

From Sharon Flax-Brutus- Director of Tourism, British Virgin Islands :

“The destruction caused by Hurricane Irma in the British Virgin Islands has been devastating. With cell phone towers down and power outages, it has been difficult to receive communication from within the territory, and to fully assess the damage. The destination has lost entire structures and many homes are without roofs, or have been diminished to merely foundations. Sadly, there may have been fatalities in the territory, but there are none confirmed at this time as we are still in the assessment process, which has been a challenge due to lack of communication.

The Government has begun to coordinate humanitarian relief efforts and an initial clean-up operation. We received word that the UK government is sending navy vessels to offer relief and support, hopefully arriving tomorrow, September 8th. Hurricane Jose, a Category 3 storm, is slated to reach the destination this weekend, so we are doing our best to make sure people in the BVI are making safety a priority.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the people of the BVI, and send donations to the [BVI Recovery Fund](#), set up on behalf of the government.

The people of the BVI are resilient and we are confident we will be able to rebuild.”

Note:

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