

Situation Overview (continued)

Rapid site verification of the 143 official and unofficial hurricane collective centres was completed on 6 October by the IOM DTM team. The DTM team identified 108 official and unofficial collective centres in use, housing 2,911 people. From 11-15 October, DTM rapid site assessments were conducted in over 90 of these centres. The Government of Dominica released a list of schools scheduled to open from 16 October onwards, including 19 being used as collective centres. DTM rapid site assessments therefore prioritised these 19 collective centres, and a preliminary report was issued on 15 October. Assessments of the remaining collective centres are ongoing with a report anticipated to be released on 20 October.



According to the OCHA situation report of 12 October, one month after the impact of Hurricane Irma on central and western Cuba, priority actions include food distribution, distribution of relief, subsidized sales of necessities, rehabilitation of damaged housing, education and health centres, and agricultural assistance. Around 11,000 people continue to receive humanitarian assistance including food and basic NFIs. Hurricane Irma left 51,677 houses damaged and 647 individuals remain in evacuation centres in Sagua la Grande, Enrucijada, Camajuaní, Remedios, Caibarién, Placetas, Santa Clara and Ranchuelo municipalities.

IOM Response

Dominica

Displacement Tracking

Following rapid site verification that identified 108 occupied collective centres housing 2,911 individuals from 4–6 October, the IOM DTM team rolled out rapid site assessments targeting all these centres from 11–17 October. 19 collective sites in schools scheduled to reopen from 16 October onwards were targeted as priority locations in order to support the provision of assistance and return or relocation support from these locations.

A preliminary report on the 19 schools used as collective centres (14 of which were found to still be housing displaced individuals) was published on 15 October and can be found at <http://www.globaldtm.info/dtm-dominica-preliminary-report-on-schools-14-october-2017/>. The 14 sites were housing 486 individuals (138 households) as of 14 October 2017. 210 individuals (43 per cent) present a vulnerability and all displaced persons indicated that the destruction or severe damage of their house was the main reason for remaining in the shelters.

Rapid site assessments are anticipated to be completed on 17 October, with full report and data to be published by 20 October. Information products under preparation include a narrative report, dataset, maps, KMZ file (a mapping format) for use online and in applications and site profiles for each collective centre. Flow monitoring of people travelling outside Dominica will commence on 16 October.

The DTM is collating figures on displacement caused by the hurricanes in the Caribbean on a regional portal: <http://displacement.iom.int/caribbean-emergency-2017>. The portal provides updates on the displacement situation at the country level for affected countries. In addition to data on Dominica, there is also information on numbers and locations of displacement populations for Antigua and Barbuda and Sint Maarten.



IOM Response (continued)

Shelter / NFIs

IOM is providing pipeline, distribution and coordination support of in-kind shelter and NFIs received from DFID, ECHO/Government of France and USAID. On 11 October, IOM delivered 60 solar lamps to a community focal point in Sylvania and Desport. Furthermore, IOM facilitated the distribution of 50 solar lamps, 93 hygiene kits and 93 kitchen kits in Good Hope. This distribution was attended by representatives of the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), as the goods were donated in kind by the United Kingdom government.

On 14 October, IOM delivered 300 blankets and 100 solar lamps in Thibaud, 460 blankets and 152 solar lamps in Vielle Case, and 740 blankets and 133 solar lamps in Penville. IOM also continues to facilitate logistical arrangements to deliver in kind assistance from Roseau port to other shelter actors, including IsraAid, Catholic Relief Services and Shelterbox, for onward distribution.



Preparation to deliver NFI kits in Good Hope, Dominica © IOM 2017

Regular coordination meetings are held by the Government of Dominica with support from IOM and the participation of IFRC, Samaritan's Purse, Catholic Relief Services, Shelterbox, Digicel and UNDP. A shelter coordination meeting was held on 12 October to discuss support to collective centres in schools that are scheduled to reopen, gather information on early recovery planning, discuss remaining gaps and targeting for emergency shelter and NFI assistance, and encourage partners to report distributions. According to the joint distribution record, as of 9 October, over 15,300 tarpaulins or shelter grade plastic sheeting have been distributed by shelter partners in Dominica. Shelter partners are also distributing kitchen kits, solar lamps, blankets, hygiene kits and other NFIs.

IOM and other shelter actors are currently planning to assist 6,800 households to repair their roofs, and the procurement pipelines for a number of partners are already in process. IOM has procured almost 100 metric tonnes of shelter materials from the Dominican Republic, and secured logistical assistance from the Royal Dutch Navy and HNLMS Karel Doorman. The arrival of these items is anticipated on 18 October. The items will be used to start IOM's roof repair program targeting an initial 600 vulnerable households.

Technical working group meetings are being held weekly to discuss technical specifications, training curricula and programmes, target areas, beneficiary targeting criteria and implementation strategy to encourage harmonisation, coordination and equitable assistance.

Cuba

Shelter / NFIs

IOM has purchased 2,800 mattresses and 2,800 sheets, which are expected to arrive at the Port of Mariel on 17 October. These NFIs will be distributed to 1,400 families who have not yet been able to return to their homes.

The purchase of 244 250-liter water tanks is underway and these goods are expected to arrive on 31 October. These tanks will be used to support returns to affected areas.

IOM continues to work to mobilize funds to implement IOM's Action Plan and improve the quality of life of evacuees, particularly in the Villa Clara Province, and to support repair work to promote the rapid return to their homes.



Mother and child receiving NFI kits in Good Hope © IOM 2017