

Update on Emergency Response to Hurricane Matthew

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VOLUNTEER

At this time, Mass General is requesting **no additional staff volunteers for the regional and international relief organizations we support for the Hurricane Matthew response**. All notices for staff volunteers will be made through the [Office of Global Disaster Response at MGH Global Health](#). Those who wish to learn more about volunteering with the MGH Global Disaster Response are encouraged to fill out an [interest form here](#) or email globaldisasterresponse@partners.org. Use this email to sign up for informational sessions which are held every week for those interested in being part of this team.

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SITUATION REPORT

Hurricane Matthew a category 4 storm with sustained winds of 235kph winds began its destructive path along the Caribbean and the southeastern coast of the United States and the Caribbean when it made landfall in Haiti at 07h00 local time, Oct 4, 2016. Recent news reports put the official death toll at 546 in Haiti, 4 in Dominican Republic, and 19 in the US, with more than 2.1 million affected and more than 1.4 million needing immediate assistance in Haiti primarily.

All hospital-initiated international relief efforts are led by **Hilarie Cranmer, MD, MPH**, Emergency Medicine; Director, Global Disaster Response, MGH Global Health. Mass General is helping with the relief efforts in a variety of ways:

The Federal [DMAT MA-1](#) team was pre-positioned outside Washington, DC, and returned after 14 days, including 10 Mass General staff:

- Lisa Anahory, RN, Emergency Medicine
- Paul Biddinger, MD, Disaster Medicine and Emergency Medicine
- Ellen Blanch, RN, SICU
- Allison Curtis, RN, Burns Department
- Robert Droste, RN, Burn ICU
- David Mather, Disaster Medicine
- Craig Nally, PA, Emergency Medicine
- Jacqueline Nally, RN, Disaster Medicine
- Eileen Searle, RN, MGH Institute of Health Professions
- Monica Staples, RN, Disaster Medicine

Lynn Black, MD, MGH Medicine was first boots on the ground in the affected southern peninsula with the **St. Boniface Haiti Foundation**, where she assessed the situation and identified acute needs for the UN, the U.S. government, and the nonprofit humanitarian group **International Medical Corps (IMC)**.

Naima Joseph, MD, OB/GYN and **Joy Williams, NP**, Interventional Radiology worked in southern Haiti with IMC as part of the first mobile medical units to reach the area, and returned Oct 23. An important partner organization, Mass General has deployed previously with IMC, most recently in the West Africa response for Ebola, to the Nepal for the April 2015 earthquake, and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013.

Lindsey Martin
joined a
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returned Oct 28.
tradition of
after the 2004 tsunami and to Haiti following the 2010 earthquake.



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