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Safety & Dignity for Women,
Adolescent Girls & Young
People



HURRICANE IRMA IN THE CARIBBEAN

**HUMANITARIAN ACTION FACT SHEET
SEPTEMBER 2017**

Hurricane Irma made landfall across the Caribbean on 6 September 2017. Reported as one of the most powerful storms ever recorded, it has affected Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Cuba, St. Barthelme, St. Martin, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, US Virgin Islands, and Turks and Caicos. About two million people in the Caribbean live in extreme high-speed wind zones and thousands have been displaced. There has been destruction to infrastructure, housing and livelihoods. UNFPA is concerned about the special needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls. During crises, one in five women of childbearing age is likely to be pregnant. And some 60 per cent of maternal deaths occur in countries affected by humanitarian crises and fragile contexts. Whether a woman lives or dies in a crisis can depend on whether she has access to life saving emergency obstetric care and critical sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, including contraception. UNFPA provides these SRH supplies and supports partners in service delivery and in the implementation of Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP). UNFPA is focusing on providing dignity kits, deploying midwives via mobile clinics, and supporting psychosocial activities and safe spaces for women and girls. UNFPA is also participating in needs assessments to determine the status of SRH and gender-based (GBV) services. **This appeal will help UNFPA to respond to SRH and GBV needs in the next 6 months, focusing on Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Haiti.**

OVERVIEW

4.4 Million
Total People Affected

875,000
Women of
Reproductive Age

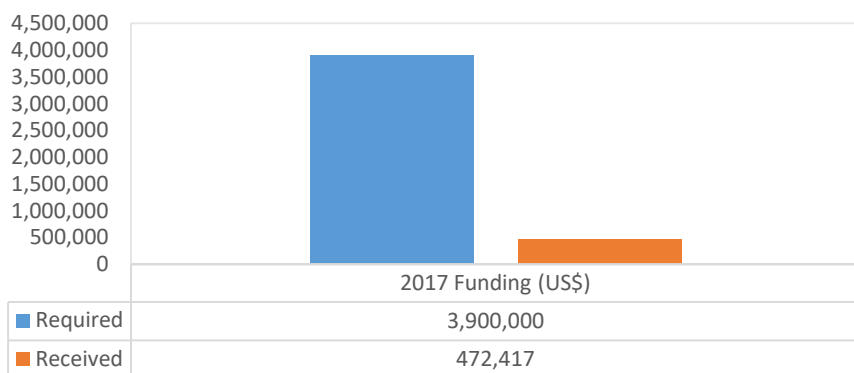
TARGETED BY UNFPA

400,900
Total people targeted
including 12,000
Pregnant women

FUNDING

US\$ 2.8 Million
Funding Gap

UNFPA Humanitarian Financing



Please note:

*Total people in need are those who rely on humanitarian assistance for their survival.

*Of the total in need, UNFPA targets women, pregnant women, girls and young people.

*Women of reproductive age and pregnant women are estimated using the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) calculator.

Overall Needs

Country	Total affected population	Number of women of reproductive age (15-49)	Pregnant Women expected to give birth in the next 4 months
Anguilla	12,316	3,080	380
Antigua & Barbuda	87,858	21,965	2,640
Dominican Republic	1,200,000	300,000	18,630
Cuba	928,728	221,855	27,865
Haiti	2,200,000	550,000	20,000
TOTAL	4,428,902	1,096,900	69,515

UNFPA Targets

Country	Total population targeted by UNFPA	Number of women of reproductive age (15-49)	Pregnant Women
Anguilla	3,000	750	90
Antigua & Barbuda	21,900	5,475	657
Cuba	196,000	49,000	5,886
Dominican Republic	80,000	20,000	2,403
Haiti	100,000	25,000	3,006
TOTAL	400,900	100,225	12,042

UNFPA Total Budget

Country	Funding Required	Available	Gap
Anguilla	300,000	-	300,000
Antigua & Barbuda	500,000	-	500,000
Cuba	1,300,000	100,000	1,200,000
Dominican Republic	600,000	-	600,000
Haiti	1,200,000	372,417	827,583
Sub-Total	3,900,000	472,417	2,827,583
Coordination and monitoring (Caribbean Sub-Regional Office ¹ and Latin America & Caribbean Office ²)	50,000	-	50,000
TOTAL	3,950,000	472,417	2,877,583

¹ Covers English and Dutch speaking countries (Belize, Guyana, Saint Lucia, Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos Islands)

² Oversees 22 UNFPA country offices and the Caribbean Sub-Regional Office

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UNFPA Planned Interventions by Country

ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

UNFPA is assessing the situation and current needs. To that end, two surge personnel (GBV and Communications specialists) are being deployed immediately. UNFPA has also already provided 300 hygiene and dignity kits to be distributed to the most the most vulnerable people in these areas, and further distribution is underway.

FUNDING

Total required: US\$800,000

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Almost the entire country's population is exposed to high wind zones. Some coastal areas were affected by storm surges and more than 5,000 people were evacuated across the country. There are also reports of localized flooding, blocked roads, damage to buildings and fallen power cables in some coastal communities.

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

- Awareness raising activities carried out to increase knowledge on maternal health service utilization, warning signs and symptoms of obstetric care, HIV prevention, and reduction of risks to GBV and on available services.
- Increased access to contraceptive methods to prevent unplanned pregnancies, STIs and HIV.
- Community based services are strengthened to enhance resilience, livelihoods and early recovery.
- Health facilities and service providers are better equipped and capacitated to enhance SRH and GBV services availability and utilization by communities in emergency context.
- Monitoring and evaluation systems strengthened to coordinate information management and joint planning to improve SRH, GBV.

COORDINATION³

Area of Coordination	National	Subnational
Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-Cluster Lead active	No	No
GBV Coordinator present	No	No
Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Coordinator present	No	No
SRH Coordinator Working Group active	No	No

FUNDING

Total required: US\$600,000

³ UNFPA has leadership responsibilities in two key coordination mechanisms: 1) *The Gender-based Violence Area of Responsibility of the IASC Protection Cluster* – in 2017 UNFPA assumed the sole leadership of the GBV Area of Responsibility at global and country levels (referred to as GBV sub-clusters) to ensure global coordination and field support for GBV prevention and response where clusters have been activated. 2) *The Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) for Reproductive Health in crisis settings* - as a founder of the IAWG on reproductive health in emergencies, UNFPA continues its leadership in advancing the work of the group. This includes ensuring quality assurance for and updating the contents of the Emergency Reproductive Health Kits, coordinating IAWG working groups, managing the Interagency SRH roster, and coordinating country-level SRH sub-clusters.

CUBA

Hurricane Irma has hit the northern and central Cuban territories heavily since early 8 September, causing tidal waves, coastal and river flooding, and fallen trees. There is extensive damage to agriculture, thermo-electric and tourism sectors, with 13 out of 15 provinces affected. About 7.5 million people (66.9% of the population) were put under the Hurricane Alarm Phase and over three million people are included in the Cuban Civil Defense protection plans to safeguard human life. UNFPA is currently estimating the possible need for Sexual and Reproductive Health Kits and Personal Hygiene Kits to support national authorities in providing necessary health care to the population in affected municipalities.

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

- Assessment conducted of the staff capacity to provide comprehensive RH services and a plan of training/retraining of national specialists developed (the assessment is based on use of MISP, level of knowledge on modern contraceptive, gender, and human right approaches in SRH services) Increased access to contraceptive methods to prevent unplanned pregnancies, STIs and HIV.
- Ensured basic operating capacity of reproductive health and maternal health services among people living in emergencies, particularly obstetric and neonatal care to provide clinical delivery assistance of pregnant women and enable local health institutions to manage complications of pregnancy and delivery such as obstetric surgical intervention.
- Improved minimal life conditions of women of reproductive age and their families, adolescents and young people in prioritized provinces.

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FUNDING

Total required: US\$1.3 Million

Available funds US\$100,000

Funding gap: US\$1.2 Million

HAITI

Although Haiti was spared the worst of Hurricane Irma, an estimated 2.2 million people live in affected areas with 11,041 persons evacuated and registered in 67 temporary shelters. Based on total population in affected areas, estimates show that 550,000 are women and girls are of reproductive age, and 20,000 pregnant women and girls are expected to deliver in the next four months. Of these, 2,750 women and girls are estimated to be at risk of rape. Among the evacuees, UNFPA estimates that 2,760 are women and girls are of reproductive age. Rapid assessments are ongoing and will confirm the extent of the damage and the number of people affected.

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

- Strengthened the operational and response capacities of the UNFPA Haiti Office for the integration of GBV and RH into humanitarian planning and response
- Ensured access of pregnant women and newborns to reproductive health services/health care in the North, North East and North West Departments affected by Irma
- Reduced the risk of GBV occurrence and exposure of women, youth and adolescents by implementing appropriate response strategies in the North, North East and North West Departments affected by Irma

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FUNDING

Total required: US\$1.2 million

Available funds US\$372,417

Funding gap: US\$827,583



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