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DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE 10/1/12

Hurricane Isaac

Tropical Storm Isaac first impacted Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands on August 24th. Currently the storm has moved west of Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico, with a likely impact to eastern Louisiana, Mississippi and western Alabama. On August, 28th the storm intensified to a category 1 Hurricane. **More than 295 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members have been deployed to affected areas since the beginning of the storm.**

LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE, LA

NEW Environmental Corps at American YouthWorks

September 28th

6 members have been deployed under FEMA Mission Assignment to support volunteer and donations management and long term recovery client support. This team will end their deployment on October 23rd.

AmeriCorps St. Louis

September 11th

6 AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Corps members, deployed under FEMA Mission Assignment, are assisting the Louisiana VOAD with the Temporary Roof Repair program and supporting a Volunteer Reception Center in St. John's Parish. Four members will be tracking the impact and effectiveness of the Temporary Roof Repair program by collecting material, client, and completion information to populate a data base and daily reports to FEMA. Two members will stand up and operate a VRC in St. John's Parish.

MISSISSIPPI

NEW AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region

September 26th

A 10 member team has been deployed to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to support Volunteer Reception Centers coordinated by the Mississippi Commission on Volunteer Service. The team will perform data entry, volunteer coordination, client intake, and disaster assessments. The area was impacted by flooding from Hurricane Isaac. The team arrived on September 26th and will end their deployment on October 19th.

WESTERN WILDFIRES

Approximately 200 AmeriCorps members and RSVP volunteers deployed to fight wildfires, manage volunteers and donations, operate emergency shelters, and support call centers in Colorado, New Mexico and Utah since late June. Members of AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps State & National, and RSVP programs are working with federal, state, and local government

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agencies, the American Red Cross, the United Way, Adventist Community Services, and other organizations. Additional teams are being deployed as conditions evolve.

I mentioned last Friday that we had 4 fire fighters placed on a crew from MA to help get that crew up to the required 20 person size and that they could be deployed to the Pacific Northwest in a few days. Well we were just notified that they would be heading out of Logan Airport this evening headed to a staging area in OR. From there they will get their actual assignment to one of the fires burning there. Right now we are getting these 4 members linked up with the rest of the MA crew.

OREGON WILDFIRES

UPDATED AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region

September 18th

4 NCCC members have been deployed to Oregon to support wildfire suppression in Oregon. This is supporting wildfire firefighting operations on the Tabletop Fire.

NEW DISASTER EVENTS

For information on new disaster events, please visit FEMA's daily situation report at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/index.shtm>

Resources

Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990

The Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7, year-round crisis counseling and support. The Helpline is staffed by trained counselors from a network of crisis call centers located across the United States, all of whom provide:

- Crisis counseling for those who are in emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster
- Information on how to recognize distress and its effects on individuals and families
- Tips for healthy coping
- Disaster-specific resources and referral information.

Colorado Wildfire Assistance

For those interested in assisting those affected by the wildfires in Colorado, please visit:

www.HelpColoradoNow.org. This website identifies ways to donate time or resources to those in need.

If you would like to learn more about how you can assist communities affected by disaster visit

www.serve.gov. If you would like to learn more about how to prepare your family and or community please visit www.ready.gov.