

DAP (Disaster Assistance Partnerships) for Home Economics Programs in Developing Countries/territories

with

Partners and Supporters Worldwide

Projects: Madina Village, Sierra Leone
The Honduras Initiative
DAP Hurricane Disaster Assistance

2019 SCAFCS CONVENTION

Presenter: Juanita Mendenhall, DAP Coordinator

Madina Village, Sierra Leone, West Africa Update 2019

.The Disaster Assistance Partnerships (DAP) and IHES began working with the first ever Madina village school project in 2013 and have also been working with the village women to develop a women's program. IHES provided the women with five new treadle sewing machines and boxes of fabric and notions to help the group get started.

.During the past seven years DAP has sent over 60 boxes of school supplies, 15 boxes of sewing and craft supplies. Below: Meeting with the project Director, Francis Mustupha and wife, Bobbie at Mendenhall's. January, 2018



The HONDURAS INITIATIVE UPDATE, 2019

- . Over a two year period, several shipments of sewing machines, classroom laboratory**
- .Specific information from targeted Hondurans as to their interest and specific needs v**
- .In June 2018, we were told by Leda Hernandez, our primary Honduran contact, that it i**
- .While some successes can certainly be reported, it is disappointing that DAP has not**

FACES OF HONDURAN GIRLS EXCITEMENT AT LEARNING ...

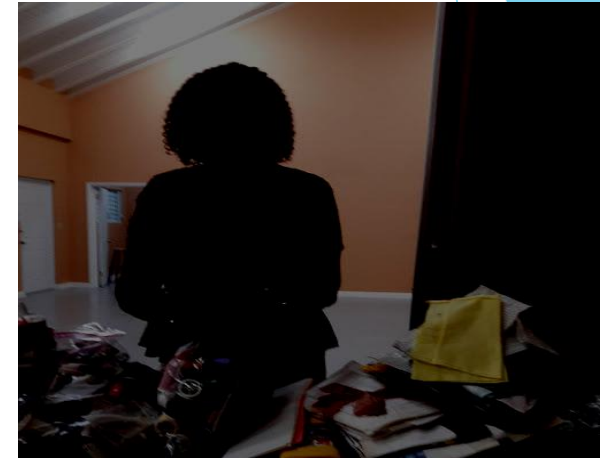
Honduras Initiative Work-2016-18



SEPTEMBER 2017-- HURRICANES IRMA and MARIA HIT the Caribbean and Puerto Rico. THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIPS (DAP) was CALLED to ASSIST

- .Hurricanes Irma and Maria hit the Northeastern Caribbean Islands hard, one after the other.**
- .DAP sent out a request to all Home Economics/FCS groups to come to the aid of our Caribbean friends.**
- .Supplies and money were donated to both DAP and IHES from all over the US as well as from other countries.**

Caribbean Disaster Assistance 2017-18



.Antigua Home Economics Officer, Iris Mae Gumbs, was in charge of unpacking and distributing home economics supplies for displaced students living on Antigua. The Antigua Association of Home Economists also helped.

.Caribbean DAP Coordinator, Audrey Jones-Drayton was our Advisor along with Pauline Whitman, the President of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists.

TORTOLA AND ANGUILLA RECEIVED THEIR DAP SHIPMENTS IN EARLY MAY, 2018

From Dr. Marcia Porter, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Culture

“First, let me thank you and your organization on behalf of the Minister and all of us

From Mrs. Rhonda Connor, Chief Education Officer, Anguilla, BWI

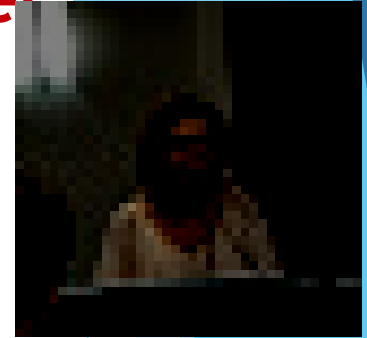
“The Department of Education of Anguilla wishes to thank you and your organization

PUERTO RICO....ANOTHER ISLAND ALSO DEVASTATED BY THE SEPTEMBER 2018 HURRICANES!

- .The destruction and suffering in Puerto Rico, a US Territory, has
. been horrendous since Hurricanes Irma and Maria hit and much
. suffering continues!**
- . At AAFCS Conference in June, 2018, Dr. Wanda Figuero-Fuentes and
.PRAFCS President, Madeline Fernandini-Morales, presented programs
. about their extreme hardships and receiving very little help to date.**
- .Schools and classrooms had major damage and recovery has been
.unbearably slow in many regions of the of the island.**
- .Poorer areas STILL lack safe water and electricity.**

**THE PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
and THE PUERTO RICO FCS/HOME ECONOMISTS
HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY DAP FOR INPUT Earlier**

First Contact: Dr. Wanda Figueroa-Fuentes March 10, 2018



“Thank you for thinking of the people of Puerto Rico. The devastation from hurricanes Irma and Maria are enormous... Nevertheless, we are standing and working together to get things back in place. plastic from FEMA, water filtering through. It's going to take many months before we can have any feeling of normalacy.” (She wa

Wanda agreed to be our DAP Coordinator on site in Puerto Rico.

**“MAKING PLANS FOR ASSISTING PUERTO RICO
FCS/HOME ECONOMICS COLLEAGUES:
THE PARTNERSHIPS APPROACH”**

**HOW MUCH WE CAN HELP DEPENDS ON
HOW MUCH HELP DAP CAN GET!!**

**“THE PUERTO RICO FCS/HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAM NEEDS ARE GREAT
BUT
WE HAVE GREAT FCS/HOME ECONOMISTS”**

**.The above heading was part of the “Call to Action” and clearly our
.colleagues and friends responded with an amazing amount of support,
.both monetary and with four storage units filled with DAP supplies.**

**.Input from participants was gathered at the AAFCS DAP Educational Session
.in Atlanta and led to our working not only with schools but also with Extension.**

FOUR WAREHOUSES FULL AND READY TO GO TO PUERTO RICO

From July to November supplies were received and packed.



.We started with one unit and grew to need four units that were all filled by November 15

.As supplies came in, many volunteers spent a great many hours sorting and packing. B

SUPPLIES CAME FROM MANY PLACES AND CAME IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS

- .Boxes and bags of all sorts filled with supplies of all sorts, arrived from across**
- .Carol Thie, from Mishauaka, IN, a colleague and friend of many years, collected**
- .Another time Carol rented a large U-Haul cargo van. It was loaded with 24 new**

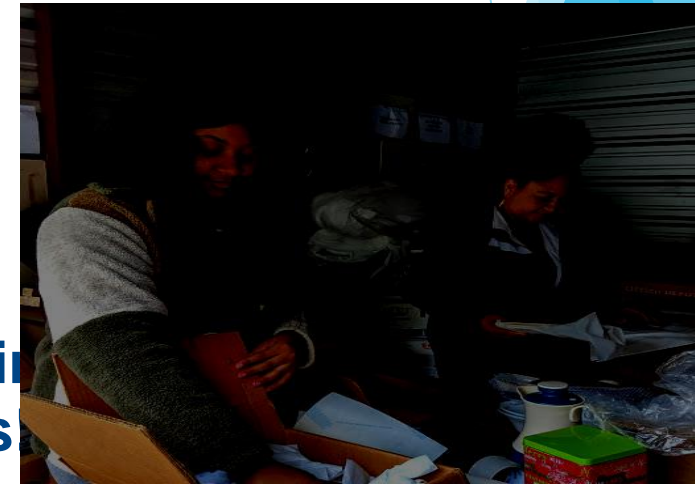
RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES BEING RECEIVED, SORTED AND BOXED FOR SHIPMENT

A group of a dozen students from South Carolina State along with, their profes

Carole Thie driving U-Haul

South Carolina State Group

SCSU student and mother



**DONATIONS ARRIVE WITH MIXED CONTENTS THAT MUST
BE SORTED AND PACKED CAREFULLY FOR SHIPPING**
Items below all came out of eight trash bags!



A great many supplies came from local organizations: Quilters Guild of Kershaw County, Wood County, and the Friends of the Quilt. Friend, Nancy Underwood, watched yard sales for things DAP needed: She brought 35 sets of

THE BIG DAY FOR SHIPPING TO PUERTO RICO, NOVEMBER 15, ARRIVED!!

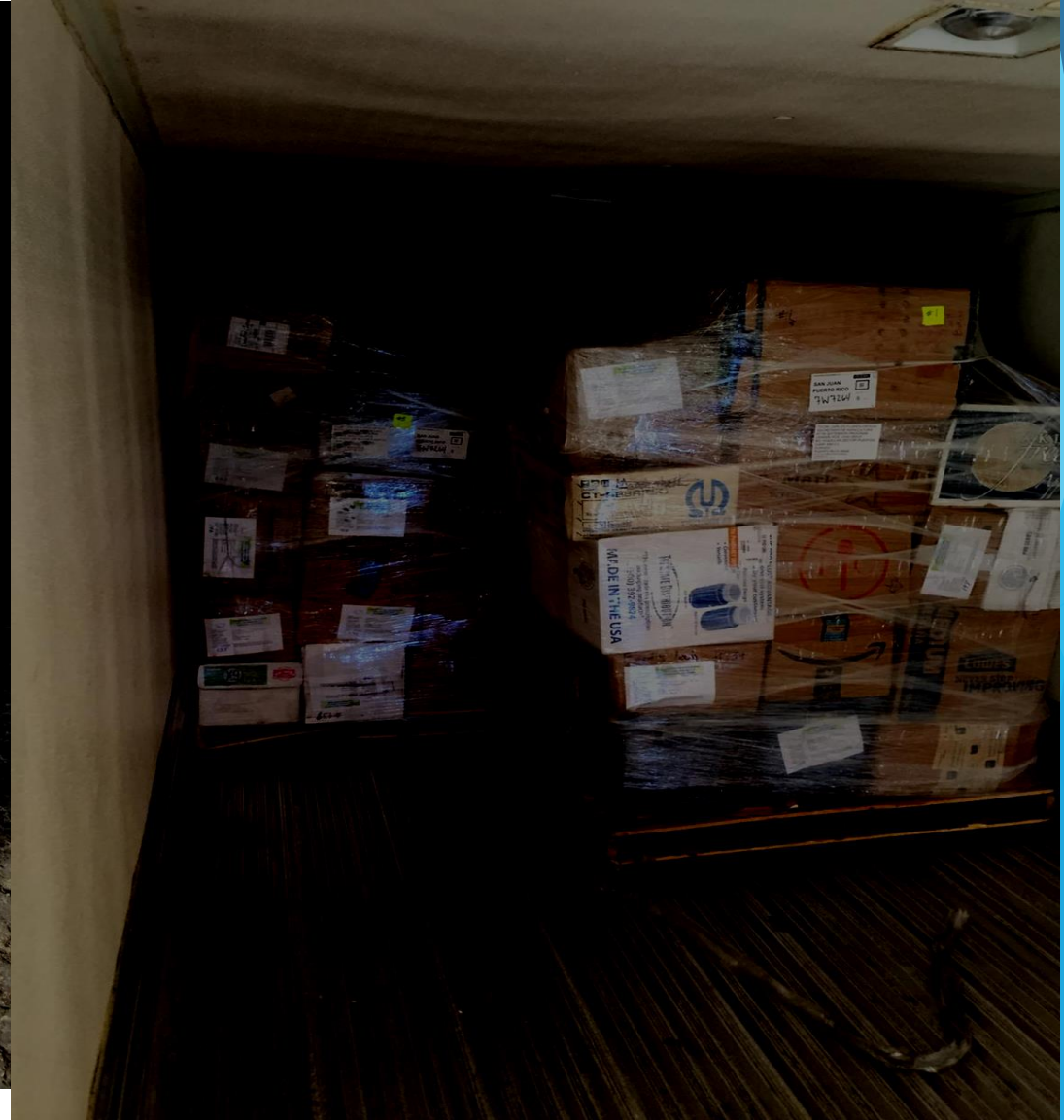


JOHNNY BLADE, OWNER OF CARIBBEAN SHIPPING, HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO weigh the pallets and gives us the bill on site so there is no surprise later!

243 BOXES OF FCS/HOME ECONOMICS SUPPLIES WERE ON THEIR WAY TO COLLEAGUES IN PUERTO RICO, 11/15/2018!

- .Funding for the DAP Hurricane Assistance projects has been generously donated to the**
- .Shipping is DAP's biggest expense so that is primarily where money raised goes. The P**
- .DAP started 2018 with \$17,555.57 and with all expenses related to hurricanes Irma and**

SHIPMENT ARRIVED AT PORT IN PUERTO RICO ON DECEMBER 10, 2018



PRAFCS/Home Economists had all boxes accounted for and began distribution on January 10, 2019

- .Initially there were some issues with getting the supplies out of storage at the port. P**
- .Storage for sorting the boxes was arranged with the Department of Agriculture and th**
- .Thirty-four boxes were labeled for Extension and the rest for the school system home**
- .The Puerto Rico fcs/home economists worked together to make the distribution work.**

EXTENSION FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS, TAUGHT BY DR. MARY KEITH, HELD IN PUERTO RICO

- .A suggestion was made by Puerto Rico Extension colleagues attend
- .The outcome of the suggestion is that Dr. Mary Keith, retired Extens
- .A lot of canning and food preservation supplies and equipment were



THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIPS GREATLY APPRECIATES THE TREMENDOUS OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FROM ALL OF OUR DAP PARTNERS!

Literally hundreds and hundreds of hours have been donated to get the hurricane as

This cooperation between organizations and individuals is at the heart of the concep

**It is the coming together of concerned fcs/home economics professionals and friends
the lives of others, particularly those who have suffered disasters.**

The RESULTS are truly AMAZING and a BLESSING to ALL!

**EVERYONE INVOLVED DESERVES
A HUGE THANK YOU!!!**

DAP SALES TABLES AT CONVENTIONS PRIMARILY FUND SHIPPING TO PROJECTS

- .In 2010, the Disaste Assistance Partnerships held it's first P
- .Many volunteers have helped at the Sales Tables, some fait
- .Especially in South Carolina, home economists and genero



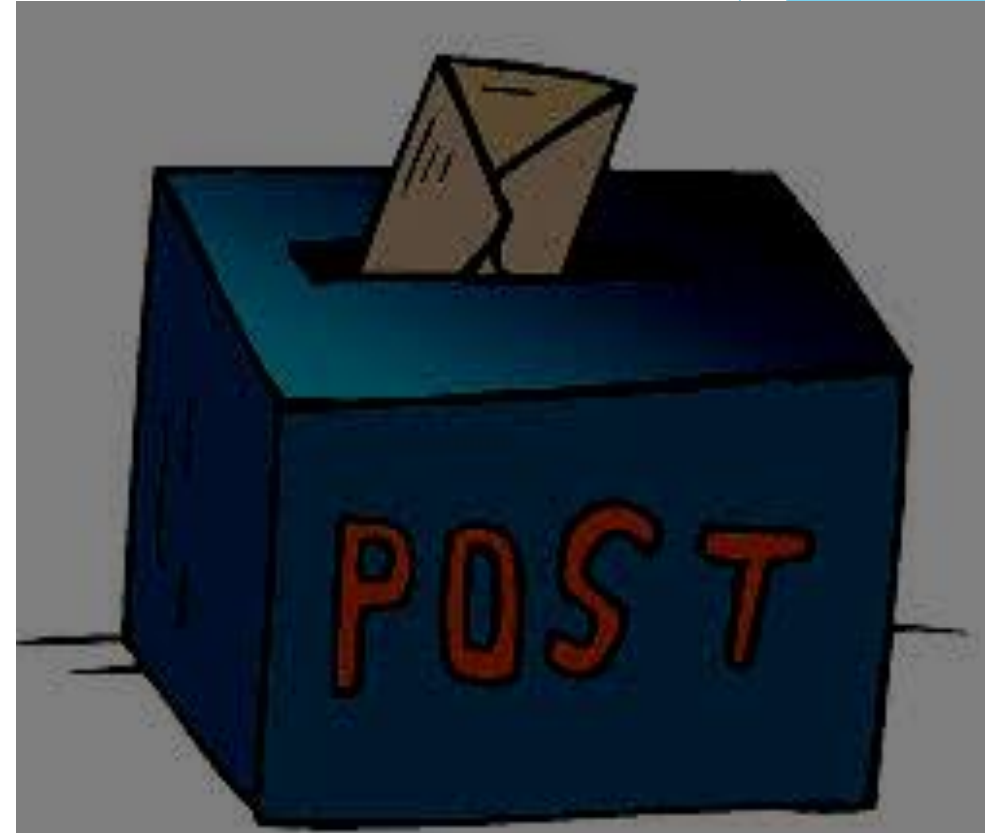
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THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIPS (DAP) WOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT YOU!! THANKS.....

**Send Monetary donations to
Luann Boyer,
IFHE-US Treasurer,
22500 County Rd. 21
Ft. Morgan, Colorado
80701-9337, USA**

**Send Donations of supplies to
Juanita Mendenhall,
122 Point Lane, Ridgeway,
South Carolina 29130, USA.**

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**For supporting the work of the
Disaster Assistance Partnerships for
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