





Rotary District 7020 Hurricane Recovery

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Rotary Clubs of the Cayman Islands Pledge \$25,000

AG David Kirkaldy in Grand Cayman reports: Cayman Islands President's Council met on Monday and agreed to contribute in excess of US\$25,000 to the fund. Contributions have come from all Rotary and Rotaract clubs including Cayman Brain Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac.

First Responders Act Immediately

ShelterBox representative Tim Hedges reported on Tuesday: So far,

- International Red Cross has released 250,000 Swiss francs from their Disaster Relief Fund to support the efforts of the Bahamas Red Cross.
- Bahamas Red Cross are planning to support 500 families with emergency shelter support, including tarpaulins, blankets, and kitchen sets from stocks prepositioned in country. They are also planning to support these families with unconditional cash grants to help them rebuild and recover. It should be noted this is all just planned activity at the moment, and exact numbers might be different.
- IFRC also deployed a disaster management Coordinator to the Bahamas ahead of Dorian making landfall.
- The **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency** (CDEMA) have deployed a team to support the response.
- A **British Royal Navy, RFA Mounts Bay** arrived in the Bahamas on 2 September carrying aid (including carriers, hygiene kits, and shelter kits), building materials, a helicopter, and specialist transport and surveying equipment. The ship will be on standby and ready to help as soon as an official request is made by the authorities.
- **DFID** have also deployed a team of 3 humanitarian experts to the Bahamas, who will work alongside the Bahamas Government and CDEMA.

ShelterBox has carried out some initial investigations around logistics and importation procedures with the understanding that damage to both communications and transport infrastructure will make detailed assessment difficult in the first few days. Rotarians in the Bahamas will continue to monitor and advise on current situations.

Dr. Farhan Siddiqi of Trinity Spine Center in Florida reports he is in contact with coordinators at Solrelief.org who are flying in supplies and support staff to Nassau. There are also nurses who are willing to go to Nassau or the outer islands for medical assistance if needed.

Additional Ways to Contribute

Through Rotary International at <u>The Rotary International Disaster Response Fund</u> where your gift helps Rotary clubs provide disaster recovery and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. Contributions are combined into one fund and made available through <u>Rotary Disaster</u> <u>Response Grants</u>; they cannot be directed to a specific disaster.

Rotary DAF #574 for donations to assist with recovery efforts in all affected territories.

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