



Case Study: Hurricane Florence September 2018

- **Hurricane Florence** was a powerful and long-lived [Cape Verde hurricane](#) that caused catastrophic damage in [the Carolinas](#) in September 2018, primarily as a result of freshwater flooding due to torrential rain.





Florence

- Though Florence made landfall as a greatly weakened Category 1 hurricane, winds associated with the tropical cyclone were strong enough to uproot trees and power lines, causing extensive power outages across the Carolinas. Furthermore, due to the slow motion of the storm, heavy rain fell throughout the Carolinas for several days.





Florence Recovery

- Unit went down 4 weeks later to help with recovery
- Situation:
 - Still limited electricity, cell phone coverage
 - No food available, little fresh water
 - Fallen trees still blocked many streets
 - People still without a safe home
 - Houses with 3 feet of mud in them



Florence Recovery

- We went down to help clean and repair
 - Patch roofs, chop trees, muck out houses, remove debris, etc.
 - We had to be self sufficient
 - Bring own tools
 - Supply own food and water
 - Self organizing with local coordination



Unit

Mobilization

Plan

Emergency Service Pack



Slept in a tent in a parking lot or in hallway of a community center.
Ate backpacking meals or community provided meals.



