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Emergency Plan of Action operation update Antigua and Barbuda and Saint. Kitts and Nevis: Hurricane Irma

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Host National Societies: Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross, St. Kitts and Nevis Red Cross	Revised Operation budget: 2,635,276 Swiss francs Coverage: 100%. See Donor's Response list
No. of people to be assisted: 600 families; 400 families in Antigua and Barbuda and 200 families in Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the French Red Cross Platform for Regional Intervention in the Americas and the Caribbean (PIRAC), American Red Cross, the Bahamas Red Cross Society, the Dominica Red Cross Society, the British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross Society, Danish Red Cross, Icelandic Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, the Norwegian Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross.	
Other partner organizations involved in the operation: The Spanish Agency for International Development (AECID), Australian Government, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), DFID, ECHO, Estonian Government, ECHO, The Italian Government, The Japanese Government, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) – St. Kitts and Nevis, National Office of Disaster Service (NODS) – Antigua and Barbuda, The Government of Malta, Private Donors, UPS, VERFWHO Voluntary Emergency Relief, UNDP and UNICEF.	

A. Situation Analysis

Description of the Disaster

On 6 September 2017, Hurricane Irma, a powerful Category 5 hurricane packing winds more than 185 miles per hour, impacted several eastern Caribbean countries. Irma's wide band swept over Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis, with Barbuda and Anguilla most heavily affected.

The primary focus of this emergency appeal is Barbuda where livelihoods, housing, infrastructure and basic services such as health, telecommunication, electricity, water, sewage and waste systems, as well as agricultural land were severely affected. As of now, only 10% of the population (about 200 residents) of Barbuda has returned, with the remainder of the affected population in emergency shelters or host communities in Antigua.

The Government of Antigua & Barbuda have announced that the remaining emergency shelters will be closed in mid-December and that schooling on Barbuda will resume in January. These efforts are to encourage displace residents to return to Barbuda and begin the recovery process.



Antigua and Barbuda RC volunteers conducting PSS activities with children. Source: Antigua and Barbuda RC

B. Coordination and partnerships

The National Societies continue to participate in the National Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). In these coordination meetings, information has been shared with humanitarian partners in both countries. The ABRC and the SKNRCS are working in close relationship with national authorities in charge of disaster response in the countries, and joint assessments of the situation have been ongoing.

Since the declaration of Alert by the IFRC Regional Office for the Americas on 21 August 2017, continuous coordination with the National Societies was established.

The IFRC Country Cluster Support Team in Trinidad and Tobago for the English and Dutch Caribbean countries, together with the Regional Intervention Platform for the Americas and the Caribbean (PIRAC) of the French Red Cross and the IFRC Regional Office have been participating in coordination meetings to address the Movement response to the emergency. The American Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross Society, Italian Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have been in constant communication and participating in the IFRC EOC meetings. The IFRC has been coordinating with the headquarters of the British Red Cross, French Red Cross and the Netherlands Red Cross concerning their overseas branches also with the support of PIRAC.

The ABRC continues to partner with other humanitarian organizations such as Shelter Box, UNDP and UNICEF on response and recovery planning and interventions.

C. Detailed Operational Plan

This Appeal focuses on 7 major areas: health and care; water, sanitation and hygiene promotion; shelter; disaster risk reduction, livelihoods; emergency response preparedness; and national society capacity development.

Based on the evolving needs and new assessments, the Emergency Plan of Action (PoA) is under revision and a revised appeal will be launched in the coming weeks. The revised PoA will reflect reduced needs in emergency relief assistance and will focus on recovery efforts at the household and community levels using cash transfer programming as a tool for livelihoods and shelter recovery. In addition, Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness activities will play a larger part of the revised PoA using a planned ABRC Branch for Barbuda as foundation.

Health & care

Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of affected populations are reduced	Outputs	% of achievement
Activities	<p>Output 1.1 First aid and health care provided to people affected by Hurricane Irma</p> <p>Indicators: # of people on Barbuda who have access to advanced emergency medical care through the initial recovery period. Baseline: 0; Target: 100</p> <p># of people who receive first aid in collective shelters (disaggregated by age and gender) Baseline; 0; Target: All in need</p> <p># of people in collective shelters that receive mosquito nets (disaggregated by age and gender). Baseline: 0; Target: 100</p>	100%
	<p>Is implementation on time?</p> <p>Yes (x) No (x)</p>	% progress (estimate)

1.1.1 Emergency room (supplies and equipment) is donated to the MoH and set up in Barbuda (1.1.1) Emergency medical services established in Barbuda	X		100%
1.1.2 Provision of First Aid services in shelters (1.1.2) Emergency and consultation kits donated to the Ministry of Health	X		50%
1.1.3 First aid trainings provided to the affected community (1.1.3.) Community based First Aid and psychological first aid provided to affected. (1.1.4) Distribution of First Aid kits to those certified from affected community		X	10%
1.1.4 Disseminate health promotion and illness prevention messages to the affected population reinforcing pre-existing community health programmes.		X	0%
1.1.5 Provision and installation of mosquito nets for displaced families living in collective shelters.	X		100%
Progress towards outcomes			
First aid and health care have been provided to people affected by Hurricane Irma. In Barbuda, more than 200 people have had access to a complete consultation room and an emergency room. Barbudans staying in the shelters at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and National Technical Training Centre (NTTC) have access to ABRC volunteers stationed in the shelters every Saturday since October.			
Activity 1.1.1 On 26 September 2017, medical equipment worth 50,000 USD was handed over to the Ministry of Health. The equipment consisted of a complete consultation room and an emergency care room.			
Activity 1.1.2 A first aid station was set up in one of two shelters in Antigua. First aid volunteers were placed in the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium shelter. The National Society is undergoing first-aid refresher trainings with the volunteer base to ensure that all first responder's certifications are up-to-date.			
Activity 1.1.3 First aid training is planned to be carried out in December.			
Activity 1.1.4 The health clinic has recently open, IFRC and ABRC is working with MOH to verify health promotion and illness prevention messages			
Activity 1.1.5 146 mosquito nets were installed at National Technical Training Centre (NTTC).			
REVISION: Indicator A was revised from to focus on # of people instead of # of workers as not only workers are staying in Barbuda and the clinic is open to the public.			
Output 1.2 Affected Barbudans, boys, girls, men and women, are provided with Psychosocial Support			% of achievement
Indicator: # of adults and children, benefitting from psychosocial support (PSS) Baseline: 0; Target: 100			101%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
1.2.1 Provide information on PSS, hygiene promotion and non-communicable diseases to affected people (1.2.1.1) Produce information, education and communication materials relevant for psychosocial support and (1.2.1.2) Disseminate information on psychosocial support, stress management, coping and prevention of violence.	X		100%
1.2.2 Provide psychosocial support activities for boys, girls, men and women (1.2.2.1) Conduct family support activities (1.2.2.2) Provide PSS for children (1.2.2.3) Women's support groups established (1.2.2.4) Barbudan men recruited as volunteers and trained (1.2.2.5) Ensure continuation of activities on Barbuda	X		60%
Progress towards outcomes			
Since 28 October, 35 children, 16 boys and 19 girls, 9-13 years old have been taking part and continue to participate in the Children Resilience Programme (CRP) every Saturday. At least 13 boys and girls 6-8 are taking part in recreational activities every Saturday since 23 September, 11 boys and 2 girls have been registered. 12 women are participating in a support group and 4 men are taking part in the operation as volunteers. 26 parents attended parental			

meeting and 11 women have benefitted from individual PSS sessions. In total 101 people, children and adults have benefitted from some psychosocial support.

Activity 1.2.1.1 Information material on stress management and coping has been developed and printed, and will form part of the PSS program that the ABRC will be undertaking as part of this response.

Activity 1.2.2.1 26 parents, 25 mothers and 1 father, attended parents meeting in connection with the CRP where they received information on how to support their children’s resilience. More family activities are planned for December 2017.

Activity 1.2.2.2 35 children, 16 boys and 19 girls, 9-13 years old are taking part in Children’s Resilience Programme (CRP) every Saturday. At least 11 boys and 2 girls, 6-8 years old, are taking part in recreational activities every Saturday since 23 September the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium. Activities continue at the National Cricket Stadium and includes games and films, and distribution of stuffed animals. The programme is led by a trained PSS instructor and supported by the volunteers of the ABRC youth department. Recreational activities for children under 8 have also taken place at the shelter at National Technical Training Centre (NTTC).



PSS activities with children in Antigua. Source: ABRC.

Activity 1.2.2.3 A women’s support group was established at the National Cricket Stadium – 1st group meeting held on 26 October with 12 women participating, birth control and pregnancy issues were discussed, cross cutting with the Zika programme.

Activity 1.2.2.4 Four Barbudan men have been recruited as volunteers, one has been trained in PSSiE. PSS activities will be integrated in the First Aid training. 15 females will also participate in female only first aid training in December.

Activity 1.2.2.5 Activities in Barbuda will start once the population has returned.

REVISION:

The output “Affected population experience a restored sense of safety, calming, self and community efficacy, connectedness and hope” has been revised to focus more on the services rendered rather than the outcome. The output now reads “Affected Barbudans, boys, girls, men and women, are provided with Psychosocial Support” and the corresponding indicator is Indicator: # of adults and children, benefitting from psychosocial support (PSS).

Data on children’s sense of safety, calming, self-efficacy, connectedness and hope is collected as well, a baseline survey has been carried out and a post-survey will be carried out at the end of the programme in order to report on the outcome of the programme.

Output 1.3 Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross (ABRC) volunteers and staff are trained in psychosocial support and have the means to carry out expected tasks		% of achievement	
Indicator: # of ABRC volunteers trained in PSS. Baseline: 0; Target: 70		41%	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
1.3.1 Capacity building of ABRC volunteers (1.3.1.1) ABRC volunteers trained in Psychosocial Support in Emergencies (target: 25 volunteers), (1.3.1.2) Training of volunteers in Children’s Resilience Programme (target: 20 volunteers) (1.3.1.3) ABRC volunteers and staff attend PSS ToT (target: 5 persons) (1.3.1.4) Caring for Volunteers sessions and team building exercises (1.3.1.5) Establish referrals pathways for specialized support (1.3.1.6) ABRC Psychosocial Support plan of action developed (1.3.1.7) Training of ABRC Youth as Agents for Behavioural Change peer educators (target: 18 persons (revised from 20)) (1.3.1.8) Lessons learned workshops conducted (1.3.1.9) Establish safe spaces for psychosocial support activities in Antigua and Barbuda	X X X X X X X X X X X		47%
Progress towards outcomes			
29 volunteers and staff (24 female and 5 male) have been trained in psychosocial support, 17 volunteers and staff (15 female and 2 male) are actively carrying out the children’s resilience programme (CRP). 12 volunteers (9 female and 3 male) were trained in psychosocial support in emergencies (PSSiE), they are participating in support activities for the beneficiaries.			

Activity 1.3.1.1 12 volunteers and staff (9 female and 3 male) were trained in PSSiE

Activity 1.3.1.2 Children’s resilience programme (CRP) training has been completed. 17 volunteers have been trained. The CRP was rolled out on 28 October and will continue for 16 consecutive weeks – 35 children (age 9 –13) have been reached through the programme.

Activity 1.3.1.3 A five day PSS Trainer of Trainers (ToT) is planned for the end March / beginning April 2018 in Antigua – Master trainers from Reference Center. Staff and volunteers from the wider region will participate– target: 24 persons (5 from ABRC)

Activity 1.3.1.4 Caring for volunteers with team building exercises was carried out on 22 October. Approximately 30 volunteers participated. Next session is planned for mid- December 2017.

Activity 1.3.1.5 Referral pathways established through Ministry of Health (MoH) via Health Director at ABRC.

Activity 1.3.1.6 A Psychosocial support plan of action has been developed.

Activity 1.3.1.7 Training of Youth as Agents for Behavioral Change for ABRC and St. Kitts & Nevis is planned and prepared for 5-8 January 2018. A Master trainer will come from Geneva and Suriname. The training will be 4 days and as a result the target group has been reduced to 18.

Activity 1.3.1.8 A lessons learned workshop will be conducted at the end of the PSS programme.

Activity 1.3.1.9 Temporary spaces have been organized in Antigua for the CRP. Safe spaces will be established in Barbuda upon return of the population.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion (Antigua and Barbuda)

Outcome 2: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water-related diseases in targeted communities	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 2.1 Distribution of hygiene-related goods (non-food items), which meet Sphere standards, to Barbudan families. Indicator: # of families that receive hygiene related goods Baseline: 0; Target: 400		
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
2.1.1 Distribution of hygiene kits (1 per family), jerry cans and buckets to displaced population living outside of shelters in Antigua.	X		100%
Progress towards outcomes			
476 families received hygiene kits containing toilet rolls, toothpaste, laundry soap, soap, shampoo, combs, razors and toothbrushes at the onset of the disaster.			
Activity 2.1.1: A total of 522 hygiene kits have been distributed, both at the ABRC headquarters for families staying with families and friends and in two collective centres in Antigua. Each family with 1 to 5 members received 1 kit, while families with 6 or more members received 2 kits.			
Output 2.2 Provision of safe water to Barbudan families. Indicator: # of families that receive safe water Baseline: 0; Target: 400			75%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	

2.2.1 Provision of safe water to displaced families living in Antigua (2.2.1) Distribution of bottled water to displaced families	X		75%
2.2.2 Provision of household storage facilities to vulnerable populations in Barbuda (2.2.2.1) Procurement and installation of family water containers. (2.2.2.2) Support to improved rain water harvesting systems. (2.2.2.3) Community sensitization about water use (rain harvesting water, water containers, water storage). (2.2.2.4) Distribution of jerry cans, buckets and chlorine tablets.	X		10%
Progress towards outcomes			
298 families received bottled water once, the amount of water depended on the size of the family. Activity 2.2.1: 298 households received bottled water, they were distributed at the two collective centres in Antigua as well as at the ABRC headquarters for those families staying with friends and families. 863 cases of water were distributed, in total 7,767 liters (1.5 liters x 6 bottles x 863 cases). Activities 2.2.2: 249 jerry cans have been distributed. The implementation of activities 2.2.2.1 to 2.2.2.3 are pending, until the government's final housing strategy for Barbuda is finalized.			
Output 2.3 Provision of additional community water storage facility for Barbuda			0%
Activities		Is implementation on time?	% progress (estimate)
(2.3.1) Construction of a 424,000 litres community water reservoir in Barbuda	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
The need for water storage facility in Barbuda has been met and this activity will not be included in the revised EPOA.			
Output 2.4 Hygiene promotion and vector control activities which meet Sphere standards in terms of the identification and use of hygiene items, is provided to the target population. Indicator: # of people who attend hygiene promotion activities Baseline: 0; Target: 1,000			10%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
2.4.1 Hygiene promotion (2.4.1) Community sensitization on water management and storage for displaced families living in Antigua.	Yes (x)	No (x)	10%
(2.4.2) Reinforcement of hygiene promotion activities both in Antigua (with displaced population as well as in Barbuda once population are returned (i.e. sensitisation, promotion, clean up campaigns).			0%
Progress towards outcomes			
Hygiene messages and activities are mainstreamed through the Child Resilience Programme. 35 children have received hygiene information through their participation in the programme. The hygiene promotions are reinforced through the distribution of hygiene promotion pamphlets including information on water management and storage. Approximately 100 people have been reached. Activity 2.4.1 Pamphlets promoting good water management and storage as well as other hygiene messages have been printed and distributed among the displaced Barbudan population. The Ministry of Health has requested 1,000 copies to further share. Activity 2.4.2 Hygiene promotion will be reinforced in Barbuda once the reconstruction phase is underway and majority of the population has returned to Barbuda.			

Shelter and settlements (Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis)

Outcome 3: Households are able to meet their shelter needs.	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 3.1 Most vulnerable households will receive NFI including tarpaulins, blankets and kitchen sets (Antigua and Barbuda and St. Kitts and Nevis)		
Indicator: # of households that receive NFI tarpaulins, blankets and/or kitchen sets.			
Baseline: 0; Target: 400 households			
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
3.1.1 Identification of target families based on need assessments and registration	X.		100%
3.1.2 Supply of tarpaulins to the most vulnerable families	X		25%
3.1.3 Supply of blankets and kitchen sets to the most affected families	X		100%
Progress towards outcomes			
400 households have received kitchen sets, 97 households received shelter kits. 48 tarpaulins have been distributed.			
Antigua and Barbuda Activity 3.1.1 The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) requested the support of the Red Cross with the registration of all Barbudans displaced as a result of Hurricane Irma. The ABRC, with the support of the IFRC, developed a registration survey. This included household demographics, damages to homes, livelihood activities and assistance received. This list was vetted by the Barbuda Council representatives and members of the Barbuda Branch of the ABRC. A total of 506 households have been registered using mobile data collection tools. Activity 3.1.2 48 tarpaulins distributed in Barbuda. 97 households have received shelter kits. Activity 3.1.3: Kitchen sets were distributed to 400 families staying with host families in Antigua.			
St. Kitts and Nevis: Activity 3.1.2 and 3.1.3: Prepositioned Non-Food Items were distributed immediately after the disaster in Molineaux, St Pauls, Sandy Point, Keys, Cayon, Verchilds, Basseterre and Nevis. 346 tarpaulins were distributed along with 130 blankets, 12 hygiene kits and 6 kitchen sets. 20 families in the Dieppe Bay, Conaree, Saddlers and St. Peters in St. Kitts received, blankets, hygiene kits and kitchen sets, 6 families received buckets.			
Output 3.2 Financial support to rent (rental subsidy) is provided to vulnerable families that have no possibility to stay by their relatives or host families (Antigua and Barbuda) – Focus on houses with level 3-4 damage.			0%
Indicator: # of households benefitting from rental support.			
Baseline: 0; Target: 100 households			
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
3.2.1 Information and communication campaigns		X	0%
3.2.2 Market analysis for rental support	X		100%
3.2.3 Development of standard rental agreements	X		50%
3.2.4 Conditional cash for house rental	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
According to the updated beneficiary assessments, beneficiaries are currently living either in a) collective shelters, b) with family and friends or c) renting. Around 90% of the affected households are public servants and still receive salaries from the government. Therefore, the revised plan of action will focus on unconditional financial support to all affected households to assist with shelter recovery activities.			

<p>Activities 3.2.1 The information campaign for this part of the CTP will be carried out once the programme is implemented.</p> <p>Activity 3.2.2 A market analysis was completed on 10 November 2017.</p> <p>Activity 3.2.3 The ABRC and IFRC are coordinating with the consumer affairs authority on rental issues. A simple rental template will be provided for Barbudans to use at will. Progress has been made towards developing a standard rental agreement.</p> <p>Activity 3.2.4 Discussion on unconditional cash programme for families with children or other special conditions are underway and will be reflected in the revised emergency plan of action.</p>			
<p>Output 3.3 Financial, material and technical support is provided for displaced men and women to repair the existing house with a secure structure (Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis) – Focus on house with level 1-2 damage.</p> <p>Indicator: # of households receiving financial support for housing repairs. Baseline:0; Target: 100</p>			0%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
3.3.1 Identification of target families based on need assessments and registration	X		0%
3.3.2 Assessment of the existing damaged structure	X		0%
3.3.3 Workshops on the use and distribution of shelter toolkits	X		0%
3.3.4 Individual planning to strength the existing structure	X		0%
3.3.5. Replacement of some structure with stronger elements	X		0%
3.3.6. Complete the house (lintel, roof windows, doors etc.)	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
<p>ABRC and the IFRC are finalizing a shelter strategy based on a Building Damage Assessment (BDA), conducted in November 2017 and led by the National Office for Disaster Services (NODS) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), in close consultation with the Barbuda Council. The strategy will feed into the revision of the EPOA and implemented in the recovery phase, once the Barbudans move back to Barbuda.</p>			

Livelihoods (Antigua and Barbuda)

<p>Outcome 4: Household economic security of the disaster targeted population is improved</p>	<p>Outputs</p> <p>Output 4.1 Unconditional cash transfers are provided to targeted households to meet their essential needs and/or protect their livelihoods/remaining assets.</p> <p>Indicator: # of households receiving financial support to replace assets Baseline: 0; Target: 400</p>		107%
	Activities	Is implementation on time?	
Yes (x)		No (x)	
4.1.1 Elaboration of CTP feasibility study	X		100%
4.1.2 Unconditional cash programme for replacement assets	X		107%
4.1.3 Design of Q&A system for the execution of the CTP	X		100%
4.1.4 Cash Training for ABRC volunteers and staff		X	0%
4.1.5 Create and implement monitoring and evaluation system	X		100%
4.1.6 Create and implement cash specific Q&A system	X		100%
Progress towards outcomes			
<p>429 households received unconditional cash transfers to meet their essential needs and/or protect their livelihoods/remaining assets. 97% of the beneficiaries expressed to be satisfied with the amount received. 73% of</p>			

beneficiaries' express being very satisfied with the process, 24% reported being satisfied and 3% reported being satisfied with the overall cash transfer programme process.

Activity 4.1.1 The CTP feasibility study has been completed.

Activity 4.1.2 429 households qualified for and received debit cards. The cash value withdrawn by the beneficiary is USD 142,240.

Activity 4.1.3 A hotline service has been established to address all queries related to the relief operation of the ABRC. This mechanism has been actively used by the affected population and the National Society is responding to each query. A query form was created and used to register issues related to the programme. It was used by beneficiaries who visited ABRC offices in person, all the queries were registered and followed by a five-step process created to manage all queries.

Activity 4.1.4 A Cash transfer programme workshop for ABRC volunteers and staff will be included in a livelihood workshop in March 2018. The workshop will include a lesson learned workshop.

Activity 4.1.5: the following monitoring activities were carried out: 1) A five step process was implemented to follow up on all registered queries. 2) The list received by SWIFT (the service provider) was verified against the recipient list weekly. 3) The expenditure of each card was monitored weekly. 4) Update of the beneficiary assessment was carried out in November using ODK 5) Interviews were conducted with beneficiaries at every distribution 6) Beneficiary satisfaction survey was carried out during the distribution process using ODK.

Activity 4.1.6: see Activity 4.1.3

Output 4.2 The livelihoods of evacuee Barbudan households are restored or temporary replaced during their displacement in Antigua.

Indicators:

of households receiving financial support to restart livelihoods.

Baseline: 0; **Target:** 37

of persons received skills training (disaggregated by gender)

Baseline: 0; **Target:** 37

0%

Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
4.2.1 Livelihoods assessment	X		100%
4.2.2 Labour market analysis	X		100%
4.2.3 Beneficiary selection to restart/temporarily replace livelihoods while staying at Antigua	X		100%
4.2.4 Cash programme for restarting livelihoods	X		0%
4.2.5 Monitoring and evaluation	X		0%
4.2.6 Skills trainings	X		0%

Progress towards outcomes

90% of the affected households in Antigua and Barbuda are public servants and are still receive salaries from the government. Therefore, the revised plan of action will focus on targeted livelihoods support in sectors such as fisheries where the majority of local fishermen experienced damage or total destruction of their boats and equipment.

Activity 4.2.1 A livelihood assessment was finalized on 17 November 2017.

Activity 4.2.2 A labour market analysis was included in the livelihood assessment finalized on 17 November 2017.

Activity 4.2.3 So far only beneficiaries to be targeted for livelihoods support in Barbuda have been identified, support in Antigua is on hold until after the revision of the EPOA.

Activity 4.2.4 The plan for the cash programme for restarting livelihoods is being finalized.

Activity 4.2.5 A monitoring and evaluation will be carried out once the programme is implemented.

Activity 4.2.6 A skills training will be carried out once the CTP is completed.

Output 4.3: Targeted returned Barbudan households have sufficient working capital and inputs to restart activities and have information, better knowledge, skills and practices to protect their livelihoods.

Indicator:

of HHs that apply DRR practices in order to protect their livelihoods

Baseline: 0; **Target:** 37

0%

Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
4.3.1 Livelihoods Programming Course for ABRC volunteers and staff	X		0%
4.3.2 Livelihoods assessment update	X		0%
4.3.3 Beneficiary selection	X		0%
4.3.4 Skills and protection livelihoods trainings	X		0%
4.3.5 Cash programme for restarting livelihoods	X		0%
4.3.6 Monitoring and evaluation	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
90% of the affected households in Antigua and Barbuda are public servants and are still receive salaries from the government. Therefore, the revised plan of action will focus on targeted livelihoods support in sectors such as fisheries where the majority of local fishermen experienced damage or total destruction of their boats and equipment.			
<p>Activity 4.3.1 A livelihood training for ABRC volunteers will be carried out in March including a CTP component.</p> <p>Activity 4.3.2 A livelihood assessment was completed on 17 November 2017.</p> <p>Activity 4.3.3 Beneficiary selection to restart temporarily replace livelihoods while staying at Barbuda has been completed and agreed with the government and partners. Barbudan fishermen have been selected as the beneficiaries of this programme.</p> <p>Activity 4.3.4 A skills training will be carried out at the end of the CTP</p> <p>Activity 4.3.5 The cash programme for restarting livelihoods will start in the recovery phase.</p> <p>Activity 4.3.6 Monitoring of the situation is ongoing, implementation and results monitoring will commence once the cash programme for restarting livelihoods starts.</p>			

Disaster risk reduction (Antigua and Barbuda)

Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Outcome 5: Affected communities are prepared and sufficiently resilient, in coordination with local authorities, to respond to future hurricanes and other disasters	Output 5.1 Integrated Early Warning System is established. Indicators: An Integrated Early Warning System (EWS) is in place in Barbuda Baseline: No; Target: Yes # of people trained in Common Alerting Protocol-compliant EWS: Baseline: 0; Target: 25		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
The above activities will be carried out during the recovery phase when the majority of households have returned to Barbuda.			
Output 5.2 Households are provided with Disaster Risk Reduction awareness and household level DRR interventions. Indicators: # of people in Barbuda who participate in DRR awareness promotion activities Baseline: 0; Target: 100 people			0%
5.1.1 Meetings coordinated to facilitate the development Multi-Hazard National Platform on EWS	x		0%
5.1.2 Procurement of CAP software	x		0%
5.1.3 Installation and testing of CAP software	x		0%
5.1.4 Training in CAP-compliant EWS	x		0%

# of households with DRR improvements Baseline: 0; Target: 100 households			
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
5.2.1 Safer Houses and Training for Artisans training methodologies standardised based on existing minimum standards			0%
5.2.2 Safer Houses TOT training			0%
5.2.3 Safer Houses training in communities			0%
5.2.4 Family disaster plans disseminated to and completed with community members			0%
5.2.5 Community peer-to-peer exchanges to support CBDRR activities			0%
5.2.6 Community Disaster Response Team training			0%
5.2.7 Joint Community simulations delivered			0%
Progress towards outcomes			
The above activities are planned in month 5, during the recovery phase.			
REVISION: The output “Affected communities are resilient to shocks and stresses of disaster events” has been revised to read “Households are provided with Disaster Risk Reduction awareness and household level DRR interventions.”			

Emergency response preparedness

Outcome 6: ABRC and SKNRCs are well prepared to respond to emergency operations	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 6.1: National Society personnel have enhanced disaster management skills Indicators: # of volunteers trained in Open Data Kit and Mega V Baseline; 0; Target: 25 # of Volunteers trained in disaster management Baseline: 0 Target: 25 # of National Societies who participated in simulation evaluation exercise Baseline: 0; Target: 2		0%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
6.1.1 Joint training on emergency assessment, beneficiary registration and distribution (ODK and Mega V)	X		5%
6.1.2 National Intervention Team Training	X		0%
6.1.3 Disaster Response Capacity Evaluation exercise with National Society Headquarters and Branch	X		0%
6.1.4 Improved capacity on emergency assessment, beneficiary registration and distribution (ODK and Mega equipment)	X		0%
6.1.5 Provision of VHF radio and other equipment	X		5%
6.1.6 Modified Barbuda branch’s infrastructure as hurricane-proof shelter	X		5%
6.1.7 Enhanced logistics capacities for Antigua and Barbuda RC and St. Kitts and Nevis RC (Training, equipment and warehouse improvement)		X	0%
6.1.8 Development of a Response Plan and SOPs	X		0%
6.1.9 Hurricane contingency plan development	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
Majority of the disaster management skills capacity building will take place later on in the operation, however planning for the capacity support has begun.			

Activity 6.1.1 11 ABRC volunteers participated in a joint training on emergency assessment, beneficiary registration and distribution (OKD and Mega V) 1 – 3 December 2017.
Activity 6.1.2 The National Intervention Team Training will take place on March-April 2018.
Activity 6.1.3 is planned for month 7 of the operation.
Activity 6.1.4 Pending completion of activity 6.1.1
Activity 6.1.5 The procurement of VHF radios is in process.
Activity 6.1.6 A design for a hurricane proof structure has begun.
Activity 6.1.7 Postponed until the recovery phase
Activity 6.1.8 Planned for the recovery phase
Activity 6.1.9 Planned for month 7 of the operation.

REVISION:

The indicator “# of volunteers trained as national intervention team” was replaced with “# of volunteers trained in disaster management.”

National Society capacity building (Antigua & Barbuda and St. Kitts & Nevis)

Outcome 7: National Societies have enhanced organisational capacity	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 7.1 Financial management and PMER systems are in place in support of recovery efforts. Indicator: # of financial and narrative reports submitted as per IFRC procedures. Baseline: n/a Target: 6 financial and 6 narrative reports		50%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
7.1.1 Training in Finance Management for National Societies	x		0%
7.1.2 PMER training for National Societies	x		50%
Progress towards outcomes			
PMER systems are being strengthened, key staff have been trained in PMER. An M&E plan and reporting schedule has been developed and presented to relevant staff. A finance delegate is being recruited. Once in place, a long-term plan for the strengthening of financial system’s will be developed. Activity 7.1.1 Finance staff of the ABRC has taken part in peer-to-peer training and mentorship with IFRC finance delegates. Activity 7.1.2 9 NS staff members and volunteers underwent a half day PMER introduction on 27 and 28 November 2017.			
Output 7.2 Branch governance and volunteer capacity enhanced			
Indicators: # of branches with governance structures in place Baseline: 0; Target: 1 # of new members/volunteers recruited Baseline: 0; Target: 20		0%	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
7.2.1 Support the development of volunteer development strategies	X		0%
7.2.2 Recruitment of members and volunteers at the branch	X		0%
7.2.3 Establishment of governance systems for branch management	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
A training in volunteer management for the ABRC took place. 5 staff members were trained.			

Output 7.3 Enhanced financial sustainability of the National Society			0%
Indicator: NS has established or revised Resource Mobilization and Communications plans			
Baseline: No; Target: yes			
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
7.3.1 Resource mobilisation training	X		0%
7.3.2 Development of a Resource Mobilisation strategy and plan	X		0%
7.3.3 Creation of a Communication Strategy and Plan in support of resource mobilisation	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
The above activities will be implemented after the recovery process has started.			

Programming / Areas Common to all Sectors

Quality Programming			
Outcome 8: The design and implementation of the operation is based on quality data and feedback from beneficiaries	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 8.1 Detailed quality data is collected and response plan updated per findings.	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
8.1.1 Registration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Design and agree with the National Disaster Office questionnaire that will be used to register the displaced community Train enumerators and prepare surveys on mobile devices using ODK technology Plan timeframe and strategy for reaching the internally displaced population Disseminate final registration with national authorities and external partners 	X		100%
8.1.2 Distribution <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the priority needs of the affected population based on the data available through the registration process Develop beneficiary criteria based on needs, family sizes, etc. Plan the frequency of distribution Coordinate the distribution of all relief items through NODS using Mega V technology 	X		100%
8.1.3 Community Engagement and Accountability <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt key messages around hurricane preparedness and health (WASH) in emergencies using IFRC CEA Toolkit Assess and design the most appropriate feedback mechanism between the ABRC and the affected population 	X		75%
8.1.4 Effective communication with all stakeholders <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Production of media materials, including facts and figures, key messages, press releases and media advisories. Production of audio-visual materials, including b-roll, video testimonies of volunteers and community members. Production of web stories, blog posts and social media copy. Organization of communications trainings and workshops in emergency communication for Red Cross staff and volunteers. 	X		0%
8.1.5 Development and use of a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system to support monitoring of the operation progress	X		100%

and cash transfer mechanism and ensure ability to report on indicators			
8.1.6 Regular monitoring visits	X		In progress
8.1.7 Final Evaluation	X		0%
Progress towards outcomes			
Detailed quality data is being collected through routine monitoring and detailed assessments by technical staff. The Emergency Plan of Action is being revised based on the most recent findings. Communication is routinely shared with all stakeholders.			
<p>Activity 8.1.1 The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) requested the support of the Red Cross with the registration of all Barbudans displaced as a result of Hurricane Irma. The ABRC, with the support of the IFRC, developed a registration survey. It included household demographics, damages to home, livelihood activities and assistance received. This list was vetted by the Barbuda Council representatives and members of the Barbuda Branch of the ABRC. A total of 506 households are currently registered using mobile data collection tools.</p> <p>Activity 8.1.2 The priority needs of the registered households have been analysed and support provided in line with needs. Beneficiary criteria for the first phase of the CTP, the cash for immediate needs was developed. The criteria targeted households that earned less than 4,000 EXC a month, families with children, pregnant women, people living with disability and/or elderly received additional support. The support also depended on the size of the households. The beneficiary criteria for the livelihood cash programme is developed based on the recently finalized livelihood assessment.</p> <p>Activity 8.1.3: A hotline service was established by the National Society, originally intended for the CTP. Volunteers manage information/query desk at the National Society. Query forms were developed and over 340 queries have been received at the office. Based on common queries, information brochures were developed to provide short and clear information on issues that were commonly asked about in the first round of distribution. The messages were clear and targeted the beneficiaries only. As a result, the number of queries in relation to how to withdraw funds and the amount to receive dramatically reduced. Information booklets on hygiene and health promotion have been developed as well as booklets on children’s stress and stress management.</p> <p>Activity 8.1.4 An infographic highlighting the achievements of the programme was completed. Press release in relation to the CTP was published in November. Videos and photos from the operation are regularly posted on ABRC’s Facebook page. A few videos and interviews with beneficiaries have been made to capture stories of beneficiaries.</p> <p>Activity 8.1.5: An M&E plan has been developed outlining the definition of each indicator, the means of verification and data collection methodology. The plan also includes a clear timeframe as well as responsibilities and intended audience. Data collection and storage has been improved, with clear storage for all data. In addition to indicators, data is being systematically collected through beneficiary surveys. To date, surveys for the cash transfer programme beneficiaries and baseline survey for the children participating in the children’s resilience programme have been completed. The CTP programme has developed its own specific M&E system, in addition to the survey, the following steps are followed to monitor the CTP: 1) A five step process was implemented to follow up on all registered queries. 2) The list received by SWIFT (the service provider) was verified against the recipient list weekly. 3) The expenditure of each card was monitored weekly. 4) Update of the beneficiary assessment was carried out in November using ODK 5) Interviews were conducted with beneficiaries at every distribution.</p> <p>Activity 8.1.6 The head of cluster office in Trinidad has visited the operation, the visit included meeting beneficiaries, all key staff and a visit to Barbuda.</p> <p>Activity 8.1.7 Final evaluation will be conducted at the end of the operation.</p>			

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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.

Disaster Response Financial Report

MDR49009 - Hurricane Irma - St Kitts and Antigua.

Timeframe: 05 Sep 17 to 08 Sep 18

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Interim Report

Selected Parameters			
Reporting Timeframe	2017/09-10	Programme	MDR49009
Budget Timeframe	2017-	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

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I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		2,178,547	456,728			2,635,276	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
American Red Cross			96,087			96,087	
Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross (from United States Government - USAID*)			92,886			92,886	
British Red Cross			129,153			129,153	
British Red Cross (from British Government*)		253,909				253,909	
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government*)			200,000			200,000	
Estonia Government		5,724				5,724	
European Commission - DG ECHO		230,507				230,507	
Finland - Private Donors		57				57	
Germany - Private Donors			342			342	
Government of Malta		28,622				28,622	
Italian Government Bilateral Emergency Fund			342,399			342,399	
Italian Red Cross		87,126				87,126	
Japanese Red Cross Society			37,200			37,200	
Netherlands - Private Donors			1,010			1,010	
Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government*)		583,922				583,922	
Swedish Red Cross			119,426			119,426	
Switzerland - Private Donors			100			100	
The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government*)			34,838			34,838	
UPS Oasis Supply Corp			49,938			49,938	
VERF/WHO Voluntary Emergency Relief			2,000			2,000	
C1. Cash contributions		1,189,867	1,105,379			2,295,246	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		1,189,867	1,105,379			2,295,246	150,000
D. Total Funding = B + C		1,189,867	1,105,379			2,295,246	150,000

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income		1,189,867	1,105,379			2,295,246	150,000
E. Expenditure		-187,179	-49,053			-236,231	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		1,002,688	1,056,326			2,059,014	150,000

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			2,178,547	456,728		2,635,276		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	103,823						103,823	
Construction - Housing	430,602						430,602	
Construction - Facilities	105,258						105,258	
Clothing & Textiles	13,636						13,636	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	370,605		7,989			7,989	362,616	
Medical & First Aid	4,402						4,402	
Teaching Materials	58,371						58,371	
Utensils & Tools	37,797						37,797	
Other Supplies & Services	4,306		573			573	3,733	
Cash Disbursement	409,551						409,551	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	1,538,351		8,562			8,562	1,529,789	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom	73,680						73,680	
Office & Household Equipment	4,784						4,784	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	78,465						78,465	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Distribution & Monitoring	65,657		51,859			51,859	13,799	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	68,992						68,992	
Logistics Services	13,684		6,614	500		7,114	6,570	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	148,333		58,473	500		58,973	89,360	
Personnel								
International Staff	377,667			4,403		4,403	373,264	
National Staff			58			58	-58	
National Society Staff	82,580		8,672			8,672	73,908	
Volunteers	44,984						44,984	
Total Personnel	505,231		8,730	4,403		13,133	492,098	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	13,397		5,043	2,036		7,079	6,318	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees	13,397		5,043	2,036		7,079	6,318	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	96,407						96,407	
Total Workshops & Training	96,407						96,407	
General Expenditure								
Travel	52,892		7,029	28,370		35,399	17,493	
Information & Public Relations	22,965			78		78	22,888	
Office Costs	6,316			2,858		2,858	3,458	
Communications	3,660		255	21		276	3,384	
Financial Charges	4,976		-1,215	-196		-1,411	6,386	
Other General Expenses	3,445			154		154	3,291	
Total General Expenditure	94,254		6,069	31,284		37,353	56,901	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			88,877	7,812		96,689	-96,689	
Total Operational Provisions			88,877	7,812		96,689	-96,689	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recover	160,838		11,424	2,992		14,416	146,422	
Total Indirect Costs	160,838		11,424	2,992		14,416	146,422	

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Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			2,178,547	456,728		2,635,276		
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee				26		26	-26	
Total Pledge Specific Costs				26		26	-26	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2,635,276		187,179	49,053		236,231	2,399,044	
VARIANCE (C - D)			1,991,369	407,676		2,399,044		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster management	2,178,547		1,189,867	1,189,867	187,179	1,002,688	50,000
Subtotal BL2	2,178,547		1,189,867	1,189,867	187,179	1,002,688	50,000
BL3 - Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development							
Disaster risk reduction	456,728		1,105,379	1,105,379	49,053	1,056,326	100,000
Subtotal BL3	456,728		1,105,379	1,105,379	49,053	1,056,326	100,000
GRAND TOTAL	2,635,276		2,295,246	2,295,246	236,231	2,059,014	150,000



HURRICANE IRMA RESPONSE

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA AND SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

Update: up to 17 November 2017

EMERGENCY APPEAL
BUDGET:
CHF 2,635,276

100%
Covered

600

Households to be reached: 400 in Antigua and Barbuda; 200 in Saint Kitts and Nevis

COMPLETED DISTRIBUTIONS

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

TARPAULINS	48
MOSQUITO NETS	146
KITCHEN SETS	400
HYGIENE KITS	522
JERRY CANS	249
SOLAR LIGHTS	309
SHELTER KITS	97
WATER FILTERS	95

CASES OF WATER
Each case contains 24 bottles of water **900**

TENTS
are shelterbox tents, that ABRC support the distribution and set up **42**

SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

TARPAULINS	346
BLANKETS	130
HYGIENE KITS	114
JERRY CANS	70

Medical equipment

consultation and emergency room handed over to the Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Health.

35

children reached and 17 volunteers trained in child resilience program. 12 women reached through Women's support groups

12 Antigua and Barbuda RC

volunteers trained in Psychosocial Support in Emergencies and 10 trained in Psychological First Aid.

476

Households in Antigua and Barbuda received hygiene kits.

636

hygiene kits distributed

481

Households in Antigua & Barbuda received bottled water.

10

Antigua and Barbuda RC volunteers received Emergency Shelter Kit /Shelter box tents training.

LIVELIHOODS

430

Households in Antigua & Barbuda have received cash cards with a cash value of USD 136,641



HEALTH



WASH



SHELTER