



## Residents of Old Harbour Bay get support from Jamaica Red Cross and UNFPA

Some 300 families in Old Harbour Bay including 10 still being housed in shelters were yesterday presented with hygiene kits consisting of soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, towels, wash cloths, toilet paper, sanitary pads and razors to attend to their immediate sanitation needs.

The Jamaica Red Cross and UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund undertook the distribution as part of the initial response to the needs assessment conducted by ODPEM in the aftermath of hurricane Dean, which badly affected sections of Old Harbour.



A resident of Old Harbour Bay receives one of the hygiene kits distributed by JRC and UNFPA.

“We recognize that there are immediate needs for food and shelter and these sometimes overshadow people’s basic health and hygiene needs but this gesture is intended to complement the overall relief effort being undertaken by ODPEM” explains Jaime Nadal, Deputy Representative, UNFPA Office for the English and Dutch speaking

Caribbean adding that “it is always important to preserve the dignity and respect of people, particularly in disasters and emergencies”. Each kit will serve a family of four, which means that over 1200 persons will benefit.

Mr. Nadal also explained that UNFPA has procured 57 reproductive health emergency kits as part of the emergency response to be supplied to the Ministry of Health for use in strengthening the country's health operations.

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