Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 storm, hit the Caribbean beginning on September 6. Less than two weeks later, Hurricane Maria, a second Category 5 storm, struck the region. USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) on September 7. The DART—which at its height comprised 54 people—deployed to 11 locations in the Caribbean to lead the U.S. government’s humanitarian response in coordination with affected governments.

**U.S. Government Assistance**

- More than $14.2 million provided to Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Dominica, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint-Martin, and Sint Maarten
- 54 members of USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team deployed to 11 locations
- 10 Airlifts
- An estimated 70,500 people helped with nearly 162 metric tons of relief supplies
- 8 Desalination Units provided by U.S. SOUTHCOM
- 55 Missions to deliver aid & response staff
- 155 Metric Tons of relief supplies delivered
- 83,020 gallons of potable water produced

**U.S. Military Assistance**

- 55 Missions to deliver aid & response staff
- 155 Metric Tons of relief supplies delivered
- Forklifts provided to offload cargo

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