

**Send Relief Bulletin**  
**Friday, Sep. 8, 2017**  
**10:00 AM Eastern Time**

Hurricane Irma is scheduled to make landfall early Sunday morning just West of Miami as a Category 4 storm with winds up to 155 mph., a significant storm surge for both Florida coasts with large amounts of rainfall.

Here are several important items related to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) and church volunteer response:

- NAMB and our state SBDR partners are following FEMA direction and staging resources and response equipment in South Georgia. As soon as the storm has cleared and the conditions are declared safe for volunteers, we will begin moving into the affected areas.
- As Irma developed earlier this week, NAMB worked with our state SBDR partners to divide up Southern Baptist response efforts between hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We are asking SBDR teams and churches with volunteers located East of the Mississippi River to make plans in response to Hurricane Irma needs. Those located West of the Mississippi River should continue their Hurricane Harvey response. We know there will be some exceptions to this geographical division of disaster relief work, but with two such historic and significant responses needed, this kind of detailed coordination is critical.
- We are asking every church, association and state convention-based SBDR disaster unit and team to be placed on alert for these two responses. Many state-based response teams will need to focus on the needs in their own states, so it is imperative volunteers and SBDR units from other states remain available. Hurricane Harvey response must continue even in the midst of ramp-up for Irma. We need every church, association and state convention to be willing to mobilize when needed.
- SBDR-trained teams will continue to be mobilized and deployed through NAMB and their state SBDR leaders. All individuals and church volunteers (non-SBDR-trained) can obtain information and sign-up to volunteer at [namb.net/Harvey](http://namb.net/Harvey) or [namb.net/Irma](http://namb.net/Irma). Some state convention partners also have sign-up areas for non-SBDR-trained volunteers.

Please continue praying for those in the path of Hurricane Irma as well as Hurricane Harvey survivors and all of the disaster relief volunteers who are serving.