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**Eastern Caribbean Humanitarian Situation Report No. 12**

**Situation in numbers**

- 39,000
  - # affected children in need of assistance in Hurricane Irma and Maria-affected countries

- 19,800
  - # affected children in Dominica

- 740
  - # people in temporary shelters in Dominica

### Highlights

- **As of mid-November,** the majority of schools in Anguilla, Antigua, British Virgin Islands (BVI), and Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) have reopened their doors, bringing children back to school. Still, over fifty per cent of children in Dominica, including close to 90 per cent of children still living in shelters, are yet to regain access to formal education.

- **As of 10 November,** some 16,600 children in the affected countries are now back to school with UNICEF support. 5,981 children in Dominica and 3,156 in the British Virgin Islands are accessing education through temporary learning spaces. Additionally, 4,798 children benefitted from psychosocial support, and a total of 12,813 accessed safe community spaces - a 50 per cent increase since the last report.

- A key operational priority for UNICEF at the current stage is to support national child protection and education systems to respond to the needs of children experiencing trauma and distress, children at risk, children with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

### UNICEF Funding Needs

**US$ 9,819,562**

**Situation in numbers**

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>UNICEF Target*</th>
<th>Total Results</th>
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<td>WASH: # people with access to safe water</td>
<td>37,318</td>
<td>31,773</td>
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<td>Child Protection: # of children enrolled in psycho-social activities</td>
<td>12,810</td>
<td>4,798</td>
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<td>Education: # of children attending schools equipped with critical pedagogical and/or recreational materials</td>
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<td>18,791</td>
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<td>Cross-sectoral: # of affected children with access to information on good hygiene, and on safety and protection</td>
<td>38,987</td>
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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The situation on all Eastern Caribbean islands affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria is gradually improving and returning to normalcy, with more access to water, electricity and communications. In Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and Dominica, approximately 70 per cent of the population has access to restored water services, while power services coverage ranges from 70 per cent in Turk and Caicos Islands (TCI) to 10 percent in Dominica. There has also been a notable reduction in the number of displaced people living in official shelters in BVI and Dominica. In Dominica, this includes a 60 per cent decrease over the last few weeks.

The majority of children in Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, and Turk and Caicos Islands have now gone back to school, with all public schools reopening. However, in Dominica just around a third of national schools were open as of 10 November, and 87 per cent of children living in collective shelters still do not have access to any type of education, and are missing out on valuable months of their schooling, which could have implications on the quality of their education. It is also essential to ensure that all 43 schools reporting significant damages are repaired in a timely manner and meet the minimum safety standards for children enrolled.

As the emergency response shifts to the early recovery phase, limitations of existing child protection systems are emerging, mainly linked to increased needs and weakened social services for children with disabilities and special needs, as well as children in collective shelters. There is also insufficient information on internally and externally displaced children, especially from Dominica, who may face specific child protection risks.

### Estimated Population at Risk of potential Hurricane impact

**Estimates based on latest Population and Housing Census**

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<th>Female</th>
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<td>06 September 2017 – Anguilla, Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands</td>
<td>143,006</td>
<td>71,859</td>
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<td>20 September – Commonwealth of Dominica</td>
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<td>Anguilla</td>
<td>13,555</td>
<td>6,698</td>
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<td>1,595</td>
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<td>British Virgin Islands</td>
<td>28,054</td>
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<td>Dominica</td>
<td>69,246</td>
<td>35,377</td>
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<td>Turks &amp; Caicos Islands</td>
<td>30,556</td>
<td>15,127</td>
<td>15,429</td>
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<td><strong>Total Population at Risk</strong></td>
<td><strong>38,987</strong></td>
<td><strong>19,690</strong></td>
<td><strong>19,297</strong></td>
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<td>Anguilla</td>
<td>3,778</td>
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<td>1,870</td>
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<td>541</td>
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<td>19,774</td>
<td>10,013</td>
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<td>3,722</td>
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<td><strong>Children Under 18 at Risk</strong></td>
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<td>546</td>
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<td>174</td>
<td>88</td>
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<td>British Virgin Islands</td>
<td>2,134</td>
<td>1,126</td>
<td>1,008</td>
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<td>Dominica</td>
<td>4,927</td>
<td>2,479</td>
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<td><strong>Children Under Five at Risk</strong></td>
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### Humanitarian Strategy and Coordination

In line with the Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action, UNICEF is responding to the Caribbean Hurricanes emergency in the Eastern Caribbean in all affected countries and territories (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Turks and Caicos Islands), through a combination of service delivery, technical assistance, communication and advocacy. UNICEF humanitarian strategy focuses on Education, Child Protection and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sectors, with a two-track approach - immediate humanitarian relief to affected...
population and longer-term recovery and resilience support. To complement service delivery and recovery support to the government of Dominica, UNICEF is currently developing a new partnership with WFP aiming to reach 6,000 vulnerable children through a non-conditional cash transfer programme. In Antigua and Barbuda, UNICEF continues to support the development of a social protection policy with a focus on disaster risk reduction. In BVI, UNICEF’s partnership with the Adventist Church (ADRA) will complement the Red Cross/Caritas Cash Transfer programme for vulnerable families.

Following the dissolution of the emergency coordination mechanism under the leadership of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) in the hurricane-affected territories, UNICEF has been directly coordinating its response with Governments and other UN agencies including OCHA, PAHO, UNDP, IOM, WFP and UN-Women.

UNICEF is actively engaged in regular Government and UN coordination mechanisms in the areas of Education, Child Protection, Shelter and WASH - mainly in Dominica, but also in Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) and British Virgin Islands (BVI). It is also contributing to the national Post-Disaster Assessments conducted in Dominica.

UNICEF Response

Child Protection

UNICEF is scaling up the implementation of the Return to Happiness programme, with 432 newly trained facilitators since 24 October (bringing the total to 858 since the beginning of the response). Many of them were originally supporting learning activities in temporary education facilities and protective spaces, but have now shifted to public schools, thus ensuring sustainability and continuity of psychosocial support activities for affected children. Since its roll-out, the Return to Happiness programme has reached close to 4,800 children with psychosocial support (marking a 75 per cent increase over the past two weeks alone).

As day-care centers start reopening, UNICEF is strengthening psychosocial activities in facilities for young children. As part of this effort, recent capacity-building activities in Anguilla - led by the Ministries of Health, Education and Human Development, with support from UNICEF - reached all pre-school teachers with trainings on the Return to Happiness programme adapted to young children and their caregivers.

To address protection risks in temporary shelters in Antigua, UNICEF is currently supporting national authorities to conduct a gender-based violence (GBV) training for shelter administrators (15 November). UNICEF is also working on the improvement of child protection services in Barbuda, where displaced children are expected to return from neighboring Antigua in the coming months. This includes the development of age-appropriate psychosocial and resilience-building activities, which will ensure continuity of support already provided in Antigua.

In Dominica, where needs assessments are still ongoing in different parts of the country, more than 150 representatives of local councils received training on vulnerability assessment in data collection. This should also benefit upcoming Cash Transfer activities. UNICEF in partnership with the Dominican government is also planning to conduct a rapid assessment to understand the magnitude, patterns and impact of child migration as a result of post-Hurricane Maria displacement.

Education

UNICEF continues to support Governments to address remaining challenges to bring children back to school, two months after the devastating hurricanes. As of 10 November, some 16,580 school-age children and adolescents, and 1,090 young children under the age of five (representing 45 per cent of the overall affected child population) have been enrolled in schools and Early Childhood Development (ECD) facilities. In just over two weeks, some 5,000 children regained access to education and learning activities. While coverage in most locations is similar to the pre-emergency situation, in Dominica only 48 schools (36 per cent of the national capacity) have reopened, reaching just around a
third of the school-age child population. In Antigua and Barbuda, the coverage is higher than the child population of the islands due to the number of migrant children from Dominica, St Martin, British Virgin Islands and Anguilla.

With UNICEF support, at the beginning of November the government of Dominica completed a Post-Disaster Needs Assessment, which provides a comprehensive overview of damages and needs in the entire education sector (Day Care Centers, ECD Centers, Primary, Secondary school, and the State Collage). The assessment shows that 94 per cent of the total education facilities have endured damage, including severe damage to equipment and pedagogical materials, with total recovery needs for the sector estimated to be US$92.96 million.

**WASH**

With UNICEF support, over 31,770 people have regained access to safe water since the beginning of the humanitarian response. This includes over 6,000 people in Dominica, who have gained sustained access to safe drinking water on daily basis in key locations. Additional efforts to re-establish access to safe handwashing and sanitary facilities in reopened schools have now reached a total of 15,260 children, which represents an increase of 100 per cent compared to the previous reporting period.

In Dominica, UNICEF provided active support in assessing WASH damages and needs in the social service sector, including in schools, identifying short, medium and longer-term solutions. Findings were part of the recently published Post-Disaster Needs Assessment.

**SOCIAL PROTECTION**

In partnership with the government of Dominica, UNICEF is currently finalizing the design and preparing the ground for the launch of an Emergency Cash Transfer aiming to reach 6,000 vulnerable children. In cooperation with the Ministry of Social Services, Family and Gender Affairs and WFP, 53 Beneficiary Selection Committees were identified and trained on targeting criteria in all local councils. A vulnerability assessment is currently underway to help identify the beneficiaries of the Cash Transfer program.

**COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Since the beginning of UNICEF response, some 23,540 children have been reached with lifesaving information on hygiene, safety and protection through SMS, Radio, Social Media and printed materials.

**Supply and Logistics**

Over the past two months, UNICEF has supported schools and temporary learning spaces distributing 243 school-in-the-box, 94 ECD and 229 recreational kits, along with 86 school tents.

Under the WASH component of the response, UNICEF delivered at least 20,400 water purification tablets to families across the islands and over 24,740 collapsible water tanks in Dominica and the Turks and Caicos islands.

**Media and External Communication**

Communication efforts focused on the recovery programme in the affected islands, with heavy emphasis on WASH, education and psychosocial support activities. Over 1.05 million people were reached on social media channels including Facebook and Twitter, featuring audio visual material from Anguilla, British Virgin Islands and Dominica.

**Funding Update**

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Families receive much needed hygiene and other supplies by UNICEF-supported teams in Turks and Caicos islands. @UNICEF ECA
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<td>$1,346,823</td>
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<td><strong>$4,061,973</strong></td>
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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN AREA

HURRICANE IRMA AND MARIA EMERGENCY

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10,740

Children affected

39,000

Children in need

143,000

Families affected by floods and landslides

4,800

Orphans and children with special needs

31,720

People with access to clean water

18,790

Children in need of education

23,540

People with access to education