricane Dorian – Airport Status

The Bahamas, Northwestern Islands (07 September 2019 2000EDT)



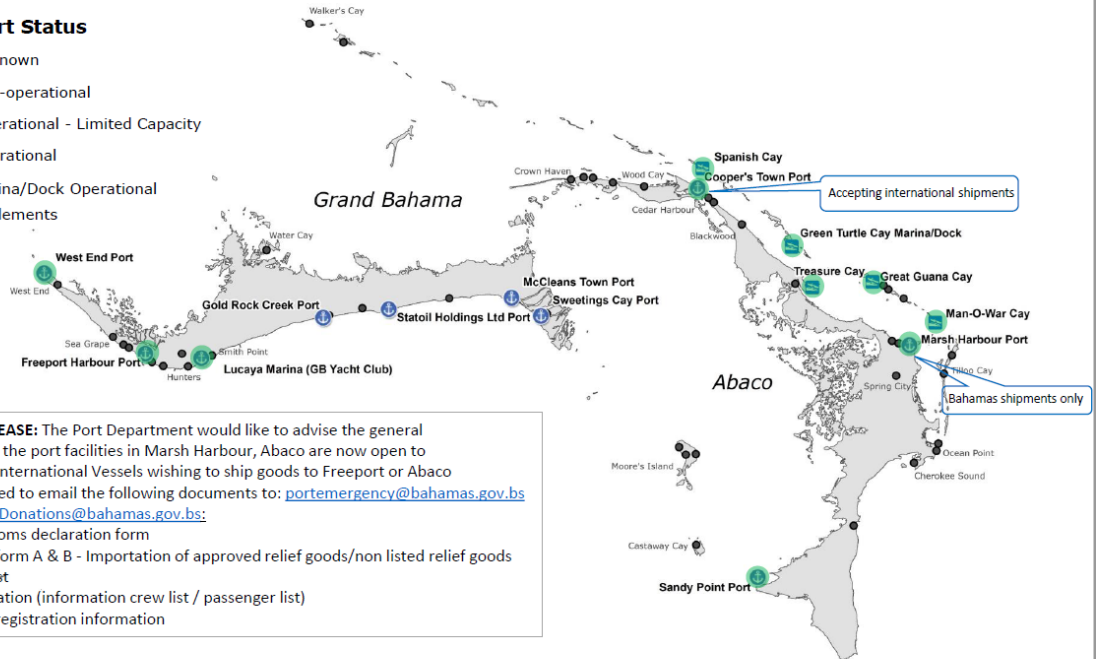
Hurricane Dorian – Seaport Status

The Bahamas, Northwestern Islands (07 September 2019 1700EDT)



Seaport Status

- Unknown
- Non-operational
- Operational - Limited Capacity
- Operational
- Marina/Dock Operational
- Settlements



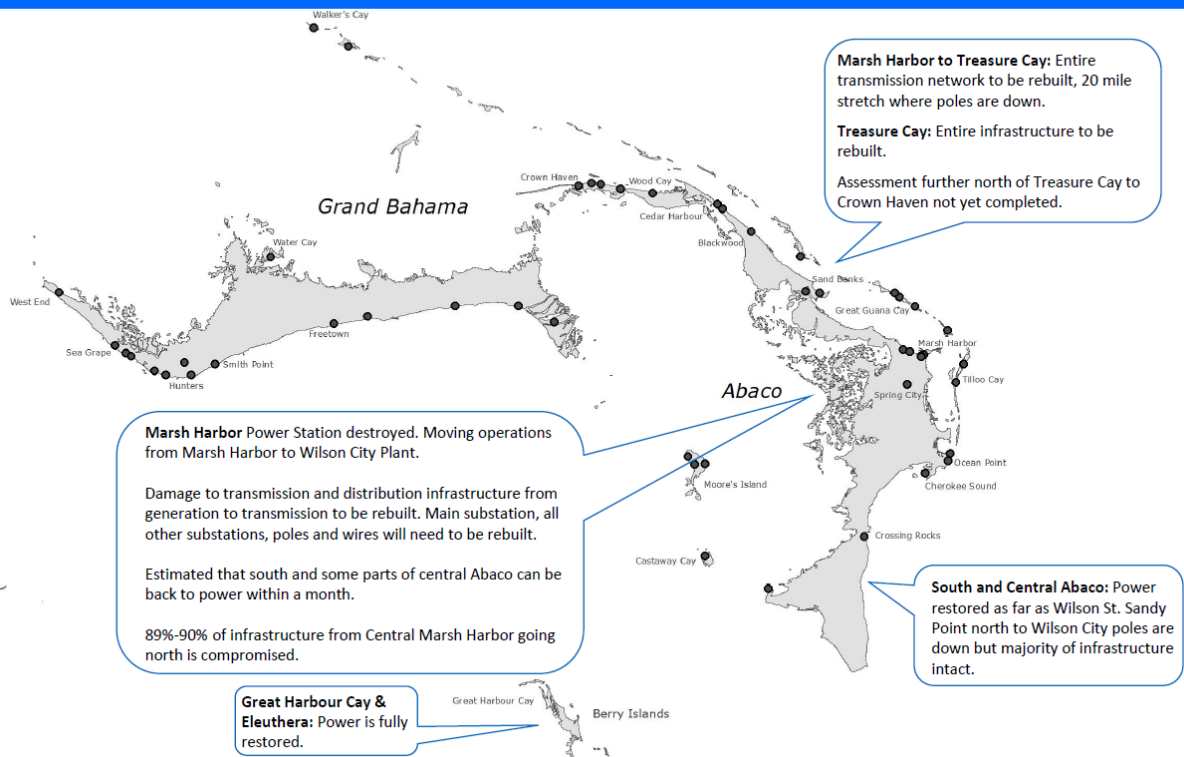
PRESS RELEASE: The Port Department would like to advise the general public that the port facilities in Marsh Harbour, Abaco are now open to Mariners. International Vessels wishing to ship goods to Freeport or Abaco are expected to email the following documents to: portemergency@bahamas.gov.bs and NEMADonations@bahamas.gov.bs:

- C2 customs declaration form
- NEMA form A & B - Importation of approved relief goods/non listed relief goods
- Manifest
- Immigration (information crew list / passenger list)
- Vessel registration information

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Hurricane Dorian – BPL Power and Utility Status

The Bahamas, Northwestern Islands (07 September 2019 2000EDT)



Marsh Harbor Power Station destroyed. Moving operations from Marsh Harbor to Wilson City Plant.

Damage to transmission and distribution infrastructure from generation to transmission to be rebuilt. Main substation, all other substations, poles and wires need to be rebuilt.

Estimated that south and some parts of central Abaco can be back to power within a month.

89%-90% of infrastructure from Central Marsh Harbor going north is compromised.

Marsh Harbor to Treasure Cay: Entire transmission network to be rebuilt, 20 mile stretch where poles are down.

Treasure Cay: Entire infrastructure to be rebuilt.

Assessment further north of Treasure Cay to Crown Haven not yet completed.

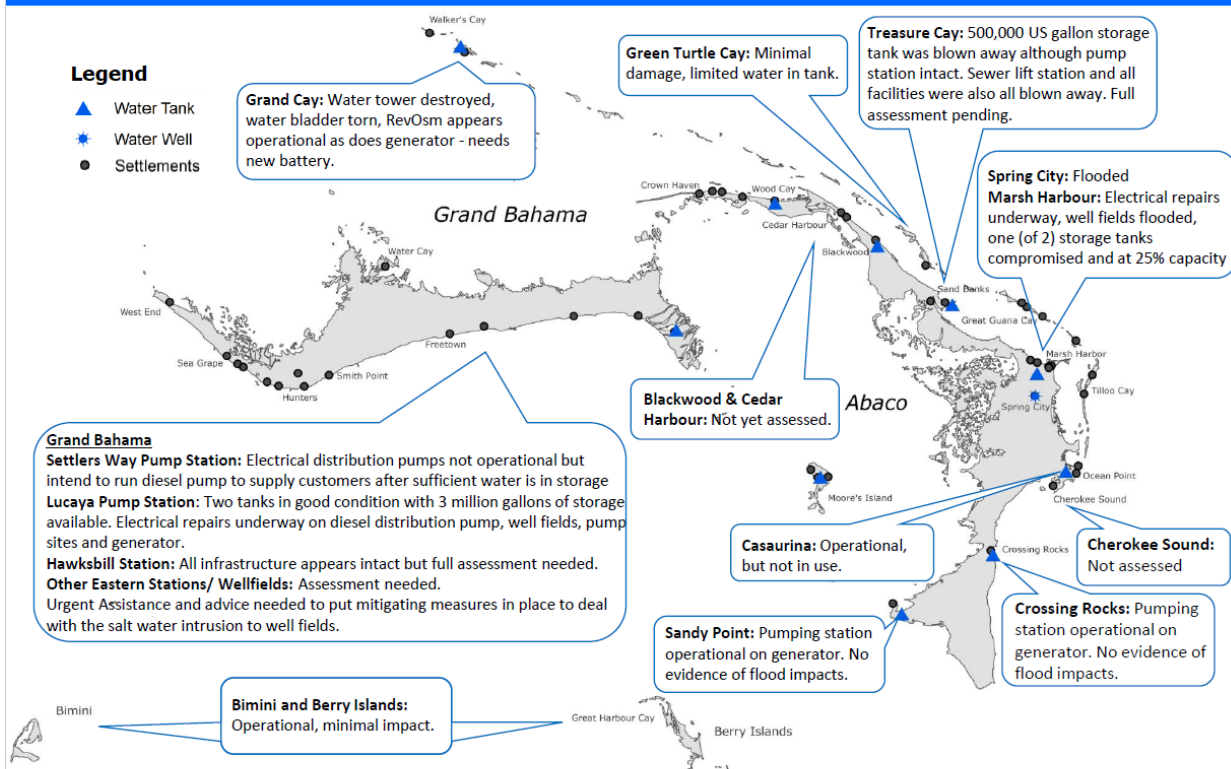
South and Central Abaco: Power restored as far as Wilson St. Sandy Point north to Wilson City poles are down but majority of infrastructure intact.

Great Harbour Cay & Eleuthera: Power is fully restored.

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Hurricane Dorian – Freshwater Status

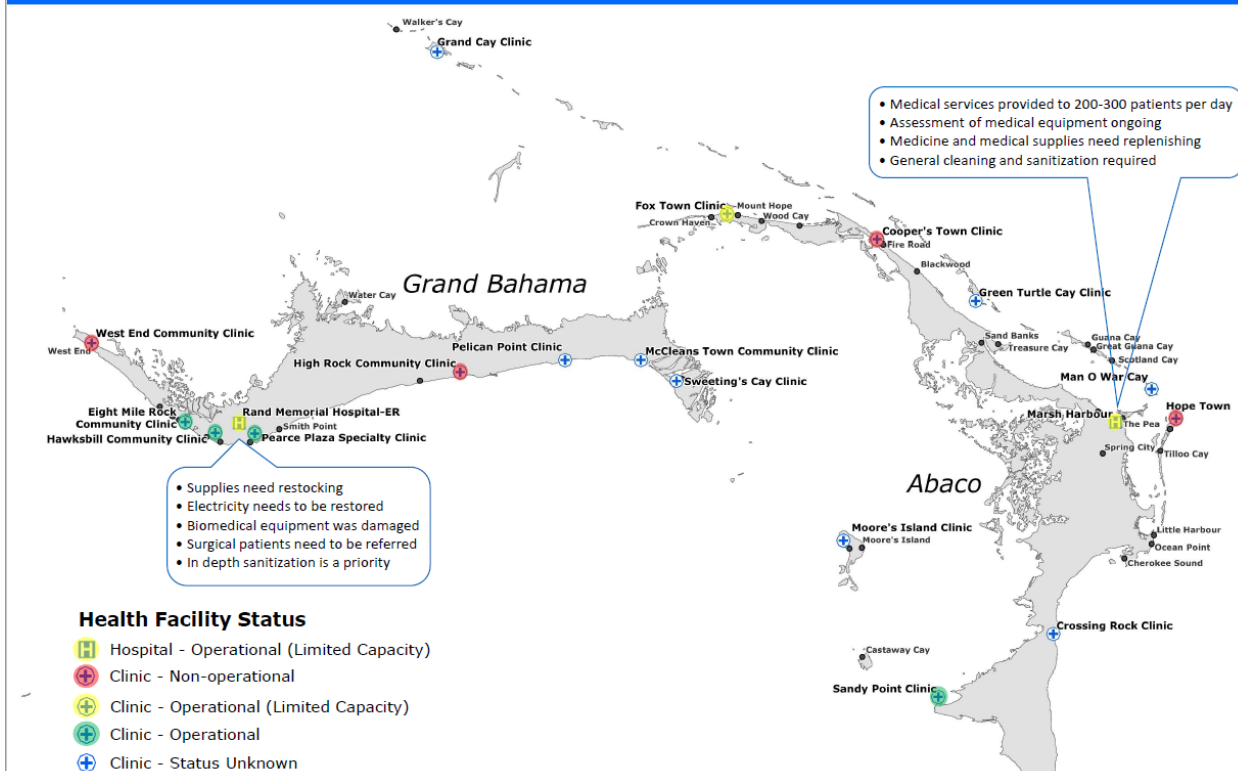
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Hurricane Dorian – Health Facility Status

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Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions

- Deployed personnel from CDEMA arrived in Nassau yesterday, September 7, 2019. The team will provide technical support to the NEOC in Nassau and facilitate discussions on early recovery planning.
- CDEMA along with CARICOM IMPACS facilitated a coordination meeting of the regional Chiefs of Defense Staff to discuss deployment of regional militaries in support of the response operations in The Bahamas on September 7, 2019.
- Further to a meeting today September 8, 2019, with the National Disaster Coordinator (NDC) of The Bahamas, the CDEMA team, the Dutch, Canadian, United Kingdom, United States and Royal Bahamian Defense Force, a decision was taken to activate the Multi-National Caribbean Coordination Cell (MNCCC) to oversee the prioritization and tasking of military assets on the ground in The Bahamas. The priority areas for military support are as follows:
 - ✓ Search and rescue/recovery operations
 - ✓ Road and debris clearance
 - ✓ Clean up of Marsh Harbour
 - ✓ Support to relief supply and distribution on Abaco Cays
 - ✓ Support with temporary housing for impacted population
- Further to a request from the National Disaster Coordinator NEMA, The Bahamas, two (2) CARICOM Disaster Assessment and Coordination (CDAC) Teams have been activated today Sunday September 8, 2019.
- Prepared and disseminated thirteen (13) daily Information Notes and Situation Reports on Dorian, one (1) Savingram and one (1) Press Release. Information updates may be viewed on CDEMA's website www.cdema.org.
- Convened as co-chair - CDEMA and the UN Resident Coordinators for Barbados and Jamaica – fourteen (14) meetings of the Regional Response Mechanism Partners - Caribbean Development Partners Group - Disaster Management (CDPG DM).
- The CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit (CDRU) remains on STAND-BY.
- Requested cash contributions from all eighteen (18) CDEMA Participating States to support emergency relief in the Bahamas. The Summary of Support (pledged/provided) from CDEMA Participating States and Regional Institutions is on pages 7-8.

SUMMARY OF SUPPORT FROM CDEMA PARTICIPATING STATES AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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CDEMA Participating States

Antigua and Barbuda	• Two (2) technical personnel for Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) - expertise in Disaster Risk Management and Port Assessment
Barbados	• Organised a 'Mediathon' to raise funds to provide emergency response support for the people of the Bahamas • Search and Rescue (SAR) team on stand-by
Belize	• Pledged US\$100,000 to assist in recovery efforts • Belize Electricity Company on stand-by to make available • personnel to assist with the restoration of electricity • Prepared to send a contingent from The Belize Defence Force to assist with security
Dominica	• Pledged US \$100,000 towards recovery in The Bahamas • Placed on STANDBY fifteen (15) police officers • Identified eight (8) Fire Officers to assist in the recovery process • Identified a team of six (6) from the Dominica Water and Sewage Company (DOWASCO) to assist in the immediate restoration of water supply system • Providing twenty (20) health professionals to assist in the provision of health services • Search and Rescue (SAR) team on stand-by
Grenada	• Pledged US \$100,000
Guyana	• Oil Refinery Specialist on stand-by
Jamaica	• Sent in 3-member advance team led by Col. Sterling who is stationed in Nassau and the other two members in Abaco • Advanced the first contingent of the 120 member JDF team • Two (2) technical personnel for Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) expertise in Coastal Zone Management and Oil Refinery Assessment
Saint Lucia	• Pledged US 100,000 dollars towards recovery • NEMO Saint Lucia has activated disaster relief accounts at all banks and has made an appeal to the public for donations
Suriname	• Pledged relief items to be shipped to The Bahamas • Oil Refinery Specialist on stand-by
Trinidad and Tobago	• 100 soldiers will be deployed September 8, 2019 from the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force • The team comprise engineers, medics and regular security personnel. The team is being deployed with their own supplies • Seven (7) technical persons from T&TEC to assist in the restoration of power • Pledged US 500,000 dollars to pay for expenses such as medical supplies • Oil Refinery Specialist on stand-by
Turks and Caicos Islands	• Four (4) technical personnel for Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) - Disaster Risk Management, Information Management, and Port Assessment Specialist
Virgin Islands	• Pledged \$100, 000 to assist recovery efforts in The Bahamas • One (1) technical personnel for Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) - expertise in Disaster Risk Management

Regional Institutions	
CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (CARICOM IMPACS)	• Pledged immigration support in event of displacement
Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE)	• Pledged support for restoration of power
Caribbean Electricity Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC)	• Pledged support for restoration of electricity
Caribbean Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC)	• Search and Rescue Teams
Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)	• Provided support to the RNAT (WASH expert) • Will be on stand-by to provide technical support re: vector control, food safety and environmental safety, and risk communication
Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)	• Two (2) technical personnel for Rapid Needs Assessment Team (RNAT) - expertise in Disaster Risk Management (Lead) and Logistics • Personnel to support early recovery planning and EOC management
Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)	• Disbursed USD\$200,000 Emergency Response Grant to NEMA, The Bahamas
Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH)	• Provided initial special weather interpretation of the current and forecasted tropical weather affecting the Caribbean Region for CDEMA's operation planning
Regional Security System (RSS)	• Placed the CDRU on alert • Pledged support to conduct reconnaissance and damage assessment missions, if necessary • RSS Security Chiefs advised to place a 15-man squad on alert for possible deployment
University of the West Indies (UWI)	• Psycho-social support and technical support in early recovery



COORDINATION

CARICOM

- Supporting the identification of persons in impacted islands

DFID UK

- Deployed a surge team to assist inter-agency coordination.

ECHO

- Activated the European Civil Protection Mechanism and Emergency Mapping Services

Global Affairs Canada

- Canadian Disaster Assessment Team (DART) deployed to Nassau to assess any further response from Canada
- Provided mapping, GIS services, disaster and needs assessments and EOC operations

IFRC

- Providing continuous coordination with CDEMA and NEMA; 2 Bahamas Red Cross volunteers joined RNAT in Abaco and Grand Bahama

PAHO

- Coordinating meetings of the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Public Health Authority with the Dutch Army.
- Collaboration with MoH to disseminate key messages on vector and water borne diseases

UNOCHA

- Sent a team to support CDEMA and NEMA in information management, coordination, advocacy and humanitarian financing; supporting a small UNDAC team

UNDP

- Deployed recovery advisor to support preliminary damage/ needs assessment on Abaco.
- Facilitating the revision of building codes with The Government of the Bahamas

WFP

- Providing assessment and vulnerability experts on markets and food security

\$ FINANCING

Global Affairs Canada

- Pledged CAD\$500,000 in emergency assistance to support experienced humanitarian organisations. Canada's contribution will support the efforts of humanitarian partners to respond quickly to needs once assessments are completed

SWISS Government

- Allocated 500,000 Swiss Francs to IFRC and 200,000 to WFP

UK DFID

Support for deployment of CDEMA Response Teams of up to £250,000

UNDP

- Secured USD\$200,000 for coordination of recovery efforts

UNOCHA

- UN Central Emergency Response Fund will provide an immediate US\$ 1 million for urgent life saving activities

USAID/OFDA

- Pledged US\$2.8 million towards recovery efforts



FOOD SECURITY

WFP

- Distributed meals ready to eat in the most affected areas; have experts in relief distribution

UK DFID

- Distributed food rations in coordination with the Royal Bahamas Defense Force

Hands for Hunger (national NGO)

- Offered to assist with distribution of food

CARPHA

- Providing post flooding food safety guidance



AGRICULTURE

FAO

- Currently undertaking assessments in forestry and fisheries sectors



LOGISTICS

Global Affairs Canada

- Transport of Jamaica Defense Force into The Bahamas
- Provided one airport specialist for rapid needs assessment

PAHO

- Assisted in the set up of the Logistics Support System (LSS)

Rescue Global

- Provided aviation (helicopters) and military liaison embed with Engineers and RFA Mounts Bay

WFP

- Mobilised office and storage equipment, logistics experts and common services and assets support; coordinating items stored at the UNHRD in Panama



PROTECTION

CARICOM IMPACS

- Providing immigration support in event of displacement

UNDP

- Providing a gender and recovery personnel

UNFPA

- Providing a surge specialist in sexual and reproductive health, GBV prevention and response in emergencies

UNICEF

- Providing 200 emergency recreation kits

SHELTER

IFRC

- Deployed team to assist with sheltering

IOM

- Mobilising and distributing non food items including 1000 tarpaulins, solar lights, jerry-cans, hygiene kits etc; developing a strategy and coordinating housing repairs; assessing the needs of displaced persons and identifying shelter solutions; deployed and emergency coordinator

Mercy Corps

- Distribution of solar lanterns with USB chargers for phones

UNFPA

- Supporting the RNAT and PDNA in health and shelter assessments

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & IT

MAPACTION

- Working in information management, maps and visualizations

Telecoms Sans Frontieres

- Providing BGANS for coordination and humanitarian workers and providing humanitarian free calling operations

WFP

- Providing 5 VSATs to support EOC in Abaco, Grand Bahama and other locations as well as emergency telecoms experts

EARLY RECOVERY & INFRASTRUCTURE

UK DFID

- Provided support for opening up of infrastructure.

UNDP

- Deployed a team of five (5) to participate in the recovery efforts
- Has several experts on standby in PDNA, recovery planning, early recovery, and debris and waste management
- Household and building damage assessment online tool (HBDA) adjusted for rapid assessments; supporting the Ministry of Public Works with automation of their damage assessment tool.



HEALTH

CARPHA

- Supporting RNAT with health and environmental health; public health and shelter surveillance; post disaster vector control assessment and laboratory surveillance support

PAHO/WHO

- Working in health sector infrastructure and public health
- Surveillance team is coordinating action plan for disease prevention with MoH

Rescue Global

- Providing health and other needs assessments of clinics; movement of aid/ medicine/ medical personnel in and medivacs out;

Samaritans Purse

- Has deployed an EMT Type 2 field hospital to Grand Bahama

Team Rubicon USA

- Has an EMT Type 1 mobile hospital in Abaco



WASH

UK DFID

- The Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Mounts Bay is supporting operations in north Abaco. The vessel is currently supplying potable water to this area.
- Has landed 104 hygiene kits and bottles of water in Marsh Harbour

Kingdom of the Netherlands

- The Dutch marine vessel will arrive on Wednesday September 11, 2019. The vessel has the capacity to produce one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) liters of potable water daily

IFRC

- Prepositioned stocks across the region

ISRAID

- Deploying personnel for WASH infrastructure, water treatment and distribution

Mercy Corps

- Distribution of collapsible jerry-cans, chlorine tablets, water and hygiene kits

PAHO

- Provided personnel to support assessments

Samaritans Purse

- Providing 2 reverse osmosis units and distribute collapsible jerry-cans

UNFPA

- Has 1250 hygiene kits prepositioned in Barbados and Antigua

UNICEF

- Distributing water containers, chlorine/ph pool tester kits, water purification tabs and 500L water tanks

Please see links below to access previous Situation Reports Issued on Hurricane Dorian – The Bahamas

SITREP #7

https://www.cdema.org/CDEMA_Situation_Report_7_-_Hurricane_Dorian_Sept_6_2019_FINAL2.pdf

SITREP #6

https://www.cdema.org/CDEMA_Situation_Report_6_-_Hurricane_Dorian_Sept_5_2019_FINAL.pdf

SITREP #5

https://www.cdema.org/CDEMA_Situation_Report_5_-_Hurricane_Dorian_Sept_3_2019_FINAL.pdf

SITREP #4

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