

Team from Denmark Supports Hurricane Recovery Efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands

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ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands – The Danish Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) has joined the U.S. federal and territorial mission, providing valuable support to the U.S. Virgin Islands’ recovery efforts from hurricanes Irma and Maria.

men walk through damaged areas

A dozen members of DEMA’s Technical Early Recovery Team began emergency repairs of a nursing home in St. Thomas and an educational facility in St. Croix.

DEMA is helping to restore two wings of the Sea View Nursing Home in St. Thomas well as the cafeteria.

Lumber, plastic sheeting, roofing supplies and other building materials were purchased locally. DEMA technicians also helped start the facility’s generator to get electricity and water service back on.

At the St. Croix Educational Complex, DEMA personnel tidied up, removing damaged ceiling tiles, and major hazards and obstacles in classrooms, vocational workshops and the administrative building. They also repaired parts of the roof. Local cleaning and sanitation crews will be hired for a more detailed cleaning to make more classrooms ready for students.

man looks at damaged roof

men work on a staging platform

men work on a generator

(Top Left) A DEMA team member assesses the damage at the Sea View Nursing Home in St. Thomas to help the facility get back to normal operations.

(Top right) DEMA members make repairs to the Educational Complex.



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(Left) DEMA members work on a generator installed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Educational Complex in St. Croix.

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agencies the most flexibility in obtaining the most-needed resources and pumps money into the local economy to help businesses recover. The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands also has the “Fund for the Virgin Islands” at www.USVIrecovery.org.



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