



Activation: Hurricane Dorian - Bahamas

Situation Report 1 - period covered: September 1 - 2, 2019

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“Hurricane Dorian has caused extensive damage across the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama in the Bahamas, according to rapid initial assessments from authorities and Red Cross officials on the ground. According to these reports, Dorian’s ferocious category 5 winds and rains have damaged houses and other buildings, leaving many people without adequate shelter. As many as 13,000 houses may have been severely damaged or destroyed. On the island of Abaco, extensive flooding is believed to have contaminated wells with saltwater, creating an urgent need for clean water.” [source](#)

Our Humanity Road disaster desk activated Thursday 12pm local time in advance of landfall. This situation report number 1 contains helpful resource links and useful information based on early indications in social media. Questions can be directed to support@humanityroad.org or call us at 800-951-1951.

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Situation Overview Highlights:

The Ministry of Finance is coordinating its response to Hurricane Dorian by preparing exigency orders to allow donated and purchased relief supplies to enter the affected areas [source](#) Major damages are currently reported in the islands of Abaco, Grand Bahamas and Keys located on the hurricane path. Both islands had been severely impacted by hurricane Matthew in 2016.

CDEMA is leading international coordination. With the financial support of the Government of the United Kingdom and on behalf of the Caribbean Development Partners Group on Disaster Management, two Rapid Needs Assessment Teams were deployed to Nassau and a lead was deployed who will be stationed at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) in Nassau. [source](#)

Recent Updates - September 2, 2019

- **Forecast:** Hurricane Dorian has virtually stalled over Grand Bahama, according to the National Hurricane Center. At 11 am, the eyes of Hurricane Dorian was located 30 miles North-east of Freeport, Grand Bahamas and 108 miles northeast of Bimini. Dorian was located about 136 miles north-northwest of New Providence. [ZNSBahamas242](#)
- **Communications:** Nationwide collapse of connectivity registered in #Bahamas as of 7:30 a.m. UTC (3:30 a.m. local time) knocking out remaining networks; estimated 80% now offline. WFP Emergency Telecommunications cluster personnel are on the ground. [Source](#) [source](#)
- **Airports:** LPIA Nassau Airport is open and operating today, Mon Sept 2 Visit <http://nassaulpia.com> , Grand Bahama Airport is under 5 feet of water, Bahamas Rock Sound Airport located in South Eleuthera district is also covered in water
- **Medical:** The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) through the medical authorities indicates that is still assessing the need for medical supplies. The Medical Information and Coordination Cell (CICOM) is monitoring the development of Dorian and potential needs for Emergency Medical Teams to deploy. Two Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) coordinators from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) / World Health Organization (WHO) located in Nassau (Bahamas) and Bridgetown (Jamaica) [source](#)
- **Urgent Needs Summary:**
 - The Defence Force has been dispatched to rescue people in East Grand Bahama if you know anyone who is trapped tell them call 351-9774 so they can get on the rescue list. There are also numbers for the Emergency Operation Centres in Grand Bahama: 351-4902, 351-4903, 351-4904 and you can WhatsApp your location to 557-5202. [source](#)

- Citizens across Abaco and many other regions are calling into ZNS news to report that they are trapped in rising waters or on balconies and need rescue. During an interview this morning ZNSTV announced that no official rescue teams can be launched until winds drop below 40 mph, which is anticipated by tomorrow for Abaco Islands and 24 hours after that for Nassau. Source: Live newscast [source](#)

Emergency Numbers

For emergencies, including medical emergencies, call 911 or 919.

Fire – Marsh Harbour: 242-367-2000 ; 367-3752

Fire – Hope Town: 242-366-0549

Fire – Green Turtle Cay: 242-365-4019

Fire – Guana Cay: 242-365-5178

Fire – Man-O-War: 242-365-4019

Fire – Treasure Cay: 242-365-9111 ; 242-365-8919

BASRA: 242-475-1389 ; 242-366-0549

Status Updates

- Sept 2 - Questions for reunification 242-351-9774, Whatsapp 359-5142 (Msg only) [source](#)
- Sept 2 - Reunification survey please complete to register your location <https://t.co/Th50QHYhsB>

Government Contacts

Bahamas:

- Bahamas Government
 - Office of the Prime Minister (242) 352-8525/6
 - Website <http://www.bahamas.gov.bs>
- [National Emergency Management Agency \(NEMA\)](#)
Tel. (242)-322-6081/5, Fax. (242)-326-5456
Email. nema@bahamas.gov.bs
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NEMA242>
- [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency \(CDEMA\)](#)
Tel #: (246) 434-4880
Fax #: (246) 271-3660
Website: <https://www.cdema.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cdemacu1/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cdemacu>
- [Ministry of Education, Science and Technology](#)
 - Website: <https://www.ministryofeducationbahamas.com/>
 - Tel: (242)-502-2700

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ministryofeducationbah/>
- [Bahamas Red Cross](#)
 - Website: [Website](#)
 - Tel: (242) 323-7370

Regional Areas of Interest

The following areas of interest are not inclusive of all areas impacted, but provide key information and highlights of some impacts in the locations identified.

New Providence District [25.044234, -77.350390](#)

- Population 274,400
- Most populous island in [The Bahamas](#), with more than 70% of total population and location of the capital city of Nassau
- Airport: LPIA Nassau Airport [25.045872, -77.465538](#)
- Areas of Interest
 - Nassau (pop 274,400) [25.060000, -77.345000](#)
 - Paradise Island (pop Unknown) [25.082200, -77.314713](#)
 - Adelaide (pop 43,354) [25.004242, -77.496699](#)
 - Belair Estates (pop 86,812) [25.017852, -77.364774](#)
 - Cable Beach (pop 58,352) [25.077454, -77.410351](#)
- *Recent Updates*
 - LPIA Nassau Airport is open and operating today, Mon Sept 2 Visit <http://nassaulpia.com> or updates. [Source](#)
 - Flooding in Nassau video [Video](#)
 - [Princess Margaret hospital in urgent need of blood source](#)

City of Freeport District [26.5346175, -78.6991796](#)

- Population 26,914
- Airport: Grand Bahama International Airport [26.548471, -78.696343](#)
- *Recent Updates*
 - Sept 2: Distress call to Bahamas Press - people on roof on Churchill Drive [source](#)
 - Sept 2: Grand Bahama Airport under 5 feet of water [source](#)

Abaco Islands 26°28'N 77°05'W

- Population 17,224
- Website <https://www.bahamas.com/islands/abacos>
- The Abaco Islands constitute seven of the 31 Local Government [Districts of the Bahamas](#)
- Ferry: <https://www.abacoescape.com/Ferries/Ferries.html>
- *Recent Updates*
 - Press Briefing:d N.Abaco MP, the Hon. Darren Henfield, [Video](#)

North Abaco District [26.792586, -77.434206](#)

- Population 9,578 [source](#)
- Number of Buildings: 4,870
- Airport: Treasure Cay Airport (IATA: TCB, ICAO: MYAT) [26.741751, -77.381618](#) The airport resides at an elevation of 8 ft (2.4 m) above **mean sea level**. It has one **runway** designated 14/32 with an **asphalt** surface measuring 2,134 m × 46 m (7,001 ft × 151 ft). There is one terminal building, with departures in one room and arrivals in another.
- *Recent Updates*
 - Sep 2 - North Abaco MP Darren Henfield said there has been catastrophic damage on the island. He said there are reports of casualties but they cannot confirm that at the moment. He said it's not safe to go outdoors – power lines are down, lamp poles are down, trees are across the street. As soon as the weather permits, first responders will go to areas where they've had reports of people in distress. [source](#)
- Areas of interest
 - Wood Cay (pop 78)
 - Crown Haven (pop 210)
 - Cedar Harbour (pop 103)
 - Coopers Town (pop 366)
 - Fire Road Village (pop 349)
 - Black Wood Village (pop 260)
 - Treasure Cay (pop 1,187)
 - Murphy Town
 - Dundas Town

Grand Cay

- Population 383
- *Recent Updates*
 - Sept 2 - The last 80 persons rescued from Grand Cay all are now safe. [Source](#)
 - Sept 1 - Grand Cay All Age School serves as a shelter. No online presence, current status unknown. [Facebook](#) group last updated in 2010 [Map](#)

Green Turtle Cay [26.7672738,-77.3278917](#)

- Population 450
- Area of Interest: New Plymouth
- Getting there: Can only be reached via ferry or boat from the mainland.
- Airport: There is no airport on the island
- Areas of Interest: New Plymouth contains a post office, bank, customs and immigration office, four grocery stores, several restaurants, bars, churches and museum
- *Recent Updates*

- Sept 2 - Shelter school failed, roads impassable [source](#)
- Sept 1 - Shelter: Amy Roberts Primary School [source](#)
- Sept 1 - No updates on [Facebook](#)
- Aug 31 - 8/31 Pre landfall drive around [video](#)

Central Abaco District [26.433333, -77.133333](#)

- Population 9,196
- Areas of Interest

Marsh Harbour [26.542222, -77.063611](#)

- Population 6,283
- Marsh Harbour is the Bahamas third largest city (after Nassau & Freeport) and the Abaco's commercial hub
- Ferry: Daily <https://www.alburysferry.com/>
- Airports:
 - Leonard M. Thompson International Airport [26.511721, -77.085313](#) (IATA: MHH, ICAO: MYAM), The airport has an elevation of 6 ft (1.8 m) above mean sea level. It has one runway, designated 09/27, that has an asphalt surface measuring 1,859.3 m × 30 m (6,100 ft × 98 ft). The old runway was converted into a taxiway
 - Spanish Cay Airport [26.355984, -77.148496](#) (ICAO: MYAX) is an airstrip serving Spanish Cay. The airport resides at an [elevation](#) of 10 ft (3.0 m) above [mean sea level](#). It has one [runway](#) designated 14/32 with an [asphalt](#) surface measuring 1,342 m × 21 m (4,403 ft × 69 ft).
- Hospital:
 - Marsh Harbour provides medical needs for Abaco islands [source](#)
 - Marsh Harbour Medical Center [26.533910, -77.070203](#)
 - Auskell Medical Center [26.542159, -77.061473](#)
- *Recent Updates*
 - Sept 2 - “From all accounts we have received catastrophic damage,” Foreign Minister Darren Henfield told the ZNS Network, speaking from the main government building in Marsh Harbour, Abaco’s largest city. “We have reports of casualties... We cannot confirm those reports until we go out and have a look for ourselves.” [source](#)
 - Sept 2 - Resident Video of devastation [Video](#)
 - Sept 2 - Storm Surge 5’ water [Video](#)

South Abaco District [26.05, -77.25](#)

- Population 7,646
- Number of Buildings 3,398
- Areas of Interest: [Sandy Point](#)
- Ferry: Weekly - Friday morning and returns Sunday Evening (www.bahamasferries.com/)

- Airport: Sandy Point Airport [26.004722, -77.395556](#) resides at an **elevation** of 8 ft (2.4 m) above **mean sea level**. It has one **runway** designated 10/28 with an **asphalt** surface measuring 1,372 m × 30 m (4,501 ft × 98 ft)
- Recent Updates
 - Fatality reported in Sandy Point

Moores Island District [26.3, -77.55](#)

- Population 950
- Areas of Interest: Hard Bargain, Bight
<https://www.abacoescape.com/Moores/Moores.html>
- Moores Island lies some 28 miles (45km) to the northwest of Abaco Island, about 35 miles to the southeast of Grand Bahama Island. The islands are surrounded by shallow waters.
- Airport: (ICAO: MYAO) [26.3179166666667, -77.5623055555556](#) Runway 09/27 (2640' x 100'), Surface: GRAVEL; Airport frequencies: CTAF 122.800 MHz; Fuel: No fuel available
- Recent Updates

Hope Town District [26.3179, -77.562305](#)

- Population 458
- Elbow Cay is located about 4 miles (6.4 kilometres) east of **Marsh Harbour** on **Great Abaco Island**.
- Getting there: Most visitors fly into Marsh Harbour and take the ferry to either Hope Town at the Northern end of Elbow Cay or White Sound, a mid-island harbour. At the Southern end of the island is Tahiti Beach near Doros Cove. Golf carts are the main source of transportation, and most of the supplies for the area are brought in by barge each week.
- Airport: No airport - Emergency Helipad at Taylor's Park Ball field [26.540962, -76.958984](#)
- Areas of Interest: <https://www.abacoescape.com/HopeTownElbowCay.html>
 - Hope Town
 - White Sound
- *Recent Updates*
 - Sep 2 - Via ABC news - Video - walk through storm-hit Elbow Cay shows extent of destruction in Hope Town as Hurricane Dorian lashes the Bahamas. [Video](#)

Shelters

- List of Grand Bahama Shelters: [source](#)
 - Foster B. Pestaina Centre Pro-Cathedral of Christ the King (Special Needs shelter)
 - East Atlantic Drive and Pioneer's Way
 - First Baptist Church Hall, Columbus Drive and Nansen Avenue
 - Central Church of God Coral Road
 - Maurice Moore Primary School, Grade 4 Block, Teacher's Lounge, Music Room, Sandcombe Drive

- Freeport Seventh-day Adventist Church, Gambier and Beach way Drive
- Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Torcross Road
- Cancer Association, West Atlantic Drive
- Church of God Prophecy, Sea Grape, Eight Mile Rock
- Calvary Temple, Clive Avenue
- Hilton Outten Auditorium, Settler's Way
- Church of the Ascension, Ascension Drive
- BMES, Beach Way Drive
- Grand Lucayan
- Bethel Deliverance Church, Eight Mile Rock
- New Providence Shelter Information: Source: <https://ewnews.com/shelters>

Communications

Status Reports:

- Sept 2 - Nationwide collapse of connectivity registered in #Bahamas as of 7:30 a.m. UTC (3:30 a.m. local time) knocking out remaining networks; estimated 80% now offline [source](#)
- Sept 1 - We are asking the public to report any additional concerns or issues directly to BTC, by calling us toll free at CALL-BTC or 225-5282. Customers may also reach out to us on social media. [Facebook](#)

Communications Companies:

- BTC Bahamas (<http://www.btcbahamas.com/>) mobile, internet, landline. Tel: 242-225-5282, [Facebook](#)
- Coralwave (www.coralwave.com), cable, direct fibre.
- Batelnet (www.batelnet.bs), dial up, DSL. Tel: 242-CALL-BTC (225-5282)
- DSL Bahamas (www.dslbahamas.com), DSL. Tel: (242) 328-0048.
- BGC (www.bgcbahamas.com), wireless. Tel: (242) 397 2400
- Out Island Internet (www.abacoinet.com), dial up, wireless. Tel: (242) 367-3006, (242) 367-3839, Email: accounts@abacoinet.com, support@abacoinet.com
- The Hurricane Watch Net will activate at 5:00 PM EDT – 2100 UTC Saturday afternoon, August 31st. Once activated, the Net will remain in continuous operation until further notice. Our frequencies of operation will be 14.325 MHz and 7.268 MHz. Operations on 14.325 MHz will continue as long they have propagation.

Power

Bahamas Power and Light <http://www.bplco.com/> [Facebook](#)

- Sept 2 - 10am UPDATE: BPL is working to restore power in New Providence, but efforts are being hampered by the flooding. A system fault at one of the primary substations – believed to be as a result of moisture ingress – is believed to have led to a chain of

events culminating in a total island wide outage. The BPL team is working feverishly at present to power up the system, balancing load demands with the capacity available in the system with that primary substation still offline. [source](#)

- Sept 1 Bahamas Power and Light has determined an issue reaching emergency numbers via cell phone. They are working w/ BTC to correct the problem now. They can be reached via landline at:302-1800 or 323-5561/4 Or you can log your issues via Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/794506504005918/posts/2262398757216678?sfns=xmwa>

Photos and Videos

Abaco as the roof to an apartment complex is gone [video](#)

Elbow Cay Hope Town Devastation. [Video](#)

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Sept 2 - Storm Surge 5' water [Video](#)

Sept 2 - Flooding in Nassau video [Video](#)

Sept 1 - Briefing:d N.Abaco MP, the Hon. Darren Henfield, [Video](#)

Aug 31 Pre landfall drive around [video](#)

Twitter Accounts

[@WeatherBahamas](#)

[@Tribune242](#)

[@ZNSBahamas242](#)

[@Bahamaspress](#)

[@USEmbassyNassau](#)

[@daBahamianTing](#)

FaceBook Accounts

[Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology - Bahamas](#)

[National Emergency Management Agency \(NEMA\)](#)

[Bahama News & Events](#)

[The Nassau Guardian](#)

[The Bahamas Weekly](#)

[The Freeport News](#)

Hashtags

Event tags: #Dorian #HurricaneDorian2019 #HurricaneDorian #ZNSStormWatch
#trackingDorian

Location tags: #Bahamas #HarbourIslandEleuthera #Eleuthera #EleutheraBahamas #HarborIsland #HarborIslandBahamas #hurricanequestions #Abaco #GrandBahama #Nassau

Traditional Media and Blogs

[The Bahamas Weekly](#)

[VueTOO - Hurricane Joaquin](#)

[Bahamas Press](#)

[Freeport News](#)

[Bahama Islands Info](#)

Transportation and Infrastructure

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- Grand Bahamas International Airport is under 5 foot of water [source](#)
- Bahamas Rock Sound Airport located in South Eleuthera district is covered in water as reported in a video posted by ZNS Bahamas 242. More info: [source](#)

Maps and Situational Awareness Reports



Sept 1 IFRC [Info Bulletin no. 2 Hurricane Dorian–Bahamas & USA](#)

Aug 31 CDEMA Deploys in advance of Dorian [Press Report](#)

Sept 2 National Hurricane Center <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/#Dorian>

Goes Satellite map video <https://twitter.com/MJVentrice/status/1168232870932074496>

Public Health and Medical

New Providence

- Kelso Medical Laboratory - closed October 2 ([source](#)) [Facebook](#)
- Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau +1 242-322-2481 [Facebook](#)
- Doctors Hospital Nassau +1 242-302-4600 Bahamas [website](#) [Facebook](#)
- Recent updates
Sept 2 Princess Margaret hospital in urgent need of blood [source](#)

Freeport

- Rand Memorial Hospital (242)350-6700 [Website](#)

Abaco Health Facilities

- Abaco Family Medicine: 367-2295
- Abaco Medi-Center: 242-367-7999
- Auskell Advanced Medical Clinic: 242-367-0020
- Corbett Medical Center: 242-365-8288
- Integrated Medical Center: 242-367-1304
- Marsh Harbour Medical Centre: 242-367-0050
- Government Clinic, Marsh Harbour: 242-367-2510
- Government Clinic, Cooper's Town: 242-365-0300
- Government Clinic, Green Turtle Cay: 242-365-4028
- Government Clinic, Hope Town: 242-366-0108
- Government Clinic, Sandy Point: 242-366-4010
- Government Clinic, Fox Town: 242-365-2172
- Kidney Centre, Marsh Harbour: 242-367-3310