

## **Hurricane Harvey Update**



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## Situation

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast area of the United States on August 26, 2017, as a Category 4 with winds of 130 mph, threatening millions of people with multiple days of heavy rain, winds, and rising tides.

More than a month after Harvey made landfall, over 830,000 households have registered for FEMA assistance.

Lutheran Disaster Response, along with the synod and our local affiliate, has been on the ground to accompany congregations and individuals.

## Response

In the midst of a strong local response by individuals and congregations, the groundwork has been laid for the extended long-term recovery work of disaster case management, emotional and spiritual care, volunteer coordination and construction management.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with two of the Texas Synods across the impacted areas of Texas. We anticipate working in the Dickinson and Rockport areas in partnership with Upbring (Lutheran Social Services of the South).

With the support of Lutheran Disaster Response, a coordinator will be working to help facilitate volunteers and material donations in the region.