

## Supporting Emergency Operations Mission in Bahamas



The Mudd, a community with a high concentration of Haitian Migrant in Abaco, Nassau  
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Right after Hurricane Dorian devastated the Bahamas between 1-2 September 2019, staff from the IOM Dominica Office joined the United Nations Emergency Response Team set up to assist the Government of Bahamas with relief and recovery operations. Within a few days IOM had set up operations in Grand Abaco, and in one week, distributed 1000 tarpaulins in Marsh Harbour, Abaco. Since then IOM has launched a USD\$ 10 million appeal to continue work in key areas including counter trafficking, displacement tracking and camp coordination and camp management (CCCM). Read more about it [here](#).

## Fundraising for Dominica Youth Business Trust's Entrepreneurship Hub

Over the last several months IOM has worked along side the Dominica Youth Business Trust to increase their capacity to engage young Dominican entrepreneurs. A key activity under the project, is the establishment of an entrepreneurship hub, to provide support services that will reduce the urge of entrepreneurs to migrate. To ensure sustainability of hub, IOM has supported the DYBT by facilitating fundraising and partnership-building efforts. Talks are underway with various private and public sector companies including the



DYBT Coordinator and Project Manager meet with DEXIA in Roseau, Dominica  
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Impact Hub, The Climate Resilience Execution Agency of Dominica (CREAD) and the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), to identify ways that they can contribute to the success of the Hub. New relationships have been forged with the Dominica Export, Import Agency (DEXIA) and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Business Development Unit (OECS BDU), organizations that are active in capacity building to support entrepreneurship and business development throughout the sub-region.

## Introducing Social Entrepreneurship Training & Funding Business Innovation Awards in Dominica

A total of 18 individuals participated in the Small Business Assistance Facility (SBAF) of the Dominica Youth Business Trust (DYBT); the group was trained in a range of subjects including the newly introduced topic of social entrepreneurship. This training program and others have been evaluated by the lead consultant of a local training and consultancy firm, VF Inc., with funding from IOM Development Fund (IDF). In September, IOM joined a panel of judges to select the top business ideas presented by young start-up entrepreneurs, competing for the Business Plan Innovation Award. The final review and judging is scheduled for the last quarter of the year. The entrepreneur with the most impressive pitch will receive the Business Plan Innovation Award equivalent to US\$2800. The IDF project will contribute 6 cash grants totaling US\$5600 and 2 special awards for climate resilience and innovation.

## Building Regional Capacity in CCCM



Over 100 people, including staff from IOM Dominica, participated in the Global CCCM Cluster Retreat in Geneva, Switzerland  
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IOM is the Global Lead Agency in Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), along with UNHCR. The primary aim of CCCM is to ensure equitable access to assistance, protection, and services for internally displaced persons (IDP's) living in communal settings, to improve their quality of life and dignity during displacement while seeking and advocating for durable solutions. The Global CCCM Cluster Annual Retreat brings together representatives from many humanitarian organizations, governments and academia. It also offers an opportunity to share best practices and current projects to plan the way forward for the Global CCCM Cluster in 2020. At the forum IOM Dominica shared experiences of CCCM in Dominica post Hurricane Maria in 2017, where IOM co-led the sector with the Chair of the National Emergency Planning Organization (NEPO) Emergency Shelter Subcommittee. There was particular interest in the consultative methods used to develop the region's first [Emergency Shelter Management Manual](#).

# Two Years After Hurricane Maria: A Summary of IOM Activities



“Dominica has made significant strides with their recovery and rebuilding efforts since Hurricane Maria. IOM is very happy to have contributed to the government in its resilient building practices while supporting internally displaced persons to have some level of safety and stability,” Natasha Greaves, Officer in Charge—IOM Dominica



**748** FAMILIES ASSISTED WITH HOUSING REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION



**19** EMERGENCY SHELTERS REPAIRED



**20** COMMUNITIES REACHED



**576** INDIVIDUALS TRAINED IN CONSTRUCTION, EMERGENCY SHELTER MANAGEMENT AND OTHER RELATED TOPICS



**6** MILLION USD INVESTED

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