

Sisters and Brothers,

Over the past week we have all seen the utter destruction caused Hurricane Irma as it swept across the Caribbean and U.S., leaving millions of people devastated in its wake. In the immediate aftermath urgent help is required to provide basic necessities including shelter, food, and clean drinking water.

I am proud to tell you that our Social Justice Fund has donated \$500,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to provide direct on-the-ground aid in Antigua, Barbuda, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. This donation will reach the most vulnerable people in the Caribbean whose homes, schools, workplaces and entire communities were swept away by the storm.

The coming days will be critical for those left without basic survival tools. Unifor Locals and members can provide immediate help by donating at [www.redcross.ca/HurricaneIrma/Unifor](http://www.redcross.ca/HurricaneIrma/Unifor). Your support will also help families in these island nations rebuild their lives in the challenging weeks and months to come.

Unifor has partnered with the Canadian Red Cross to provide past relief for multiple disasters including the Alberta fires, New Brunswick ice storms, flood relief in Quebec and the Atlantic, and most recently the BC wildfires.

I ask for your support again so that together we can make a difference for the Caribbean survivors of Hurricane Irma.

For more information on the Social Justice Fund visit [unifor.org/sjf](http://unifor.org/sjf).

In Solidarity,

Jerry Dias, National President