

The CWS Response



Before landfall:

- CWS deployed five Disaster Response and Recovery Liaisons (DRRLs) to be onsite for rapid response, pastoral presence on site, and early assessment of damages and impact.
- CWS pre-positioned shipments of “Gift of the Heart” Kits and blankets to locations near the forecasted path of Isabel.

Shipments:

- Eleven material assistance shipments containing CWS blankets and “Gift of the Heart” Kits valued at over \$120,000 were sent to Maryland and Virginia.

These shipments included:

- 5,460 Clean Up Kits
- 1,175 School Kits
- 2,275 Health Kits
- 2,925 Blankets
- 300 Baby Kits

Guidance and Support:

- CWS DRRLs are providing continued guidance and support in organizing long-term recovery groups and identifying and assisting vulnerable communities in North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia.



Satellite map: TBO.com

Satellite map, above right, shows areas affected by storm surge. ▲ Red indicates most severe.

MARYLAND

Assessments:

- 23 counties affected; eight storm-related fatalities.
- Baltimore and Dorchester counties are the hardest hit with more than 5,700 federal assistance applications and more than 300 homes destroyed; Bowleys Quarters, Turners Station, Hoopersville, and Dundalk identified as among the most vulnerable communities.
- Densely populated areas, with many low-to moderate-income households affected.
- Significant number of affected elderly persons on fixed-incomes.

Response:

- CWS Domestic Response is helping develop two new long-term recovery groups in eastern Maryland: Baltimore County (an interfaith) and Eastern Shore (a community recovery committee).

VIRGINIA

Assessments:

- 28 storm-related fatalities; 99 counties affected.
- Costliest disaster in the state’s history.
- The Eastern Shore’s Northampton County reported \$10 million in crop losses; Louisa and Page counties reported the greatest livestock loss.
- 80,375 residents have applied for federal assistance.

Response:

- CWS Domestic Response is collaborating with Virginia faith, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and social service partners to develop and support long term recovery groups.
- 8–10 long term recovery groups expected to form, and may include the following counties: Poquoson, Hampton, Gloucester, West Moreland, Northumberland, Lancaster, Essex, Middlesex, Matthews and Richmond.

NORTH CAROLINA

Assessments:

- 47 counties affected; six storm-related fatalities.
- Tidal surge flooding in rural areas along Pamlico Sound and Albemarle Sound.
- \$161 million in crop losses in 34 counties (eight of the state’s top 10 cotton and peanut producing counties were in the path of Hurricane Isabel); almost 2 million acres affected.
- Some communities were still recovering from Hurricane Floyd (1999).
- More than 39,000 residents have applied for federal assistance.

Response:

- CWS Domestic Response has identified disaster interfaith groups that worked in Hurricane Floyd recovery that will reactivate in Chowan, Carteret, Bertie, Hertford and Beaufort/Hyde/Martin counties.
- Interfaiths are expected to organize in Pasquotank, Pamlico/Craven, Washington, Dare/North Hatteras, Perquimans and Currituck counties.

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