



# Survey on Status of Households Impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria

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# Background:

In the days and weeks immediately following Hurricane Maria, the St. Croix Foundation (SCF or Foundation) team and partners were working to streamline the supply chain of hurricane relief supplies for St. Croix being collected by philanthropic networks stateside. One of the questions we asked ourselves regarding planning for the distribution of those relief supplies was how we could get data regarding highly impacted neighborhoods, households, and individuals so that relief supplies could be targeted to critical needs. Our assumption was that *someone*, an organization or the government, would be conducting a door-to-door needs assessment to check on residents and we simply needed to gain access to the data. During a conversation with the American Red Cross approximately two weeks after the storm, we were informed that no such community-wide, door-to-door assessment was planned<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Department of Human Services and Department of Health did have lists of vulnerable people they were working to check-in on immediately after the storm to the best of their ability. Additionally, several federal government agencies conducted health and other assessments throughout the relief process.

The Foundation knew that both the Foundation and our community would need data to inform immediate relief strategies, such as the distribution of goods; to connect individuals in crisis with organizations that might have been able to help; to inform the Foundation's own disaster recovery strategies; and to inform long-term community recovery and emergency preparedness planning for the future. With those goals in mind, the Foundation created and launched the *Survey on Status of Households Impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria* (Individual and Household Needs Assessment). The SCF team determined that we did not have the capacity to manage an island-wide, door-to-door assessment, and an alternative process was established as outlined in the methodology section herein.

#### Methodology:

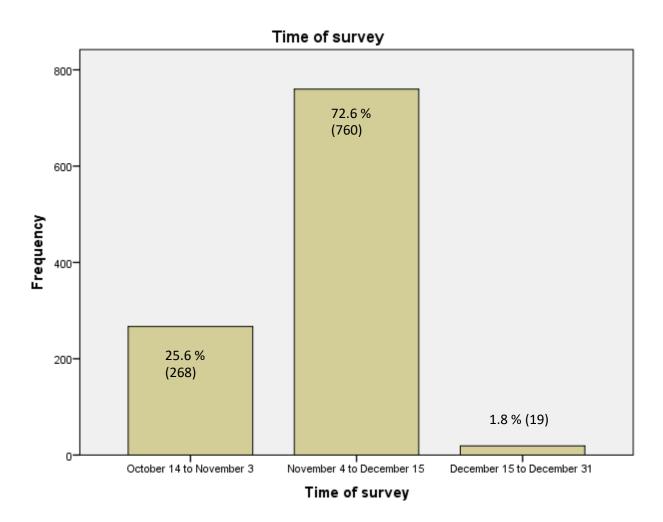
A copy of the survey is available in <u>Appendix A</u> of this document. The survey was developed by SCF team members with input from community partners. To control for variations in resident literacy and increase accessibility, the survey was administered as a conversational questionnaire with the surveyor asking each question aloud to the resident and then documenting their oral response (versus a paper survey the resident completes themselves in writing). In total, St. Croix Foundation recruited (via social media and in-person interviews) and trained 50 volunteers to conduct disaster recovery needs assessments. Every surveyor was trained to administer the survey with an emphasis placed on compassion, useful techniques, consistency in approach, and setting realistic expectations for residents about how the information being gathered would be used.

All participation in the survey by respondents was completely voluntary. Residents could participate in the survey anonymously or could choose to provide their contact information and signature providing consent for their information to be shared as a referral to partner organizations or government agencies that might be able help.

Data was gathered using convenience sampling. Early on in the data collection phase of the project, volunteer surveyors were dispatched to community events where large groups of hurricane survivors would be gathered such as at free, hurricane relief supply distribution events and other community convenings. At these types of events, residents were typically approached for their voluntary participation in the survey while they were waiting in line. As data collection progressed, by early November shifts in recovery began to occur including an increase in power restoration, more residents returned to work, fewer relief distribution events were held, etc. At that time, SCF's Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Coordinator reviewed the estates (neighborhoods) represented in the existing sample and strategically dispatched volunteers to locations to diversify the data pool and/or to capture the needs of residents in areas that we knew to be hard hit but had been under-sampled or not sampled at all. In few instances volunteers were dispatched in teams for door-to-door outreach in targeted neighborhoods or housing complexes. An emphasis was placed on reaching low to moderate income residents<sup>2</sup> to ensure their needs and perspectives would be represented in future conversations about recovery. The result is that neighborhoods heavily impacted by the disaster with a high concentration of low to moderate income families are proportionately overrepresented in the sample set (in terms of representativeness of the general island population).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Income was not asked on the survey. However, general household income profiles for geographic regions and neighborhoods were used to inform decision making as seen in charts in <u>Appendix B</u>.

Data was collected from October 14, 2017 through December 31, 2017. These dates represent a period of 25 – 103 days after Hurricane Maria hit St. Croix. The majority of surveys were collected in the period between November 4, 2017 – December 15, 2017.



#### Limitations:

Steps were not taken to ensure that this data set was proportionately representative of the island population as a whole. Some decisions about where to dispatch volunteers for survey collection were based on a priority of reaching residents from neighborhoods heavily impacted by the storm. Additionally, because one early purpose of survey administration was to connect people in crisis with resources that may be able to help, steps were taken to reach a high concentration of residents that may have had fewer access to economic resources. The rationale for this was based on the assumption that their pre-storm financial circumstances may make them particularly vulnerable in the aftermath of the disaster. While the sample is not representative of the island population as a whole (namely because certain geographic areas, particularly east-island, are underrepresented), the sample size is large enough to make assertive claims about trends in individual and household needs on St. Croix after Hurricane Maria. The sample size of 1,047 represents roughly 2% of the total island population.

# Respondents:

Residents in the following neighborhoods or communities were surveyed, with the related frequencies for that estate and the percent of total sample size listed in the chart below.

Neighborhood	Frequency	Percent
Adventure Hill	4	0.4
All for Better	1	0.1
Alphonso Gerard Complex	1	0.1
Anna's Hope	7	0.7
Aureo Diaz Community	3	0.3
Barren Spot	22	2.1
Bay Garden	1	0.1
Beeston Hill	2	0.2
Bellevue	2	0.2
Belvedere	1	0.1
Betsy Jewel	1	0.1
Boetzberg	1	0.1
Bonne Esperance	2	0.2
Bugby Hole	4	0.4
Butler Bay	2	0.2
Calquahoun	13	1.2
Campo Rico	25	2.4
Candido Guadalupe Terr.	5	0.5
Cane Bay	1	0.1
Cane Carlton	1	0.1
Cane Valley	1	0.1
<b>Canebrake Apartments</b>	4	0.4
Carambola	3	0.3
Carib Villas IV	1	0.1
Carlton	10	1
Castle Burke	12	1.1
Castle Coakley	9	0.9
Catherine's Rest	42	4
Christiansted	31	3
Clairmont	1	0.1
Clifton Hill	8	0.8
Concordia	16	1.5
Constitution Hill	2	2
Contentment	1	0.1

Neighborhood	Frequency	Percent
Cotton Valley	6	0.6
Croixville	5	0.5
D. Hamilton Jackson Terr.	5	0.5
Diamond	1	0.1
Diamond Ruby	7	0.7
East End	1	0.1
Eastern Suburb	1	0.1
Enfield Green	2	0.2
Estate Canaan	1	0.1
Estate Cane	2	0.2
Estate Glynn	13	1.2
Estate Humbug	3	0.3
Estate La Reine	5	0.5
Estate Mon Bijou	27	2.6
Estate Saint John	6	0.6
Estate St. George	2	0.2
Flamboyant Welcome	1	0.1
Frangipani	1	0.1
Frederiksted	39	3.7
Frits Lawaetz Complex	1	0.1
Gallows Bay	2	0.2
Golden Grove	3	0.3
Golden Grove Park	1	0.1
Golden Rock	4	0.4
Good Hope	2	0.2
Grange Stock Estate	1	0.1
Grapetree Bay	1	0.1
Green Cay	1	0.1
Grove Place	24	2.3
Hannah's Rest	20	1.9
Harbor View Apartments	26	2.5
Harrigan Court	5	0.5
Harvey Projects	6	0.6
Herman Hill	7	0.7

Neighborhood	Frequency	Percent
John F Kennedy Terrace	3	0.3
Joseph James Terrace	13	1.2
Judith's Fancy	2	0.2
La Grande Princess	27	2.6
La Grange	15	1.4
La Vallee	6	0.6
Little Fountain	2	0.2
Little Princesse Hill	3	0.3
Lorraine Village	7	0.7
Louis E Brown Apartment	2	0.2
Lowry Hill	3	0.3
Marley Homes	6	0.6
Mars Hill	1	0.1
Mary's Fancy	3	0.3
Montpellier	3	0.3
Morning Star	2	0.2
Mount Pleasant	43	4.1
Mount Welcome	1	0.1
Mountain West	1	0.1
Mutual Homes	4	0.4
New Works	3	0.3
North Shore	1	0.1
Old Hospital Ground	1	0.1
Orange Grove	11	1
Paradise	1	0.1
Paradise Mills	2	0.2
Pepper Tree Terrace	2	0.2

Neighborhood	Frequency	Percent
Plessen	2	0.2
Plessen West	1	0.1
Preston Hill	1	0.1
Princesse	18	1.7
Profit	3	0.5
Prospect Hill	1	0.1
Queen's Quarters	2	0.2
Questa Verde	4	0.4
Rainforest	1	0.1
Rattan	2	0.2
Richmond	5	0.5
Rosegate	1	0.1
Ruby	8	0.8
Rust Op Twist	1	0.1
Salt River	1	0.1
Schooner Bay	1	0.1
Shoys	1	0.1
Sion Farm	10	1
Sion Hill	21	2
Smithfield	8	0.8
<b>Union Mount Washington</b>	3	0.3
Walter IM Hodge	1	0.1
Wheel of Fortune	2	0.2
Whim	58	5.5
White Lady	21	2
White's Bay	8	0.8
William's Delight	68	6.5

#### Summary of Key Findings:

#### Housing

- 93% of survey respondents said their homes were damaged. 76% had roofdamage.
- 72% of residents surveyed had no homeowner's insurance. Of those with insurance, only 27% felt their
  insurance coverage would be sufficient to cover the full cost of damages. Only 25% of respondents with
  insurance reported they were able to afford the deductible.
- While households with seniors aged 65 and older were slightly more likely than the general population to carry homeowner's insurance (31% households with seniors compared to 28% all households), they were much less likely to say that they could afford to pay their deductible (17% households with seniors compared to 25% all households).
- The majority (58%) of survey respondents own their home, 32% were renters, and 10% live in public housing.

#### Health

- In households in which a member had special medical needs, 26% indicated that they did not have access to the medicine or medical equipment needed to keep them healthy after the storm.
- 65% of survey respondents reported that they had mold in their homes.
- Approximately 1 out of every 7 respondents said they were living in a home with both children and an individual with special medical needs.

#### **Employment**

• 34% had either reduced hours at work or had not yet returned to work as a result of the storm at the time they completed the survey.

#### **Hurricane Relief Needs**

- Drinking water was the most frequent response when residents were asked about critical needs for their household. 45% of survey respondents said they needed drinking water, 36% needed food, 25% needed a generator, 20% needed household water, 13% needed medications, 8% needed a tarp, and 6% needed medical equipment.
- As power was increasingly restored, surveyors noticed a trend in which respondents seemed less likely to report hurricane relief needs such as water, food, etc.
- Not having access to the medicine or medical equipment needed for a member of the household was an indicator of increased hurricane relief needs more generally. Of respondents who said they did not have access to the medicine or medical equipment needed: 50% also needed drinking water (compared to 45% of all households), 30% also needed household water (compared to 20% of all households), 46% also needed food (compared to 36% of all households), and 41% reported needing a generator (compared to only 25% of all households)

#### Resident Priorities for Community Recovery

When asked how they would like to see federal and private funds/resources dedicated to rebuilding the
Territory, the most common responses were related to roads, schools and education, the electric grid, and
hospitals.

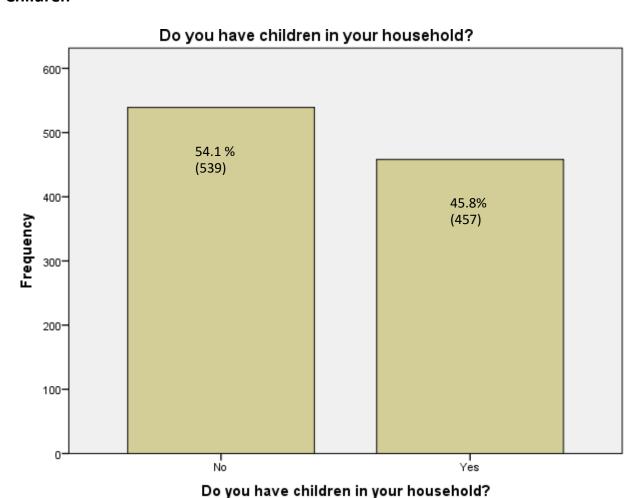
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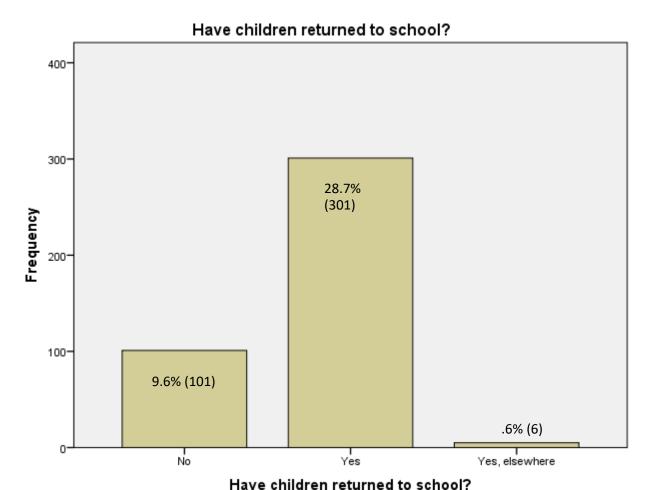
- 73% of survey respondents applied for FEMA assistance.
- Based on the information respondents shared with us and our knowledge of the resources available in the
  community, St. Croix Foundation made 353 referrals for 273 households (26% of all survey respondents)
  resulting in eligible residents becoming registered for public assistance, receiving critical supplies for health
  and wellbeing including replacements for durable medical equipment that had been damaged by the storm,
  food, household and baby supplies, tarps, solar lights and more.

#### Data:

If the survey question is different than the graph title, the verbatim survey question has been added to contextualize the data presented here.

#### Children



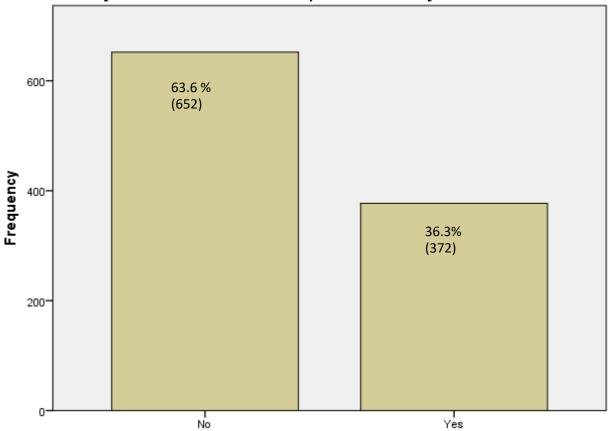


#### More Information:

- Many private schools opened before public schools. By early November, any public schools that were able to function were open and all public-school students were asked to return.
- Of respondents who indicated that their household included children who attended school, 64% had a child attending public school, 19% had a child attending private school, 15% had a child attending daycare, and 2% were homeschoolingachild.

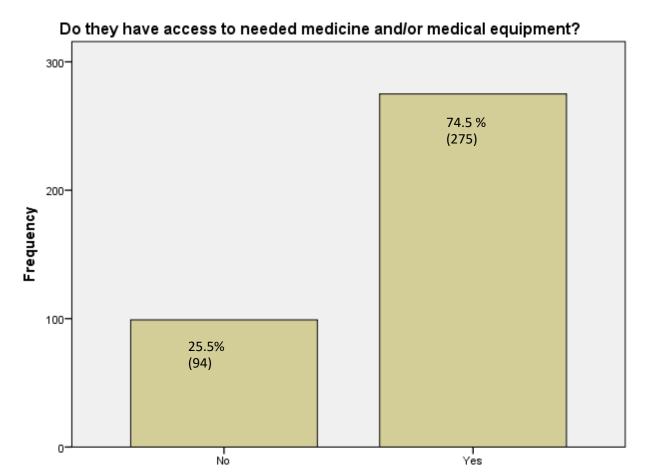
## **Special Medical Needs**





Do you have individuals with special needs in your house?

Survey question: "If yes, do they have access to the medicine and/or medical equipment they need?"

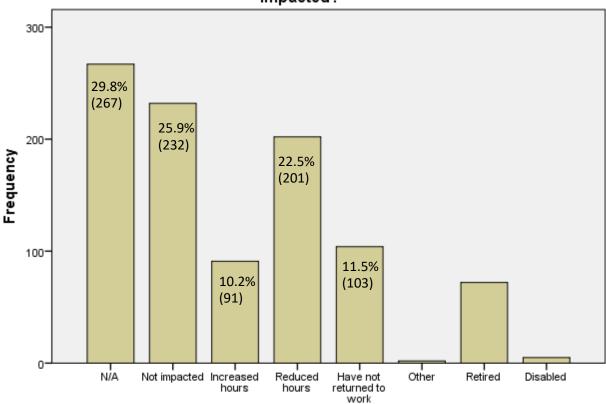


Do they have access to needed medicine and/or medical equipment?

#### **Employment**

Survey question: "If you were employed before the storms, how has your employment been impacted by the storms?"

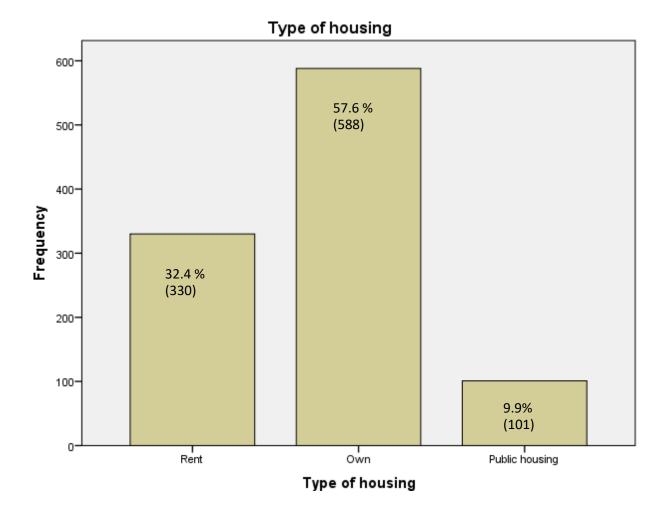
If you were employed before the storm, how has your employment been impacted?



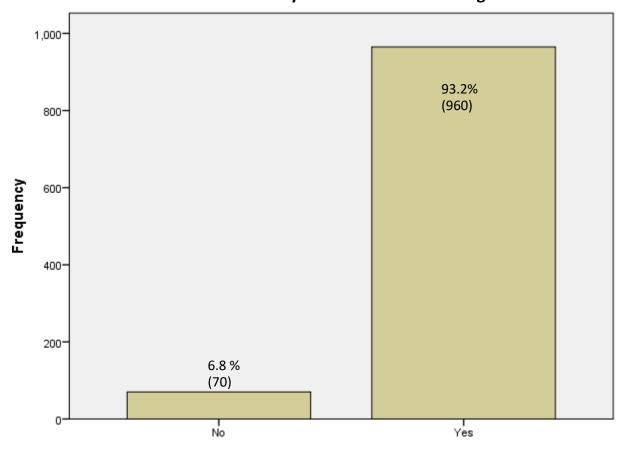
If you were employed before the storm, how has your employment been impacted?

#### **Housing & Home Damage**

Survey question: "Do you rent or own your home? Or live in Public Housing?"



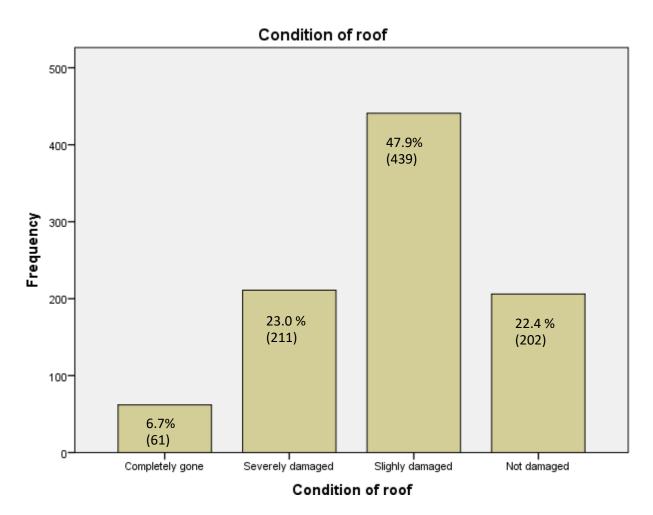
# Did the home you live in sustain damage?



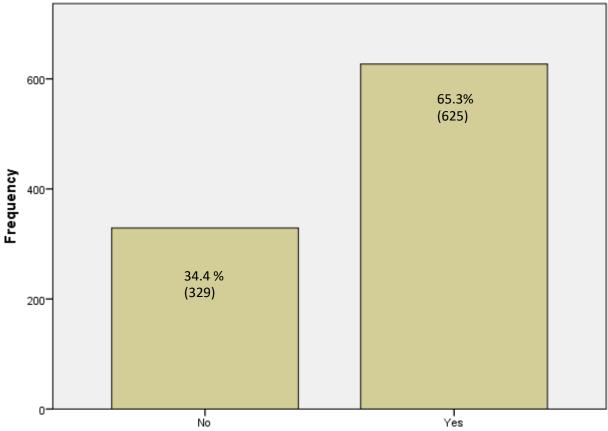
Did the home you live in sustain damage?

Respondents who indicated that their home did sustain damage, answered a series of follow up questions.

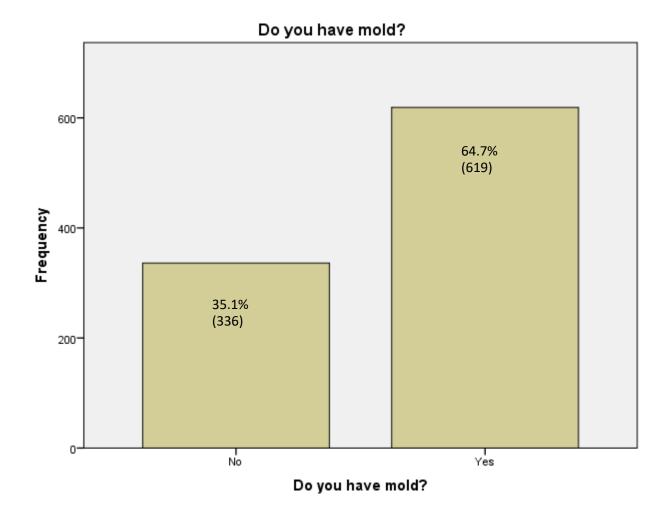
Survey question: "Is your house roof completely gone, severely damaged, slightly damaged, or not damaged?"



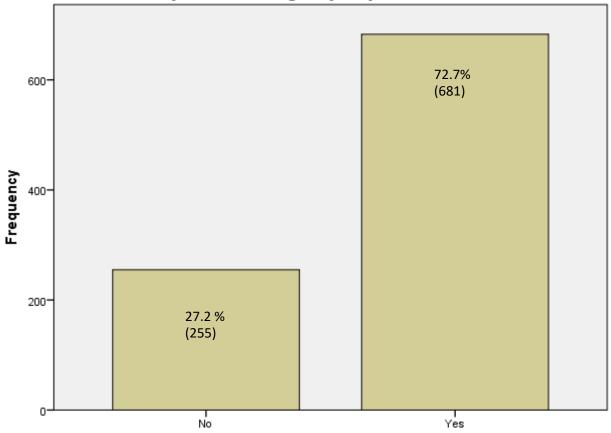




Do you have flooding when it rains?

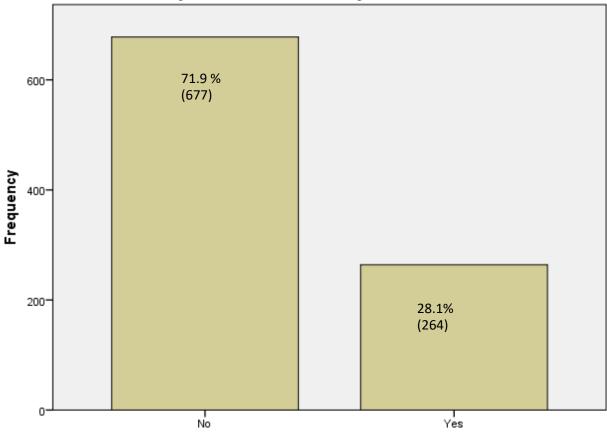






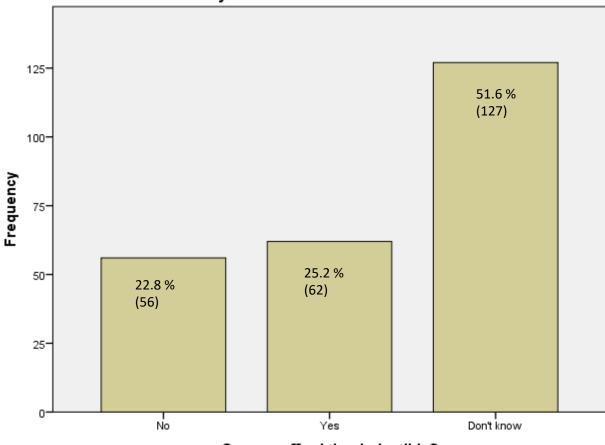
Do you have damage to your yard/fence?





Do you have insurance for your home?

# Can you afford the deductible?

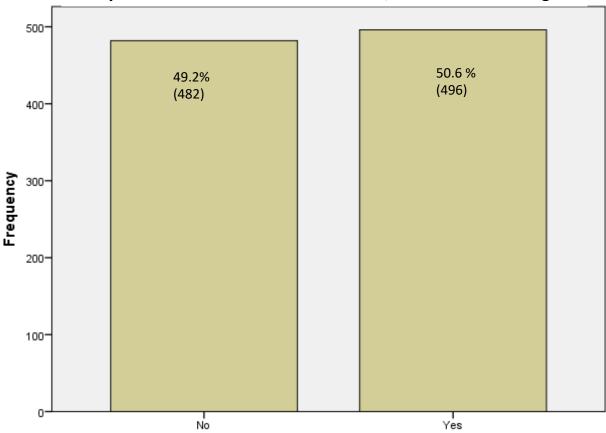


Can you afford the deductible?

#### **Vehicles**

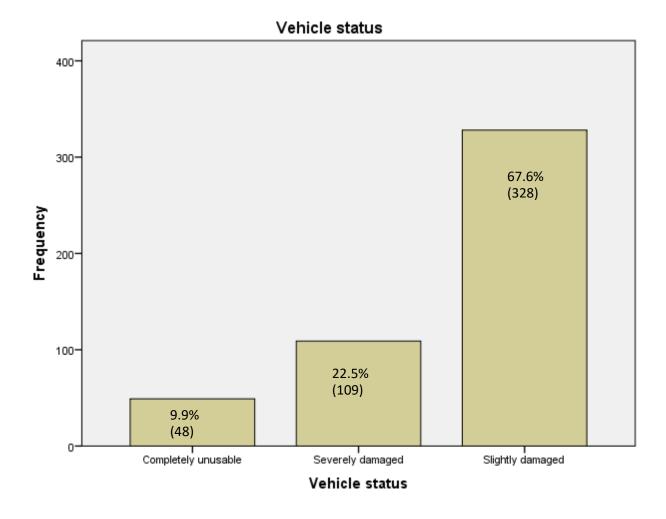
Survey question: "If you had a vehicle before the storms, did it sustain damage?"

If you had a vehicle before the storms, did it sustain damage?



If you had a vehicle before the storms, did it sustain damage?

Survey question: "If so, is your vehicle completely unusable, severely damaged, or slightly damaged?"



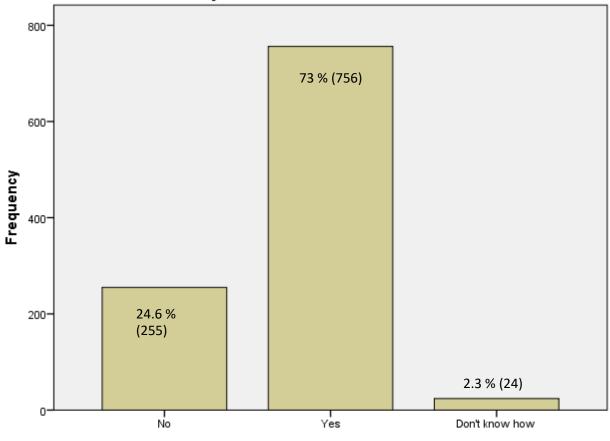
#### **Utilities**

Survey question: "What utilities do you currently NOT have access to in your home that you did have access to in your home before the storms?"

No Water	53.8% (561)
No Internet	42.5% (441)
No Electricity	44.2% (459)
No Landline	51.1% (530)
No Cellphone	69.9% (719)

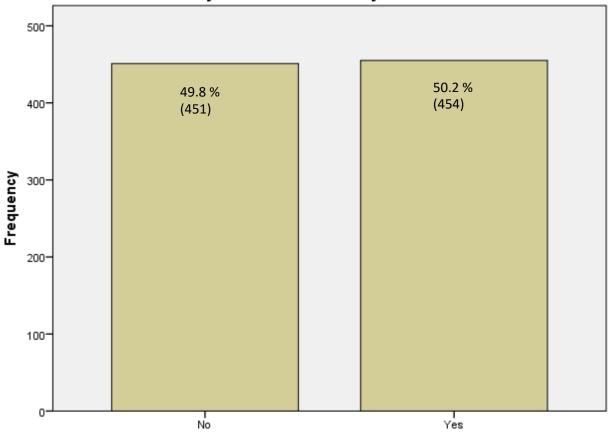
#### **FEMA**





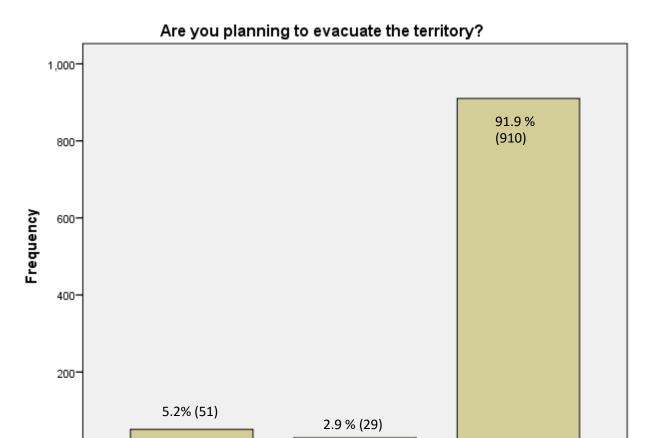
Have you filed for FEMA assistance?

## Have you been contacted by FEMA?



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## **Evacuation**



orarily Yes, permanently

Are you planning to evacuate the territory?

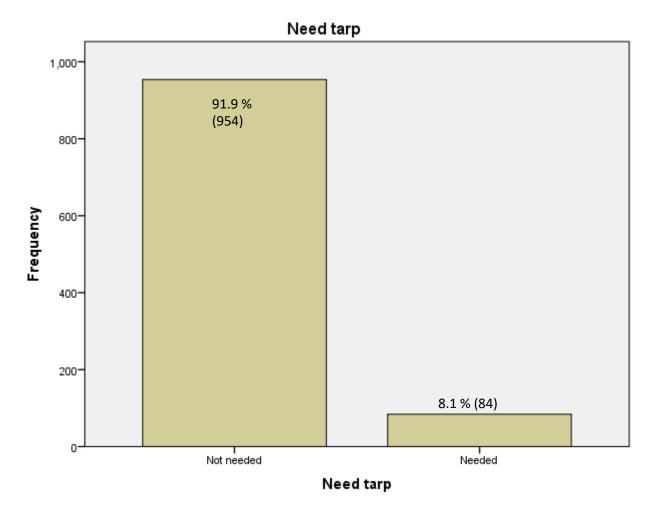
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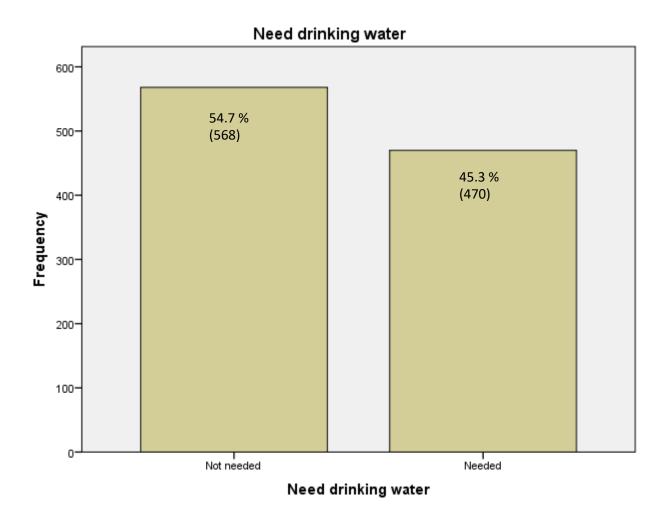
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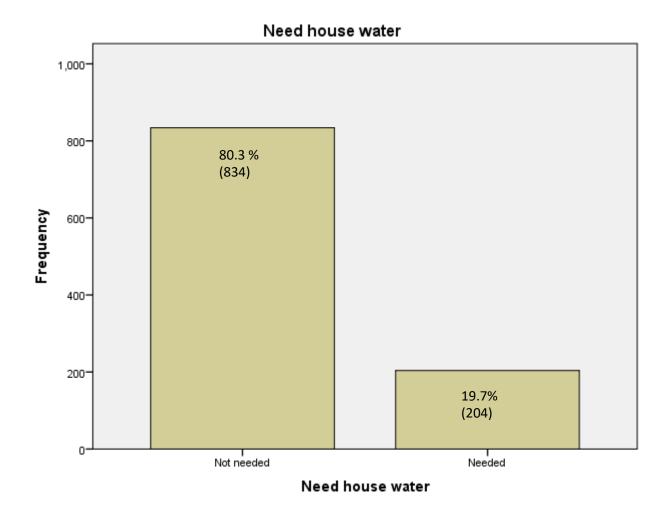
Yes, temporarily

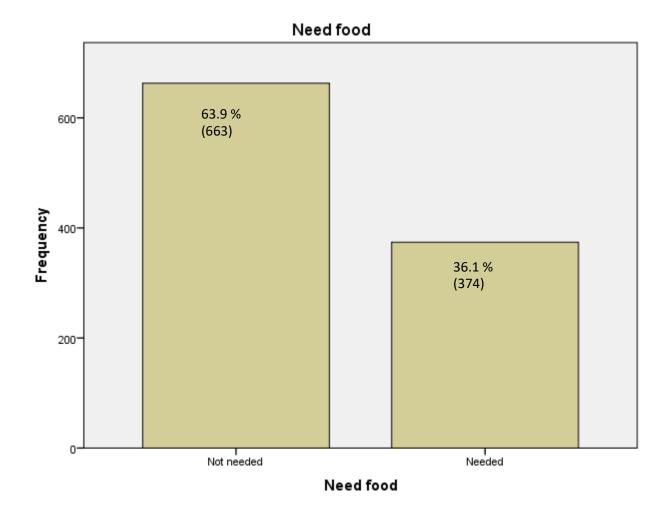
## **Critical Needs**

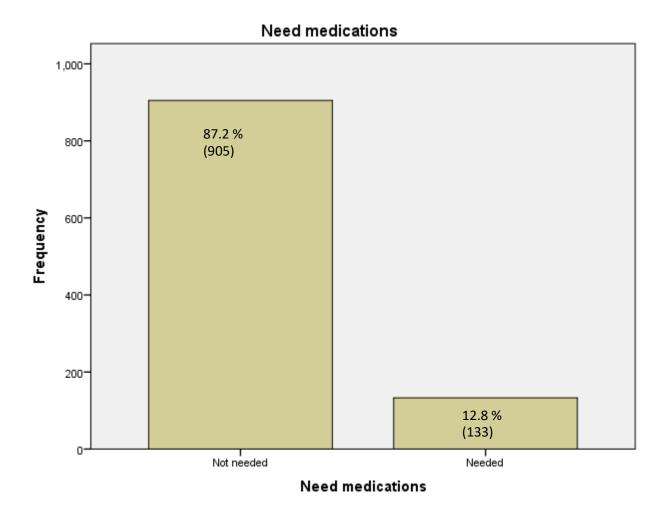
Survey question: "What are the most critical supplies you need?"



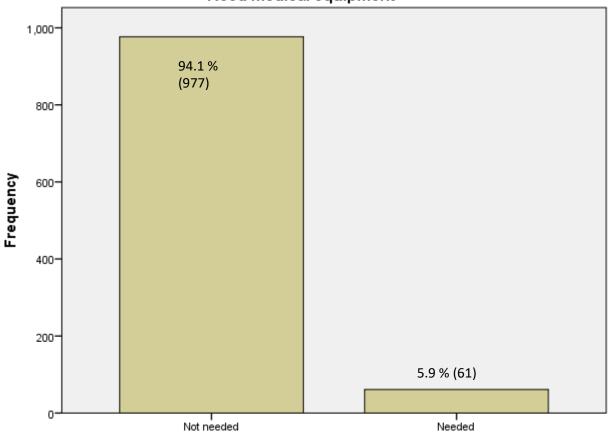




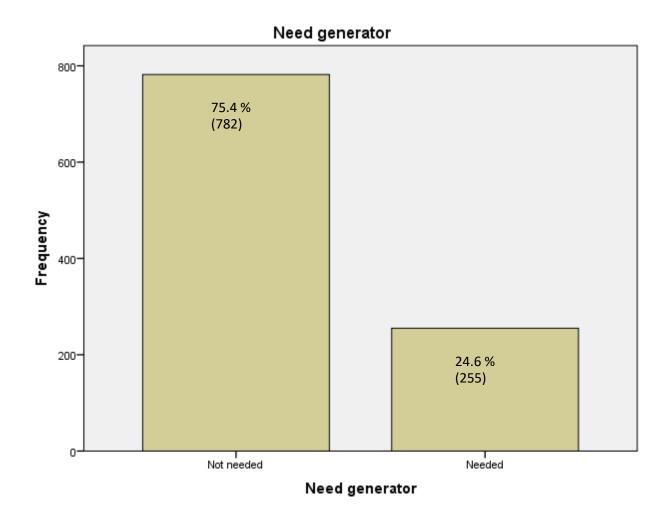




# Need medical equipment



Need medical equipment



## Summary of responses for "other" critical supply needs

Appliances	10
Asthma	4
Baby	10
Batteries	17
Bed	18
Bleach	5
Blood pressure	6
Cat/Dog food	5
Car/transportation	7
Children	2
Cleaning supplies	18
Clothes/clothing	17
Diabetes/insulin	12
Electricity	10
Fans	4
Flashlight	4
Food (for people)	6
Furniture	8
Garbage bags	2
Gas	11
Glasses	2
Household supplies	8
Housing	5
Ice	10
Internet	3

Inverter	2
Lawn/yard	5
Medical attention	17
Medical equipment	15
BP Monitors	3
Cooler	5
С-рар	1
Glucose test strips	4
Hospital bed	2
Oxygen tanks	1
Walker	1
Medications	6
Mold treatment	3
Money	9
Mosquito spray/candles/nets	17
Pump	3
Relocation assistance	2
Roof repair	4
Sheets	5
Shoes	4
Solar lights/generator	10
Stove	4
Toilet paper	4
Toiletries/soap	9

## **Recovery Priorities**

Most frequent words in response to the question "How would you like to see federal and private funds/resources dedicated for the rebuilding of the Territory?"

Word	Frequency
Road(s)	238
School(s)	232
Hospital(s)	153
Electricity /Wapa	136
Rebuild	95
Fix	87
Underground	83
Help	68
Power	66
People	64
Infrastructure	57
Home	52
House/housing	47
Line(s)	47
Elder	28
Community	25
Wire(-s -ing)	24
Build	23
Public	22
Assistance	21
Senior	21
Water	20
Education	20
Roof	19
Island	18
House	17
Clean	16
Building	16

Word	<u>Frequency</u>
Bury (lines)	15
Light	14
Communication	12
Improve	12
Distribution	12
Job(s)	11
Wisely	11
Utility	11
Food	10
Debris Removal	10
Resource(s)	10
Properly	10
Business(es)	9
Restore	9
Tree(s)	9
Shelter(s)	9
Kid(s)	9
Power Grid	8
Structure	8
Good	8
Children	8
Street	8
Service	8
Pave	7
Mental	7
Supply	7
Medical	7
Homeless	7

#### How to Cite and Use this Report:

St. Croix Foundation maintains a longstanding commitment to making data-informed and strategic decisions for community development. This commitment extends to our role in our island's and Territory's disaster recovery. We encourage you to use the data from this report to help validate and make the case for equity and sustainability in hurricane recovery for our region.

Should you choose to reference any findings from this assessment, please include St. Croix Foundation for Community Development as the author of this study as an inline citation at the minimum. The full name of the assessment is *Survey on the Status of Households Impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria on St. Croix*, although referencing the study as the *Individual and Households Needs Assessment* is also common and acceptable so long as it is made clear that the data is exclusively collected from St. Croix and the assessment occurred after Hurricane Maria.

A sample citation is below for your convenience:

St. Croix Foundation for Community Development. (2018). *Survey on the Status of Households Impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria on St. Croix Summary Report.* Christiansted, VI.

Additional data analyses including several cross tabulations between variables, and analyses of data subsets such as households with seniors, children, or a member who has special medical needs, etc. may be available upon request.

# Appendix A

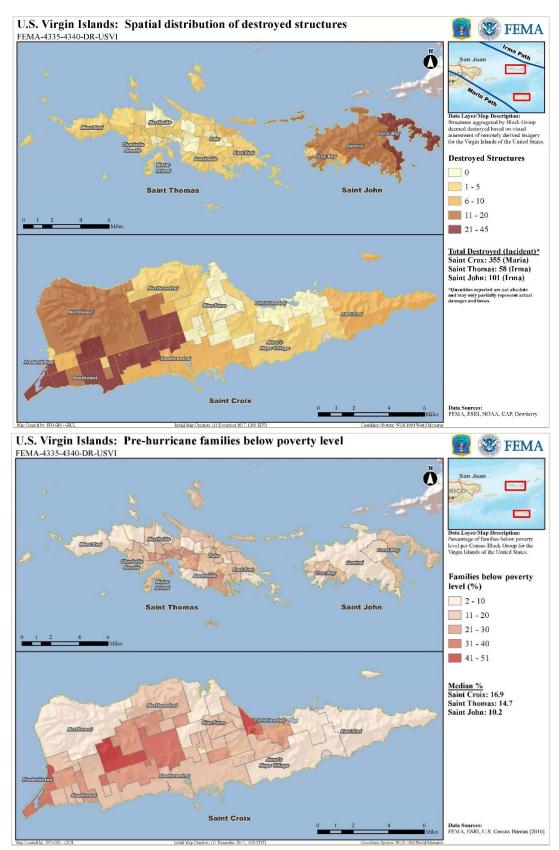


#### Survey on Status of Households Impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria

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Survey Date:	
Survey Location:	
Completed by:	
Reference #:	

	PREMIUM CONTRACTOR CON
1.	What Neighborhood do you live in?
2.	How many people reside in your household? Before the storms:  After the storms:
a)	How old is the youngest person in your house now? How old is the oldest person in your house now?
3.	Do you have children in your household? Yes □ No □
a)	If yes, have they returned to school? Yes $\square$ No $\square$
b)	Do your children attend Daycare/Pre-school □ Public □ Private □ or Home School □?
4.	Do you have individuals with special medical needs in your house?
a)	If yes, do they have access to the medicine and/or medical equipment they need?  Yes  No
5.	If you were employed before the storms, how has your employment been impacted by the storms?  Not Applicable □ Not impacted □ Increased Hours □ Reduced Hours □  Still have not returned to work □ Other (please specify):
6.	Do you Rent □ or Own □ your home? Or live in Public Housing □?
7.	Did the home you live in sustain damage? Yes □ No □ If so, what kind?
a)	Is your house roof: Completely gone □ Severely damaged □ Slightly damaged □ Not damaged □
b)	Do you have flooding when it rains? Yes □ No □
c)	Do you have mold? Yes □ No □
d)	Do you have damage to your yard/fence? Yes □ No □
8.	Do you have insurance for your home? Yes □ No □
a)	If yes, will your coverage be enough to cover all of the damage? Yes □ No □ Don't Know □
b)	Can you afford the deductible? Yes No Don't Know
9.	If you had a vehicle before the storms, did it sustain damage?
a)	If so, is your vehicle: Completely unusable □ Severely damaged □ Slightly damaged □
10.	What utilities do you currently NOT have access to in your home that you did have access to in your home before the storms?
	Electricity □ Water □ Internet □ Telephone (landline) □ Cell Phone □
11.	Are you planning to evacuate the Territory? Yes: Temporarily during recovery $\square$ Permanently $\square$ No $\square$
12.	Have you filed for FEMA assistance?  Yes □ No □ Don't Know How □
13.	Have you been contacted by FEMA? Yes □ No □
14.	What are the most critical supplies you need? (check all that apply) Tarp(s) ☐ Drinking Water ☐ Household Water ☐ Food ☐ Medications ☐ Medical Equipment ☐ Generator ☐ Other, (please specify):
15.	How would you like to see federal and private funds/resources dedicated for the rebuilding of the Territory?
infor	e permission for the St. Croix Foundation for Community Development to share this survey and my contact rmation with agencies including, but not limited to the Red Cross, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, FEMA, MA, and Frederiksted Health Center.
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# Appendix B





Within days of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, St. Croix Foundation for Community Development launched the CARE Fund to provide direct support to front-line relief efforts and holistic long-term recovery strategies. Today, your gift to the CARE Fund support our community's recovery in the following priority areas:

- ✓ Coordination & Direct Support of Front-line Relief In the first 100 days after the hurricanes, the Foundation facilitated and sponsored the shipment and distribution of approximately 250,000 pounds of food, water, clothing, baby supplies and medical supplies.
- ✓ Data Collection on Unmet Needs for Strategic Recovery In June 2018 the Foundation released two reports that summarize our findings from our Individual & Household Needs Assessment and our Nonprofit Capacity Survey.
- □ Direct Resources for Local Nonprofit Organizations To date we've granted over \$300,000 to nonprofits through our CARE Grant, and we have secured and served as a conduit of another \$250,000 that went directly to nonprofits for rebuilding. The Foundation also provided office space, technical assistance, and aggressive advocacy for nonprofits both locally and nationally. And we're just beginning...
- □ Sustainable Rebuilding Strategies for Homeowners The Foundation secured a tool donation from DEMA (Danish Emergency Management Agency) that is today being used by the St. Croix Long Term Recovery Group to help rebuild homes. We are also supporting the LTRG by providing free fiscal sponsorship services and helping to identify funding opportunities that will support homeowners' unmet needs.
- Resiliency and Preparedness Planning The Foundation is working to secure funding for a block of homes that will serve as a model for green, sustainable energy independence and is also advocating for food security by working closely with the VI Good Food Coalition to determine unmet needs for farmers.

For more information on how to support our CARE Fund

Visit us at www.stxfoundation.org today

or call us at 340.773.9898.

# We've Only Just Begun...

As a nimble, place-based community foundation serving the Virgin Islands for over 27 years, St. Croix Foundation is committed to approaching disaster recovery differently—through a lens of equity, resilience, and collaboration.

As a community-centric philanthropic organization, we fundamentally believe that despite the dire circumstances created by the storms, our Territory has been afforded an unprecedented opportunity to build a global model of small island and rural self-sufficiency and sustainability. The Foundation is leading the charge with an ambitious agenda of holistic community development as we work aggressively to expand the Territory's visibility among national philanthropic networks. Our overarching goal is to encourage greater philanthropic investment in the US Caribbean today and in the future to ensure the health and stability of our critical nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, our CARE Fund is serving as a vehicle for directing financial resources toward St. Croix's vitally important nonprofit sector which is filling some of the most critical service voids in our community by providing targeted support for 1) programs that target our most vulnerable residents; 2) operational capacity in order to nurture greater self-sufficiency and resiliency; and 3) collaborative ventures that will diversify and ground our economy in community!

Active Philanthropy at Work. Join us!

Survey on the Status of Individuals and Households Impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria on St. Croix: Summary Report June 2018



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