



**American  
Red Cross**

**Disaster Operations Summary Report**  
Disaster Operations Center

**Hurricane Katrina Post- and Pre-Landfall Report #9**  
Update as of 3:00 PM 08/29/2005

Landfall Report for Katrina 2						
Shelter Counts as of 3:00 pm August 29, 2005						
State DR number	AL 871	MS 007	LA 865	TX 009	NFL 871	Totals
# Chapters Reporting	14	15	6	9	4	48
# EOCs in Jurisdiction Activated	6	14	16	1	5	42
# EOCs with Red Cross Liaisons	5	9	13	0	5	32
# Red Cross Shelters/Evacuation Centers on Standby*	33	11	24	17	7	92
# Red Cross Shelters/Evacuation Centers Currently Open*	47	93	76	13	10	239
Current Population*	2,999	12,697	18,194	1,576	1,625	37,091
# Meals Served to Date	1,337	895	23,267	1,620	742	27,861

\*Shelter numbers fluctuate based on the location of the storm and the time of day. As a storm leaves an area, shelters close except for a few that remain open to house those people who cannot return home.

**Impact of the Second Landfall of Katrina**

As of 5:00 pm on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, Hurricane Katrina was listed as a category one hurricane with maximum sustained winds at 95 mph and higher gusts. Weakening is forecast during the next 24 hours as the center continues moving over land. However, hurricane force winds are expected to spread as far as 150 miles inland along the path of Katrina. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 125 miles from the center, and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 230 miles.

New Orleans was spared direct hit. However, an estimated 770,000 utility customers in Louisiana are reported without power; Entergy Corp. alone reporting 700,000 and Cleco Corp reporting 70,000 outages. Reports of flooding vary based on region with some levees in New Orleans reportedly breached. Extensive flooding in the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Board and St. Bernard Parish may be a result of water going over the tops of the levees. Boil water alerts have been issued.

A curfew is effective in New Orleans from Monday afternoon until dawn Tuesday, and dusk until dawn each day thereafter.

In Mississippi, local media reported 10,000 power outages, but no updates have been reported. Local media also reported a storm surge of more than 20 feet, with waves as high as 33 feet.

Hurricane Katrina is expected move north along the Mississippi River, resulting in showers and thunderstorms for the four state area, especially in northcentral Louisiana and southcentral Arkansas. These storms are not expected to become severe, although localized flooding will be possible across portions of Louisiana and Arkansas.

Alabama-Gulf Coast reports that blood drives have been cancelled for today resulting in a loss of 200 units in collections. AL-GC estimates that there will be a loss of 500 units collected over the next several days due to cancelled drives. The Mobile facility remains open with Mobile minimal staff present. All hospitals supported by Mobile received extra blood units prior to the storm. Mobile facility received superficial damage and is operating on auxiliary power.

(SOURCES: The Weather Channel/National Weather Service/CNN/The Times-Picayune)

## Red Cross Response and Activation for Second Landfall of Katrina

### Community Services

#### **Feeding**

- Identified, with the Southern Baptists, sites for 25 kitchens, which are on stand-by, each with 20,000 daily capacity (for a total of 500,000), to be moved to sites post landfall.
- Requested an additional ten kitchens (with a daily capacity of 200,000). Spirit of America and Henry's Kitchen are being moved to Montgomery, AL for staging. (The Sysco Kitchen will move to the area post-landfall.)

### Material Support Services

#### **SAS:**

- A Safe Area has been identified in the HQ facility for DRO staff
- A Weather Alert Radio has been set up, tested and is working
- An Evacuation Plan for the HQ facility has been completed

#### **Logistics**

- A Client Assistance Card (CAC) activation unit is operational at the Response Maintenance Center in Austin, TX
- Follow on orders for Sysco to support Baptist and Red Cross kitchens
- The Time Phased Force and Deployment List (TPFDL) for kitchen has been received and is in stage one of implementation.
- Working with federal response for support of operations
- Henry's Kitchen and Spirit of America have arrived in Montgomery, AL
- 166 ERVs from the 48 continental United States have been deployed to the impacted region
- Approximately 288,000 heater meals are staged in Baton Rouge, with another 150,000 in Montgomery
- Obtaining FEMA cambros for Montgomery, AL
- Working with FEMA for equipment requests (fuel, dry boxes, generators, dumpsters, grey water containers, ice, water, forklifts, pallet jacks, shower units, port).
- Open SAM's accounts in Mississippi and Florida
- 2500 clean-up kits staged in Mississippi
- 5000 comfort kits in Mississippi

#### **RTT**

- ECRVs are staged in Alabama and Houston, with others supporting or in route to Louisiana.
- Received 25 check-ins from Red Cross communication-net.
- Creating 40 To-Go packs for the Kitchens
- Setting up coordinated communication networks for the affected areas to communicate with the Service Areas and National Headquarters

#### **IKD**

- Received offers from or placed requests by donors for support of relief operations

**Partner Services****Government/Emergency Management Liaison**

- **Alabama:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is fully activated with a Red Cross Liaison present.
- **Louisiana:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is fully activated and a Red Cross Liaison is present.
- **Florida:** Florida's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains fully activated with a Red Cross Liaisons present.
- **Mississippi:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is fully activated with Red Cross Liaisons present.
- **Georgia:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues operating at Level I (monitoring). No Red Cross Liaisons requested at this time.
- **South Carolina:** Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues operating at Level I (monitoring). No Red Cross Liaisons requested at this time.
- **Tennessee:** Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) activated the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at noon on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> until further notice. This is a 24-hour partial activation to include a Red Cross liaison.

**Federal**

- An ESF#6 multi-partner coordination center has been established at Red Cross national headquarters in Washington, DC, and will be operational effective Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The center will ensure better interagency coordination between the Red Cross, Federal agencies, other NGOs active in disaster, and public/private sector partners as we support community response actions.
- FEMA Region IV and Region VI Regional Response Coordination Centers (RRCC) are staffed 24/7 by Red Cross. Red Crossers support the Emergency Response Team – Advanced (ERT-A) teams in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Rapid Needs Assessment Teams (RNAT) ESF#6 are staffed in Florida and Mississippi.
- FEMA's National Response Coordination Center remains staffed 24/7 with ESF#6.
- ESF#6 partners are anticipating requests post-landfall.

**External Affairs Liaison (EAL)**

- EAL public members are present at the Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida State EOCs.
- Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) are fully activated today with Red Cross Liaisons present.

**Non-government**

- An ESF#6 Mass Care Coordination group was officially formed today. NGO representatives will convene at the new ESF#6 Mass Care Coordination Center at ARC NHQ. Initial NGO members include:
  - Adventist Community Services
  - America's Second Harvest (invited)
  - The Salvation Army
  - Southern Baptist Convention/North American Mission Board
  - American Humane Society
  - Church World Service (invited to coordinate faith-based organizations)
  - Labor representation
- VOAD partners are preparing for post landfall support in LA, MS and AL.
- Beginning calls with emotional and spiritual care national NGO partners.
- ESF #6 NGO committee members are being identified to deploy to DOC.

**Individual Client Services**

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) staff are at NHQ assisting Red Cross in developing protocols for recruitment and deployment of their personnel and will have a representative in the DOC for the duration.
- Initiated contact with Mental Health Partners to mobilize their resources to augment operational staffing.
- Will train staff, via OJT, on the procedures and tools for the new Welfare Information system.

**Organizational Support Services****Public Affairs**

- Satellite equipment has been set up so interviews can be conducted from the Disaster Operations Center.
- Public Affairs is receiving a number of international media calls.
- Rapid Response Team coverage continues in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.
- Rapid Response Teams are conducting media interviews and supporting the Southeast Louisiana Chapter in their public affairs efforts.

**Fundraising**

- Call 1-800-Help Now to make a contribution

**Staff Services**

- Moving staff to forward deployment centers in Houston, TX and Montgomery, AL
- A 1 time \$50.00 allowance will be added to the Disaster Staff Cards for personal preparedness for staff assigned to all Hurricane Katrina related disaster relief operations. These funds are to be used for the following personal preparedness items to ensure Red Cross staff members are prepared to maintain themselves in the Red Cross and partner staff shelters:
  - Flash light and extra batteries
  - Personal FA Kit and other personal choices for over the counter remedies
  - Bedding-sheets/sleeping bag, etc
  - Towels and wash cloths
  - Insect repellent
  - Sun screen
  - Hand sanitizer (Purell, packets, etc.)
  - Lip balm
  - Tissues
- Recruiting 1,900 DSHR members in the next three days
- 885 staff have been assigned and have arrived at all Hurricane Katrina operations; 39% of that number (342) were assigned to southern Florida

**Preparedness**

- Providing a list of appropriate brochures to Community Services (Mass Care) for public distribution to enhance awareness on safety information.
- Adjusting our preparedness content for this event to focus on people using bottled water and less on water treatment due to the significant amount of flood water, chemicals, or other hazards that can compromise water sources.

**Response Center**

Post-Landfall Report for Katrina 1, DR 863-06	
Operational Facts in Southern FL as of 9:00 PM August 28, 2005	
# of Shelters Currently Open	3
Current Shelter Population	110
Service Centers	1
Verified Hospitalized	1
Verified Ill/Injured	16
Health Service Contacts	38
Mental Health Contacts	45
Local Disaster Volunteers to Date	638
T&M Volunteers to Date	125
Mobile Feeding Units to Date	13
Comfort Kits Distributed	100

**Impact and Assessment for the First Landfall of Katrina**

Early damage assessment reports in southern Florida (Miami-Dade) indicate 795 homes with major damage and 457 with minor damage. Damage assessment teams in Miami-Dade are heading south to the upper Keys and three teams in Key West are headed north. Damage assessment for Broward County is almost complete.

As of Sunday at 2:00 PM, power was restored to all but 162,800 customers in Broward County and 332,400 customers in Miami-Dade (total of 736,800). *Source: Florida Power and Light*

**Client Services**

Service delivery will be by outreach in Broward and Miami-Dade and a combination of outreach and service centers in the Keys. It is anticipated that there will be 3000 cases opened in Miami-Dade and the Keys and 250 in Broward.

**Web-Based Resources**

- Louisiana State Police Emergency web site: <http://www.lsp.org/emergency.html>
- Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness web site: <http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/>
- Emergency Evacuation Guide for the State of Louisiana (lists Red Cross shelters and other information): <http://www.lsp.org/evacguide.html>
- Mississippi Emergency Management Administration: <http://www.msema.org/index.htm>