



## Emergency Manager's Weekly Report Hurricane Dorian Situation Report #4 (September 8)

### Highlights:

- Hurricane Dorian affected the north-western Bahamas islands for a total of 68 hours, with the southern eyewall planted over Grand Bahama for about 30 hours.
- The current death toll as of September 6<sup>th</sup> is 43 people. A total of 35 people died on Abaco Islands and eight people died on the Grand Bahama. This number is expected to rise.
- Search and rescue operations continue, as well as evacuations.
- As of September 5<sup>th</sup>, a total of 3,300 people was sheltered in government buildings on the Abaco Islands and Grand Bahama. However, most of this population have either been evacuated or left the shelter.
- The Abaco Islands are the most severely affected. Initial assessments found widespread destruction, with thousands of houses levelled, telecommunications towers down, and water wells and roads damaged.
- In Marsh Harbour, most of the infrastructure is damaged; “the Mudd” area, mostly inhabited by migrants, many undocumented, has been destroyed, therefore leaving this community in a particularly vulnerable situation.
- In Grand Bahama, the eastern part is the most affected, with homes damaged between Freetown and Deep Water Cay. Oil tanks have also been damaged.
- UN agencies and humanitarian organizations are supporting the government-led response, under the leadership of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and in close coordination with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).
- The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and a USAID-deployed search-and-rescue (SAR) team continues SAR operations in the worst-affected areas of the islands in coordination with the Government of The Bahamas.
- Healthcare Status:
  - The Rand Memorial Hospital in Grand Bahama was flooded which also damaged their supplies.
  - The High Rock Clinic in Grand Bahama has been destroyed.
  - Other clinics on Grand Bahama and New Providence are also flooded.
  - PAHO expects management of dead bodies to be a rising issue, foreseeing the need for additional hospital morgue capacity. An additional 500 body bags have been requested by the Ministry of Health for Abaco.
  - A total of 14 PAHO experts are in the disaster zone to provide surge capacity in logistics, civil and military coordination, information management, epidemiological surveillance, communications, and coordination.
- The hurricane caused severe damage to the telecommunications infrastructure. Some locations are completely disconnected. Terrestrial internet and landline services are still down in the Abaco Islands, and operating at 60% in Grand Bahamas.



- A dedicated processing center for evacuees reaching New Providence has been established at Odyssey Aviation by NEMA in collaboration with national and international non-governmental organizations and private sector volunteers.

#### Sources:

- Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) Pages
- National Emergency Management Agency of The Bahamas [Twitter Page](#)
- [PAHO issues \\$3.5 million donor appeal for humanitarian health response in the Bahamas](#)
- Bahamas: Hurricane Dorian Situation Report No. 01 ([as of 7 September 2019](#))
- [Notice On Accommodation For Evacuees In New Providence](#)
- CDEMA Situation Report #7 - Hurricane Dorian as of 6:00PM (AST) on [September 6th, 2019](#)

#### Resources

Bahamas Hurricane Dorian: Population and Seaport Status, As of 07 September 2019  
<https://reliefweb.int/report/bahamas/bahamas-hurricane-dorian-population-and-seaport-status-07-september-2019>

Bahamas Hurricane Dorian Response Dashboard, As of 07 September 2019  
<https://reliefweb.int/report/bahamas/bahamas-hurricane-dorian-response-dashboard-07-september-2019>

#### Pacific Disaster Center Pre/Post Event Imagery:

- Northwestern Marsh Harbour: <https://reliefweb.int/map/bahamas/hurricane-dorian-response-bahamas-northwestern-marsh-harbour-prepost-event-imagery>
- Northern Marsh Harbour: <https://reliefweb.int/map/bahamas/hurricane-dorian-response-bahamas-northern-marsh-harbour-prepost-event-imagery-september>
- New Plymouth, Green Turtle Cay: <https://reliefweb.int/map/bahamas/hurricane-dorian-response-bahamas-new-plymouth-green-turtle-cay-prepost-event-imagery>
- Green Turtle Cay: <https://reliefweb.int/map/bahamas/hurricane-dorian-response-bahamas-green-turtle-cay-prepost-event-imagery-september-5th>
- Eastern Marsh Harbour: <https://reliefweb.int/map/bahamas/hurricane-dorian-response-bahamas-eastern-marsh-harbour-prepost-event-imagery-september>
- Downtown Marsh Harbour: <https://reliefweb.int/map/bahamas/hurricane-dorian-response-bahamas-downtown-marsh-harbour-prepost-event-imagery-september>
- Northwestern Islands: <https://reliefweb.int/disaster/tc-2019-000095-dom>