



Anguilla's Hurricane Irma Relief Plans: How You Can Help

Dear Friends and Partners,

The Government of Anguilla is grateful for all the good will expressed worldwide as a result of the devastation the island has faced during the passage of Hurricane Irma. The challenges faced are not insurmountable, but will demand a concerted effort locally, regionally and internationally.

There have been many offers for donation of relief supplies, building materials, technical expertise, and many other items vitally needed to rebuild the country. The Government of Anguilla welcomes these offers and expresses its appreciation to those who have already committed to help in various ways, and would like to also express advance words of thanks to those who will assist in the future.

The official avenue within which to channel assistance is to the Government of Anguilla directly via the Relief Committee of the NDMC at email ddmaxa@gov.ai and 264-497-5666. All donations whether of a financial nature or relief supplies, equipment or building materials are coordinated by the Relief Committee.

Additionally, the Government of Anguilla will be providing bank account information in Anguilla to which financial gifts of any amount could be wired. This information will be provided in the near future when these details can be finalised with the local banking institutions when they come back online as part of their restoration and business continuity plans.

In the meantime however, there are avenues to donate indirectly to the Government and people of Anguilla through reputable regional and international institutions.

Financial Donations

- CDEMA – Caribbean Disaster Emergency Agency (CDEMA) (Anguilla Relief Aid)
- British Red Cross <https://beta.redcross.org.uk/appeal/hurricane-irma-appeal> (Anguilla Relief Aid)
- U.K. donors also have the option to donate via the West India Committee, a UK registered charity with Royal Charter status. They have already received over \$50,000 in donations and these funds will be used to support Anguilla in the aftermath of the hurricanes. The address is as follows: www.westindiacommittee.org/donate.
- For those of you in the U.S. who want to donate, please note that The Anguilla Progressive Association of New York is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization as the per the IRS; visit them at <https://www.apanydonate.org> to make a donation.
- We've noticed a number of "GoFundMe" pages have been set up to assist Anguilla; 135 to be exact. We are not in a position to endorse or recommend which ones you should or shouldn't donate to; this is entirely up to you. Be careful when choosing recipients for donations and be cautious of potential charity scams. I expect a number of scammers will try to use this opportunity to defraud unsuspecting persons.

Donations of emergency supplies:

- Building material such as galvanized sheet roofing, construction and pressure treated plywood, T1-11 pressure treated plywood, other building materials
- Medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, baby food, water, foodstuffs
- For those of you who would like to send relief supplies, I've posted a photo of the contents of a generic Emergency Relief Kit, endorsed by the Department of Disaster Management. With regard to other relief items, please coordinate with the DDM to avoid duplication of efforts, the oversupply of certain items, and to ensure the right resources are directed to the appropriate areas.

Others types of help in kind:

HMS Ocean is en route to the Caribbean via Gibraltar where it will collect significant relief supplies and building material to be transported to Anguilla and other impacted OKOTs.

For person wishing to volunteer their time and expertise, I say again, please coordinate with the DDM to avoid duplication of efforts.

Please note that the airport is in limited operation; visual flight rules apply. Incoming and coming and outgoing flights are being coordinated by the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), under the authority of the authority of the National Emergency Operations Centre. Any party wishing to land an aircraft in Anguilla must seek permission to do so by written request to DDM at ddmaxa@gmail.com. DDM may also be reached by 264-497-5666.

Private businesses, organizations, and individuals seek to deliver supplies for humanitarian relief via air or to extract or evacuate specific persons from Anguilla are requested to coordinate their plans with the DDM to ensure an orderly and secure process.

With regard to access Anguilla by boat, both of our main ports are not functioning at the moment but we hope to have them up and running soon.

In the meantime, continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Anguilla will come back, stronger than ever.

Bank Details for CDEMA for donations:

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND (EAF)

CARIBBEAN DISASTER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CDEMA) Resilience Way, Lower Estate, St. Michael Barbados, West Indies

Intermediary Bank

- Bank: Bank Wells Fargo Bank, NA
- SWIFT Code: PNBUS3NNYC
- ABA Routing #: 026 005 092
- Bank Address: 11 Penn Plaza, 4th Floor, New York, NY

Beneficiary Bank:

- Bank: CIBC First Caribbean International Bank
- SWIFT Code: FCIBBBBB
- Account Number: 2000192003913

- Bank Address: Rendezvous, Christ Church, Barbados

For donations being made in USD\$ please use the bank details below:

- Name of Account: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency
- Account Number: 1333514
- Currency of Account: UNITED STATES DOLLARS

For donations being made locally in BDS\$, please use the bank details below:

- Name of Account: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency
- Account Number: 3666589
- Currency of Account: BARBADOS DOLLARS