

Relief **2** Recovery

REGIONAL HURRICANE RELIEF INITIATIVE

Let Us Show Our Love & Support for Our Caribbean Neighbours In Their Time of Need

This is a sad and challenging time for the Caribbean region, particularly the Leeward Islands, which have suffered extensive damage and in some cases devastation from two dangerous and destructive hurricanes - Irma and Maria - within the period of only two weeks.

As you are aware, the reports have painted a very distressing picture of devastation including extensive damage to infrastructure, property, communication systems, businesses and sadly, loss of lives within the affected islands.

In Barbuda, in addition to reported deaths, it is estimated that 95% of houses and infrastructure on the island suffered serious damage and approximately 60 percent of residents have been left homeless from the impact of Hurricane Irma. Communication with Dominica is inaccessible but indications are that the island has also been damaged extensively by Hurricane Maria and the death toll now stands at 27 while many persons are reported missing.

While there was no reported death in the Turks and Caicos Islands, Grand Turk and South Caicos were the worst hit by Hurricane Irma. Reports are that 50% of the properties on Grand Turk sustained significant damage and a state of emergency was declared in both Grand Turk and South Caicos. Grand Turk was subsequently hit by Hurricane Maria and has suffered even greater damage.

The personal loss and suffering for the people of these islands is unimaginable as many persons have

lost their homes and everything they own. They need your prayers but there is also an urgent need for food, shelter, clothing, relief supplies, amenities and cash to help with relief efforts on the affected islands.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Caribbean (ICAC) is deeply concerned about the devastation to Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, other Leeward Islands, The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos that have been severely impacted by hurricanes Irma and Maria. As you are aware, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Eastern Caribbean (ICAEC, which includes Dominica and Antigua & Barbuda), the Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants (BICA) and the Turks & Caicos Islands Society of Professional Accountants (TCISPA) are member bodies of the ICAC.

As the regional umbrella body for the accountancy profession in the Caribbean, the ICAC stands in solidarity with and in support of these islands and extend to the residents not only our sympathies but our support. In this regard, the ICAC has initiated a regional hurricane **Relief 2 Recovery** effort in support of the ICAEC, BICA, and the TCISPA and invite you and your members to partner with us in this endeavour. Through this **Relief 2 Recovery** initiative we are appealing to our member bodies (regional institutes), affiliate member bodies and other stakeholders to donate to any of the various agencies established to spearhead recovery and relief efforts in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, The Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and all other affected islands in the Caribbean.

Thank you for your support!



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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

The road to recovery for these affected islands will be a long one but you can all help to make a difference by encouraging your members to donate to any of the organisations listed below.

▶ GENERAL CARIBBEAN

OXFAM

https://secure2.oxfamamerica.org/page/content/emergency_hurricaneirma/

CDEMA

<http://www.cdema.org>

Salvation Army (Caribbean Territory)

<http://www.salvationarmycarib.org/>

▶ EASTERN CARIBBEAN

ICAEC

See attached correspondence from the President of ICAEC, advising that the ICAEC will accept monetary donations and co-ordinate purchases of well-needed items to be shipped to Dominica and Barbuda. Further details are included in the letter from ICAEC President.

▶ ANGUILLA

Anguilla Help

<https://www.apanydonate.org/>

Help Anguilla Rebuild Now

<http://www.anguilla-beaches.com/hurricane-irma.html>

▶ ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Barbuda Recovery

<https://donate.icfdn.org/npo/barbuda-recovery-conservation-trust-fund?fref=gc&dti=143434509201127>

▶ ST MARTIN / ST MAARTEN

Rebuild SXM

<http://www.rebuildsxm.com/?fref=gc&dti=143434509201127>

▶ THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVI Relief Fund

<https://bvirelief.com/?fref=gc&dti=143434509201127>

Virgin Unite Community Support Appeal

<https://www.virgin.com/unite/bvi-community-support-appeal?fref=gc&dti=143434509201127>

BVI Government via Pledgeling

<https://hello.pledgeling.com/widgets/donate/f4fe0a65390299b0eae14f838a79a64f#amounts>

▶ THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS

Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

<http://www.cfvi.net/donate/hurricanerelief.php?fref=gc&dti=143434509201127>

United Way USVI

<https://www.unitedwayusvi.org/Help>

▶ TURKS & CAICOS

Turks & Caicos Just Giving

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hurricaneirmaatci?utm_id=106&utm_term=WjYARX25x

Turks & Caicos Islands Red Cross

Email: directortciredcross@gmail.com

The Salvation Army "Discovery Bay"

c/o P.O. Box 1093, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands Telephone: (649) 431-9711

Email: Matthew.Trayler@CAR.salvationarmy.org

▶ THE BAHAMAS

NEMA.

https://www.bahamaslocal.com/showlisting/18264/National_Emergency_Management_Agency_NEMA.html

Bahamas - You Caring

<https://www.youcaring.com/bringing-relief-to-our-families-in-the-bahamas-443717>

Our Caribbean neighbours need your help...

Let us join in the relief efforts and help them rebuild!