



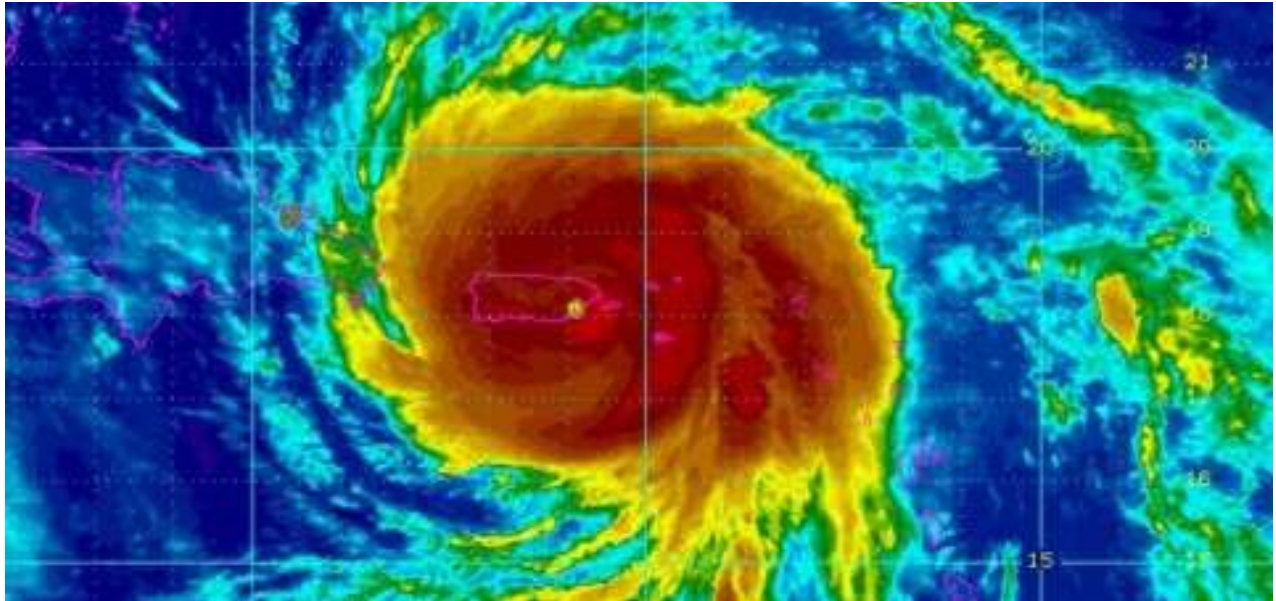
## How Can I Help Hurricane Survivors?

To help people affected by the recent hurricanes, visit [www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org) for a listed of trusted organizations. To help, remember:

- **Cash is best.** Financial contributions to recognized disaster relief organizations are the fastest, most flexible, and most effective method of donating. Organizations on the ground know what items and quantities are needed, often buy in bulk with discounts and, if possible, purchase through area businesses which supports economic recovery.
- **Confirm donations needed.** Critical needs change rapidly – confirm needed items BEFORE collecting; pack and label carefully; confirm delivery locations; arrange transportation. Unsolicited goods NOT needed burden local organizations' ability to meet survivors' confirmed needs, drawing away valuable volunteer labor, transportation, and warehouse space.
- **Connect to volunteer.** Trusted organizations operating in the affected area know where volunteers are needed, and can ensure appropriate volunteer safety, training, and housing.
  - Visit FEMA's **Hurricane Workforce** at <https://careers.fema.gov/hurricane> to help support hurricane response and recovery efforts.
  - Immediate temporary jobs are available in: Florida, Nevada, Puerto Rico, Texas, Virgin Islands, and On-Call Reservists.



FEMA is working with its federal partners to move supplies like food, water, fuel and generators to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.



### **In Need of Assistance from Hurricane Maria?**

Register online for Disaster Assistance at: [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)  
or call **1-800-621-3362 (711/Video Relay Service)**, TTY **1-800-462-7585**

### **What to do AFTER THE STORM:**

- **Follow the direction of state, local and tribal officials.** Do not return home until local officials indicate it is safe to do so (en Español: [www.fema.gov/es/huracan-maria](http://www.fema.gov/es/huracan-maria)).
- **Use texts or social media** to check in with friends and family. Cellphone lines may be overwhelmed or down; in most cases, messaging will still work.
- **Avoid debris, downed power lines and floodwater**, which may be electrically charged and hiding dangerous debris or places where the ground is washed away. Avoid downed power or utility lines – they may be live with deadly voltage. Report all downed power lines.
- **Never use a generator inside a home, basement, shed or garage**, even if doors or windows are open.
- **Photograph the damage to your property** to assist in filing an insurance claim.
- **Avoid walking or wading in floodwater inside or around your home.** It may be contaminated by oil, gasoline or raw sewage.

### **Resources:**

- Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.listo.gov](http://www.listo.gov) (Spanish) for tips on how to prepare for and stay safe during hurricanes and flooding.
- Download the [FEMA Mobile App](#) to receive alerts from the National Weather Service, get safety and survival tips, customize your emergency checklist, find your local shelter, and upload your disaster photos to help first responders.
- Register on the American Red Cross [Safe and Well](#) site so people know you're "safe and well."
- Download the Red Cross Emergency App for free from your app store, or text 'GETEMERGENCY' to 90999.