

The CCRDA Response to Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria & Mexico Earthquake



CCRDA members and other organizations are mobilizing a significant response to those in need following the devastation of Hurricane Irma, Harvey and Maria which swept through the Caribbean and Southern US in September, 2017 and an earthquake which struck central Mexico on September 19, 2017. Below you will find a list of CCRDA organizations who are actively involved in responding to these disasters, followed by a summary of their activity and contact information.

ADRA

Hurricane Irma Response: As an initial response, ADRA has been distributing items in St. Maarten, Turks & Caicos, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Anguilla and Tortola. We have distributed emergency supplies, including food, water, hygiene kits, water purification tablets, tarps and other supplies. Currently, we have a team of 3 completing a needs assessment for the recovery phase in Tortilla, Anguilla and St Marten. ADRA Canada will partner with the Caribbean Union, the ADRA Network, the Natural Disaster Relief Agencies and their respective Governments on the next phase. The report and proposal will be ready in October.

We are collecting funds to expand our response. Our ADRA Caribbean Director has confirmed that needed items can be purchased in the region for shipping to the affected islands.

There are church volunteers responding on the ground. An Emergency Response Team has been deployed to assess unmet needs and coordinate logistics, communications, planning, and programming in the region.

Earthquake in Mexico: In coordination with local, state and federal authorities, ADRA's initial intervention is supporting victims of the earthquake by providing 1,500 families (7,500 people) in Oasaca (Juchitan, Asuncion, Ixtaltepec and El Espinal) and in Chiapas (Tonala, Arriaga and Cintala) with food aid and providing 910 families (4,550 people) with sheets for roofing. Funds collected could go towards a scaled up initial response and/or a network response at the recovery stage.

We have church volunteers responding on the ground, alongside the ADRA Mexico office who is coordinating the response.

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Childcare International Canada

CCI is providing funds to restore livelihood for our partners in Haiti after the impact of Hurricane's Harvey and Irma and now Maria. This will entail funds for seeds and tools for agriculture, as well as livestock, such as goats and chickens. As well, many homes of our sponsored children have been damaged and are in need of repairs such as roof replacements and other infrastructure damage.

We need further funds to transfer immediately to our Haitian partners. Especially in the North West where the people were least able to withstand the damage from excessive rain and wind. What you have to offer partner organizations: As we have an established network of partners in some of the most affected areas, we can assure our CCRDA partners that any donations they may consider giving, will get to trustworthy partners in a timely manner and will be used appropriately as designated.

Contact information: Lorna Parker, Sponsor & Donor Relations, ChildCare International. Phone TF 1-866-856-1656 or 604-575-7902 - Email: LParker@childcareinternational.ca Mailing address: 204 - 5460 152 St, Surrey, BC V3S 5J9

Emmanuel International Canada

Emmanuel International Canada is helping the families of Barbuda with emergency food kits and clean water. Hurricane Irma ran a path of destruction across the Leeward Islands and Barbuda was the hardest hit. Packing 185-mile-per-hour winds, the storm destroyed houses, snapping trees and killing at least one person. Confirmed reports indicate that the infrastructure of Barbuda is 90% destroyed.

Gaston Browne, the prime minister of the two-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, described the island as "barely habitable" after the powerful Category 5 storm struck. Immediate requirement is to provide emergency food kits and clean water. This is a crisis of major proportion, for those who are in shelters have their houses destroyed. The 1500 families on Barbuda were evacuated to nearby island Antigua until the Government can assess the situation.

Emmanuel International Canada EIC Director Richard McGowan said, "We are coordinating with the Moravian Church as well as through our EIC network to maximize our potential response for Barbuda, EIC has worked with the Moravian Church on past projects." For more information visit www.eicanada.org.

Engineering Ministries International

Engineering Ministries International will have at least one disaster response-trained structural engineer arrive in Mexico City by September 25th. The goal of this individual is to evaluate damaged, but not collapsed, structures with priority given to Christian organizations. **If any CCRDA member organization requires assistance with the evaluation of their structure(s), please contact Braden Swab at braden.swab@emiworld.org.**

Nazerene Compassionate Canada

NCM Canada is responding to Hurricane Irma devastation in Cuba. The Church of the Nazarene has over 100 churches in Cuba. Our partner in Cuba is the Cuba West District Church of the Nazarene. The District Superintendent is our contact there.

What NCM Canada needs: Funds. NCM Canada has put out an appeal to churches for funds across our 4 Canadian districts. NCM Canada has \$25,000 (pre-positioned disaster funds) for our initial response. NCM Canada has been offered 29 pallets of dried soup mix and 10 pallets of dried apples along with tents and disaster kits to be shipped to Cuba on a container from our Compassionate Resource Warehouse in Victoria, BC. We are looking for a consignee in Cuba with permit to clear the container.

NCM Canada Partnerships: NCM Canada is joining with the Canada Central District Church of the Nazarene who have a longstanding partnership with Nazarene churches in Cuba. We will be supplying relief goods to the most needy / most impacted families in communities where we have churches. Our churches will provide warehousing, labour to load and offload supplies, and volunteers for distribution.

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OM Canada

We mourn the loss of so many lives through these natural disasters and grieve for survivors whose lives have been forever changed. The love of Christ compels us to serve those needing immediate and ongoing relief. We are reaching out to individuals, families, churches and organizations to join us in bringing relief in Jesus' name. Together, we shall be the love of Christ to those that are hurting and in need.

Hurricane Disaster Response: OM is assessing areas affected by Harvey, Irma, and Maria. OM expects to work in partnership with other organizations on the islands of Barbuda and Dominica. Our team in Antigua has met with contacts from partner organizations there and will coordinate delivery of relief supplies gathered in the Dominican Republic and transported by our ship, Logos Hope to Barbuda. This relief will initially be food, water, water purification kits, hygiene kits and tarpaulins.

We have 380 people on board Logos Hope and our plans are to send our missionaries ashore to help with the first phase of cleanup in Barbuda. We are raising funds to assist with immediate needs: 5000 Hygiene kits, 5000 Water filters, 5000 Tarpaulins and non-perishable food supplies.

Mexico Earthquake Relief: We are raising funds to help people affected by the earthquake. Our team members on the ground are working with volunteers and partner organizations to assess immediate needs as well as the long-term rebuilding process.

Contact information: Joel Kumar, Director of Development & Marketing, joel.kumar@om.org, Cell: 905 329 3166.

Partners International

Partners International Canada is reconstructing homes (mostly house churches) in Cuba in areas affected by Hurricane Irma. The project is part of our Joint Ministry with the Convención Bautista de Cuba Oriental. We have received \$55,000 in gifts and pledges. Relief work is underway and funds can be sent and used immediately. The project is anticipated to be complete in February 2018. We have capacity for \$200,000 in reconstruction work with approximately 1,000 identified structures in need of assistance.

Contact: David Hunt, daveh@partnersinternational.ca

Samaritan's Purse Canada

Hurricane Maria: We are responding to Hurricane Maria using Samaritan's Purse aircraft to get disaster assistance response team members as well as emergency aid into the most affected areas including Puerto Rico and Dominica, which was essentially destroyed by Hurricane Maria. We are distributing items such as shelter tarps, blankets, power generators, hygiene kits, solar flashlights, food, and water. Please visit [here to learn more or to make a donation.](#)

Hurricane Irma: Samaritan's Purse is responding to Hurricane Irma using Samaritan's Purse aircraft to get disaster assistance response team members and emergency aid into the most affected areas in the Caribbean distributing items such as shelter tarps, blankets, power generators, hygiene kits, solar flashlights, food, and water. We have teams and supplies on the islands of Puerto Rico, St. Martin, Turks and Caicos, Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica. We also sent two Samaritan's Purse Canada disaster relief units as well as leadership team members to Florida to assist families with clean-up there. Please visit [here to learn more or to make a donation.](#)

Hurricane Harvey: Five Samaritan's Purse disaster relief units are in Texas to equip staff and volunteers as they serve residents recovering from Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. We have volunteer bases set up and operating including Canadian volunteers who have committed

to one- and two-week shifts assisting with clean-up for the next several months. To make a donation or to apply to volunteer, please visit us [here](#).

Mexico Chiapas Earthquake: We are responding to the 8.1 magnitude earthquake that struck Chiapas, Mexico on Sept. 7, 2017. We are assisting families in the area with home reconstruction as well as helping repair a local children's home (that assists about 100 children) which needs some structural repairs. Please visit [here to learn more or to make a donation](#).

Contact: [Shannon Smith](#), Information Coordinator, ssmith@samaritan.ca.

Word & Deed Ministries

Word & Deed is undertaking relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey by partnering with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), which has set up a response team to plan and carry out relief efforts. The focus is on assisting members of the church, but also on providing assistance to the broader devastated communities in the name of Christ. It is anticipated that volunteer teams from Canada and the US will be sent to assist in the rebuilding effort.

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World Hope Canada

World Hope Canada is joining World Hope International and the Wesleyan Church as they respond to this disaster of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, TX. They are asking for support to: Purchase emergency supplies and equipment for the recovery phase; Establish a base of operations for support and; Provide blankets, mobile water treatment facilities, mobile wash station, and other emergency supplies.

Contact: Stephanie Gilmer, stephanie@worldhope.ca.

World Renew

World Renew is responding to the needs of families who have been affected by Hurricane Irma in Cuba as a member of ACT Alliance to support a recovery project of the Cuban Council of Churches. This project is helping to repair roofs, provide food assistance, water filters and other emergency aid, and help small businesses recover. The total project budget is \$2.4 million, and will help over 32,000 families. The needs are extensive and funds will be used to help local partners respond to needs in Cuba. World Renew volunteers are helping clean out waterlogged homes in Texas and Florida after Hurricane Harvey and Irma so that people's houses are livable until they can be repaired.

World Renew also has local partners in Mexico that could respond to the needs of earthquake survivors if resources are made available.

Contact: Jonathan Self at jself@worldrenew.net or 800-730-3490 (ext. 4326)

World Vision Canada

In response to Hurricane Irma, World Vision is supporting families in El Seibo province, Dominican Republic with food kits and hygiene kits. World Vision has game therapists in different parts of DR for the psycho-affective recovery of girls and boys that result affected by post-disaster trauma.

For Harvey we have been delivering supplies in partnership with local churches and community members in Houston, Corpus Christu and Lake Charles. Emergency supplies headed to the disaster zone include tents, pillows, sleeping bags, coolers, food kits, pet food, personal hygiene items, women's toiletry kits, school supplies, toys, socks, clothes, diapers, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and latex gloves.

In Mexico, we are working with the emergency services to establish shelters, as well as distribute and hygiene kits. We will also be providing emotional support for children affected by the trauma.

In response to Hurricane Maria in DR our immediate response includes the distribution of food packages and household hygiene kits to families affected by the hurricane. Family needs will be met through supplies purchased specifically for the hurricane response.

World Vision would like to collaborate with other organizations.

Contact: Crystal Penner, crystal_penner@worldvision.ca if you are interested in collaboration.