

Hurricane Dorian: How You Can Help

Financial Contributions

[**Bahamas Red Cross**](#) is asking people to donate money, non-perishable goods, baby supplies, bedding, and cleaning items for them to distribute to the areas most affected by Hurricane Dorian using the hashtag #HelpUsHelp to create awareness.

[**Grand Bahamas Disaster Relief**](#) is the Official Local Grand Bahama Hurricane Relief and IRS Tax-Exempt Charity. U.S. Donations are 501(c)(3) and gifts are tax deductible under the U.S. tax code. The *Grand Bahama Disaster Relief Fund* is a philanthropic fund managed for GBDR Foundation by the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina, an IRS approved 501(c)(3) public charity headquartered in Charleston, SC, USA. Donations are 501(c)(3) and gifts are tax deductible under the U.S. tax code.

[**The Key Biscayne Community Foundation**](#) is activating its Emergency Disaster Fund to support organizations helping recovery efforts in the Bahamas due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian. **To donate to the Emergency Disaster Fund for the Bahamas, click [here](#).** All donations are tax deductible.

[**Council on Foundations**](#)- the COF has a list of vetted funds.

[**Team Rubicon Disaster Response**](#) is an international disaster relief nonprofit organization made up of military veterans and first responders who do everything from rebuilding houses to clearing debris and helping organize large groups of volunteers. They already have volunteers and relief on standby waiting until it is safe to go into the affected areas. They also went to the Bahamas early to help put up sandbags and board up windows.

[**World Central Kitchen**](#) Founded by D.C. chef and restaurateur José Andrés, World Central Kitchen will be setting up kitchens once Hurricane Dorian has moved further north in order to [bring food to people in affected areas](#). Andrés is already in the Bahamas, about 80 miles from the eye of the storm, working to feed people there.

[**International Medical Corps**](#) is a worldwide humanitarian nonprofit focusing on emergency responders and early relief efforts. They will also be delivering healthcare supplies and deploying medical teams.

[**The National Association of the Bahamas**](#) is a 501(c) non-profit organization. We are supported by voluntary partnership of Bahamians and friends of the Bahamas, all working to better the communities in the Bahamas. NAB has been in existence since 1993 and it is managed by Bahamians living in the Miami Metro and surrounding areas.

[**One Eleuthera Foundation**](#) works to strengthen organizations and partners throughout Eleuthera by connecting them to the resources they need to create positive and effective changes. Katharine Zimmerman is our local contact at katzimfl@yahoo.com.

[**Habitat for Humanity**](#)

Water Mission plans to send clean drinking water to the islands..

Mercy Corps is mobilizing a team of emergency responders to help with relief efforts in the Bahamas.

Heart to Heart International has already sent response teams, including a mobile medical unit, to the Bahamas and hopes to send more..

Volunteer Opportunities

Third Wave Volunteers have SAR, medical and recon teams ready to deploy along with our Sponsor partners WEBB Banks who are the leading wine and spirits brands in the Caribbean Basin. They have all the distribution routes set up and people on the ground so it's a PERFECT UNION. They are raising donations to get solar lights and aid to distribute after the storm. All other organizations are welcome to join us- We are stronger together. [Click here to become a volunteer.](#)

Volunteer Florida has volunteer opportunities listed from a variety of organizations doing relief efforts.

In-Kind Contributions

In the Financial links above are several ways to give in-kind gifts. The lists are similar to the ones for Representative Anna Eskamani's event below.

Anna Eskamani's Office in District 47 has an event on September 9th and 10th from 9 am to 5:00 PM. Find more details on the Facebook event page [here](#).

Supplies Needed

Water	Small generators	Ibuprofen
Canned goods- not expired	Tarps	Rubbing Alcohol and Peroxide
Can openers (manual only)	Tents	Deodorant
Bug spray	Nails	Menstruation Items
Sunscreen	Hammers	Hand sanitizer
Diapers	Cat and dog food	Razors & Shaving Cream
Baby formula	Sleeping bags	Shampoo/Conditioner
First aid items	Chain saws (gas operated)	Soaps (Bar or Liquid)
Flashlight (LED flashlights /Solar lights)	Adhesive/Non-Adhesive	Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Batteries (especially D)	Bandages	Mouthwash
	Antibacterial Ointments	New underwear (no opened packages!)
	Gauze and Tape	
	Acetaminophen, Aspirin,	

All supplies collected will be transported to The Bahamas as soon as travel is safe.

Good 360 is seeking donations of water, personal care items, tarps, portable charges and more.

Toolkits & Guides

[Center for Disaster Philanthropy](#) offers an easy-to-navigate Toolkit. The [Disaster Philanthropy Playbook](#) outlines actions that funders can take to help their communities [prepare, respond, and recover](#) from major disasters.

[TechSoup](#), in partnership with Center for Disaster Philanthropy, authored [The Resilient Organization](#) designed to be a comprehensive guide to IT planning and recovery, and serves as a vehicle to kickstart your IT disaster response plan (and implement it whenever calamity strikes).

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