



Humanitarian Aid and Rescue Project

Operation Caribbean

Location: Puerto Rico

Impact Report

Operational Date: 9/2017

Operational Summary

In September 2017, Puerto Rico was devastated by two hurricanes, Irma and Maria, causing extensive damage to the island.

Hurricane Irma made landfall on September 6, 2017, as a Category 5 storm with winds up to 100 miles per hour. The storm cut power to an estimated two-thirds of the main island, leaving communities disconnected and in disarray. Just two weeks later, on September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria struck the island as a Category 4 storm. Although Maria weakened slightly before landfall, it grew in size and completely covered the 35-mile-wide island. The center of Maria crossed the southeast coast near Yabucoa, traveled diagonally across the island from southeast to northwest for several hours, and exited in Arecibo.

HARP arrived in Puerto Rico just 24 hours after the first hurricane struck, immediately partnering with Team Rubicon to clear and secure storm-impacted roadways. Days later, they established a base in Rincón on the western coast and swiftly began locating and retrieving missing residents who had sheltered in the hills.

During this time, HARP was also tasked with locating residents of a small rural town isolated by mudslides that had cut off access. They successfully reached the town, providing medical assistance and facilitating evacuations, critical actions that had been delayed due to the area's inaccessibility.

During this operation, HARP provided life-saving assistance to more than 65 individuals and restored five generators, including two essential for rural hospitals caring for critically injured locals.

HARP also supported the DEA in their efforts to combat drug runners who exploited the chaos caused by the power outages and disaster.

Future Missions and How You Can Help

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