



# Hurricanes Irma and María

## Timeline of Events in Puerto Rico



FEMA



### SEPTEMBER 2017

- **5:** Hurricane Irma impacts Puerto Rico; Emergency Declaration issued for the island.
- **6:** Major Disaster Declaration issued for Hurricane Irma.
- **18:** Emergency Declaration issued for Hurricane María.
- **20:** Hurricane María makes landfall in Puerto Rico; Major Disaster Declaration issued.
- FEMA coordinates one of the largest, most complex federal disaster response missions in U.S. history.
- Focus is life-saving and life-sustaining, including shelter, medical assistance, food and water distribution.
- **27:** Critical Needs Assistance approved.
- **28:** 162 shelters open in Puerto Rico, with a population of 11,312.



### OCTOBER

- **1:** Emergency repair and reconstruction of critical infrastructure (medical facilities, roads, power, water, telecommunications, ports and airports) and debris removal are under way.
- **3:** USNS Comfort hospital ship arrives in Puerto Rico.
- **9:** First Individual Assistance funds disbursed.
- **19:** 16,500 federal, civilian and military personnel are deployed; Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power (*Tu Hogar Renace*) and Direct Lease programs approved.
- **28:** 80 shelters open, with a population of 3,577.
- **30:** Transitional Sheltering Assistance authorized to shelter displaced survivors at hotels.
- **31:** Eight disaster recovery centers open.



### NOVEMBER

- **3:** FEMA begins local hiring.
- **16:** Immediate Disaster Case Management approved.
- **19:** Individual Assistance registration deadline is extended.
- **20:** USNS Comfort departs, having treated 1,899 patients, performed 191 surgeries, provided 76,000 liters of oxygen and 10 tons of food and water.
- **27:** 27 disaster recovery centers open.
- **28:** 42 shelters open, with a population of 1,135.
- **30:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes initial installation of requested generators.



### DECEMBER

- **9:** Combined federal assistance to Puerto Rico surpasses \$1 billion.
- **28:** 27 shelters open, with a population of 428.
- **29:** Individual Assistance surpasses \$825 million.
- **29:** U.S. Small Business Administration approves more than \$271 million in loans.



### JANUARY 2018

- **10:** Voluntary Agencies Leading and Organizing Repair program begins.
- **24:** SBA approves more than \$720 million in loans to homeowners, renters and businesses.
- **24:** Individual Assistance surpasses \$993 million.
- **29:** Shelter population declines to 168 in eight shelters.
- **30:** 56 disaster recovery centers open.



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### ● FEBRUARY

- **1:** FEMA Public Assistance obligates \$500 million for debris removal & emergency measures.
- **28:** 10,700 survivors sheltering in hotels in 40 states and Puerto Rico under the Transitional Sheltering Assistance program.
- **28:** USACE generator installations total 882 at critical sites.
- **28:** Individual Assistance totals \$1 billion; SBA approves \$1.1 billion in disaster loans.
- **28:** TSA extended until May 14; 65 disaster recovery centers open.



### ● MARCH

- **15:** Individual Assistance registration deadline extended to June 18.
- **22:** More than 7,000 households receive support for hotel stays through TSA program
- **27:** Last shelters close.
- **28:** Individual Assistance totals \$1.17 billion; SBA approves \$1.3 billion in loans.
- **31:** 63 disaster recovery centers open.



### ● APRIL

- **18:** Hurricane Season preparedness campaign begins.
- **20:** FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance program extended.
- **30:** FEMA Public Assistance funding surpasses \$2 billion; Individual Assistance totals more than \$1.2 billion; SBA approves nearly \$1.5 billion in loans.
- **30:** 64 disaster recovery centers open.



### ● MAY

- **17-31:** Hurricane preparedness exercises and training take place.
- **31:** 64 disaster recovery centers open.
- **31:** Individual Assistance totals \$1.3 billion; SBA loans total \$1.5 billion.



### ● JUNE

- **1-26:** Hurricane preparedness exercises and training continue.
- **18:** Individual Assistance registration ends.
- **28:** Individual Assistance totals \$1.35 billion; SBA loans total \$1.67 billion.
- **30:** 60 disaster recovery centers open.
- **30:** FEMA increases commodities stored in four new warehouses; 630 generators remain on island for potential use.



### ● JULY

- **30:** Individual Assistance totals \$1.38 billion; SBA disaster loans total \$1.7 billion.
- **31:** 56 disaster recovery centers open.
- **31:** FEMA Community Disaster Loans to municipalities surpass \$200 million.



### ● AUGUST

- **7:** Public Assistance program funding surpasses \$3 billion.



### ● SEPTEMBER

- **12:** SBA loans total over \$1.855 billion.
- **12:** Individual Assistance totals more than \$1.4 billion.
- **13:** 80,877 homes repaired through the Tu Hogar Renace program, funded by FEMA.
- **13:** 1,433 homes repaired through FEMA's VALOR program.
- **14:** Transitional Sheltering Assistance ends.