

# **ABBOTT AND THE ABBOTT FUND EXPAND SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE RELIEF WITH \$1 MILLION TO HELP FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE IRMA**

- Total relief for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma includes more than \$2 million in products and funding
- Earlier work with non-profit partners before hurricane season helps affected communities to quickly respond

ABBOTT PARK, Ill., Sept. 18, 2017 – Abbott and its foundation, the Abbott Fund, are providing \$1 million in grants and products to support relief efforts and help families recover from Hurricane Irma. The Abbott Fund is providing \$900,000 in grants to the American Red Cross, Direct Relief and Feeding America to help communities in the Southeastern U.S., Puerto Rico and other affected islands in the Caribbean. Abbott is donating \$100,000 in nutrition and healthcare products to relief organizations providing on-the-ground support in affected communities.

Abbott and the Abbott Fund previously announced [\\$1 million in donations](#) to support Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in Texas and Louisiana. The donations following Hurricanes Irma and Harvey also build on [earlier work](#) with our partners Direct Relief and Feeding America to help communities prepare for the 2017 hurricane season. Abbott nutrition and healthcare products were stored at health clinics and food banks in advance of hurricane season in Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and Texas. As a result, these clinics and food banks were able to quickly respond to meet immediate needs following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Altogether, the combined Abbott and Abbott Fund support for hurricane preparation and relief is more than \$2 million in products and grants to help families in affected areas.

## **About Abbott and the Abbott Fund**

As part of its commitment to helping people build better lives and stronger communities, Abbott has a long history of providing humanitarian relief around the world. Over the past decade, Abbott and its foundation the Abbott Fund have provided more than \$40 million in funding and products to help meet both immediate needs and support long-term recovery efforts. In recent years, this included a rapid response to earthquakes in Chile, China and Haiti, typhoons in the Philippines and Vietnam, and hurricanes in the U.S.

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