



## **Hurricane Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation**

Project Report – 2017

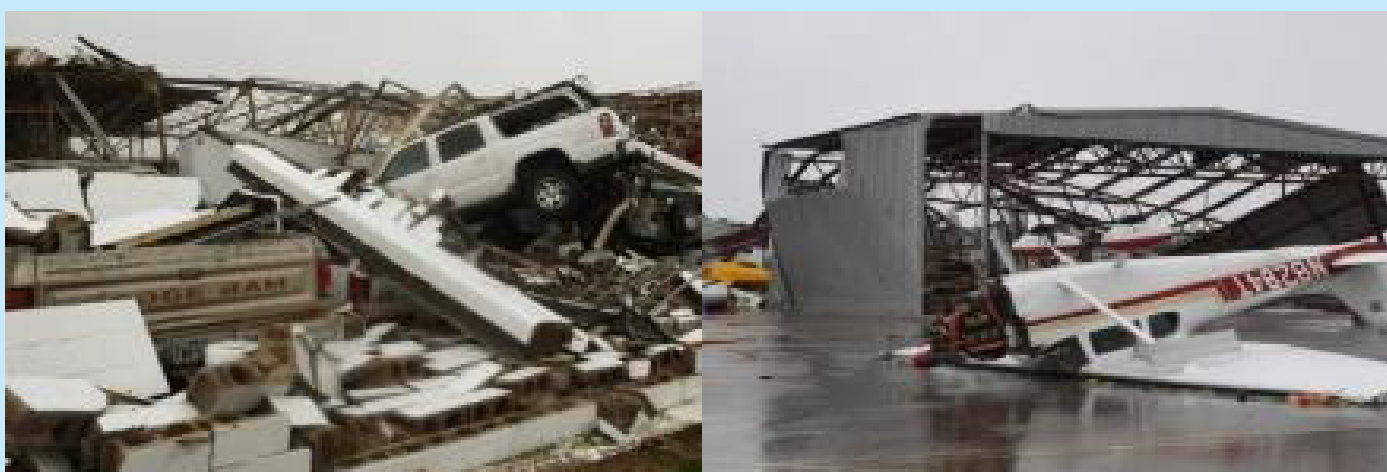
**Hurricane: Harvey & IRMA**

**Hurricane Harvey Impact:** In U.S. history, there's never been a storm like Hurricane Harvey. A fact that became increasingly clear with the falling rains and rising water level in Houston.



*Impact of Hurricane Harvey.*

**Scale of Crisis:** Hurricane Harvey made landfall as a Category 4 storm in Texas on August 25th, 2017, bringing with it 130-mph winds, storm surges and up to three feet of rain. Harvey is the first major hurricane classified as Category 3 or above to hit the USA since Hurricane Wilma in 2005.



*Severely damaged homes and flood.*

**Relief & Assistance:** UNITED SIKHS staff and volunteers were activated to provide emergency assistance and disaster relief to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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**HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORT**

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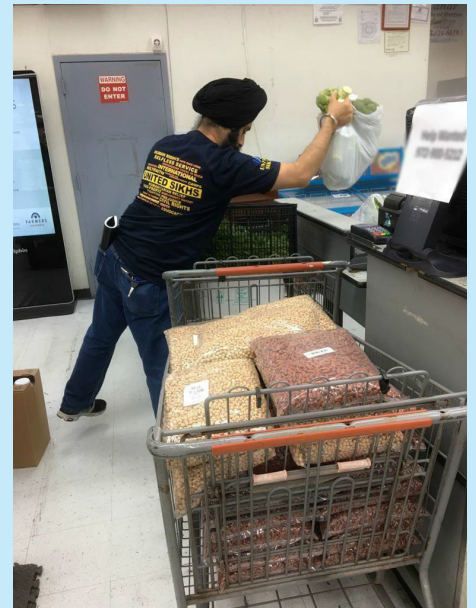
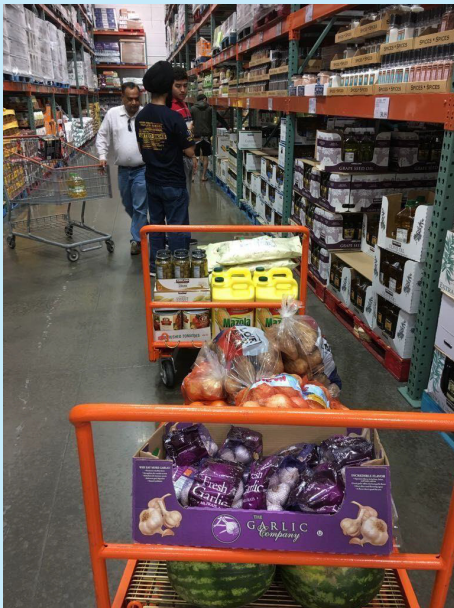
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Meals Served  
**250,000+**

UNITED SIKHS coordinated with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD) to collect supplies needed in the relief efforts.

“This event is beyond anything experienced in this region,” UNITED SIKHS Director and Texas resident, Gurvinder Singh said. “Flooding is continuing to pound the city with no definitive end in sight. In times of crisis, we are calling on support from anyone who is able to donate supplies and funds as we work directly to provide emergency relief to those impacted by this deadly storm.”



*Raw material being bought to prepare Langar at Houston.*



*Langar being prepared at Gurudwara*



*Langar prepared at National Center in Houston. UNITED SIKHS volunteers packed the food and went to the affected neighborhoods to distribute it.*



Tons of food supplies medical and emergency aid, building materials-

**35 Trailers**



Medical Supplies  
**50,000+**



*Langar being distributed at the shelters by UNITED SIKHS Volunteers.*

UNITED SIKHS purchased essential items for distributing to affected family in Houston. Food supplies and goods worth of \$200,000 were bought for the relief & rescue operations.

**Hurricane IRMA Relief:** UNITED SIKHS provided aid to the victims in Texas by sending truck load of relief material. The team also reached out to the victims of Hurricane IRMA in Florida.

During that period, there was no power or running water in many areas. Homes were destroyed by toppled trees, extensive flooding, and the forceful winds, leaving thousands of Florida residents homeless overnight.



*Glimpses of Hurricane Harvey*

**Rescue Operations – Florida:** UNITED SIKHS continues to support residents during this challenging process and has adopted several areas in Florida. In these areas, Hurricane IRMA toppled power lines, tore up roofs and threatened coastal areas with storm surges as high as 15ft! Near Mile Marker 10 on U.S. Highway 1. UNITED SIKHS, being a



Homes Rebuilt  
**500+**



humanitarian relief and advocacy organization, has set up a base camp in Florida Keys and has been providing emergency supplies besides running langar. (Free Meals).

UNITED SIKHS volunteer Naam Simran Kaur had a lion share in managing the project of relief operations. She also volunteered in making and serving of Langar and contributed for smooth running of this project.



*Key West, FL: UNITED SIKHS volunteers serve meals at Sheriff Rick Ramsay's office which converted into a shelter for evening Langar distribution.*

Inspired by the spirit of Nish kam Seva, truck-drivers from across the country sacrificed their pay checks and came together. Maninder Singh, one of the volunteers worked round the clock for more than a month in handling all the logistics and operations, liaising with local Gurudwara for continuous food & emergency supplies to the remote areas.

United States helped in supplying rescue essentials to the victims in Houston. Food supplies water, medical, emergency aid and building materials worth approximately \$ 840,000 were sent through 3 trucks and 26 trailers, 53" loaded for rescue and relief operations.

**Rescue & Rehabilitation Assistance for First Responders:** Upon request by Harris county's Sheriff department, league city police department, UNITED SIKHS was the first NGO to rescue, assist and rehabilitate families of First Responders. One full trailer load of building material supplies along with water, food and medicines were supplied to the families of First Responders.

UNITED SIKHS have assisted at places that were not covered by other agencies after non-residents were finally permitted into the keys, UNITED SIKHS was the first organization to rescue, assist and rehabilitate families of First Responders. "Delivering supplies at no cost, driving through rough road conditions and often re-routing shipments to the most affected areas. We are indebted to those individuals", said Director Gurvinder Singh with lot of gratitude to the volunteers of UNITED SIKHS.



Man Hours  
**1200+**



*UNITED SIKHS volunteer Sandeep Dhaliwal with Harris county's Sheriff department.*



Meals Served  
**250,000+**



Man Hours  
**40,000+**



Medical Supplies  
**over 50,000**



Homes Rebuilt  
**500+**

**35 Trailers with tons of food supplies, medical and emergency aid, building materials.**



*UNITED SIKHS volunteer receiving Philanthropy Award by Seargent Paul Bruce whose testimony “That was the time to give back to humanity in the form of shared time, wealth resources” .*

UNITED SIKHS indebted to all the communities and volunteers who organized donation camps, loaded shipments and coordinated deliveries to the base camps, because of which UNITED SIKHS was able to serve more than five hundred meals to displaced residents every day for a period of 2 months.

UNITED SIKHS has provided Avalon Elementary School (in Naples) with much-needed classroom supplies as they reopen for the year.

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