



SITUATION OVERVIEW

On September 1, Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane—the strongest ever to hit the islands. The official death toll is at 50, but it's still unknown how many people are missing. An estimated 70,000 residents are now homeless.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE RESPONSE

Just one week after deploying to the Bahamas, Samaritan's Purse has set up an emergency field hospital with surgical capacity and has begun treating patients in critical need of care. We've treated more than 50 patients and started providing emergency surgeries. We're working closely with the local hospital, which is referring all their patients to us so they can begin making repairs to their facility.

According to the Bahamas Health Minister, the Samaritan's Purse emergency field hospital, along with the medical capabilities of other organizations, will cover both the acute and outpatient medical needs of the entire island of Grand Bahama—approximately 52,000 residents.

We've also set up a base of operations in Marsh Harbour on Abaco, where our teams are distributing emergency shelter material, clean water, and other critical supplies to families who have lost everything.

Our Cessna Caravan plane and helicopter—bolstered by U.S. military helicopters—have been moving relief items throughout the islands so we can reach difficult areas.

In the United States, our U.S. Disaster Relief teams are deploying to Ocracoke Island, North Carolina, to assist with relief efforts. Hurricane Dorian hit the island directly, producing a massive storm surge that significantly damaged 250 homes not covered by flood insurance.

Volunteers will soon begin work on Ocracoke Island to bring help and hope to the devastated community.



In the Bahamas, we were able to reach a small, isolated town of 100 people who had not yet received aid. Our team delivered water, food, and shelter material by helicopter.