



WFP Abaco Logistics Team unloading non-food items from a vessel at Marsh Harbour port, to be stored in the Mobile Storage Units set up by WFP.

Hurricane Dorian - Bahamas

WFP Support to the Government-led Humanitarian Response

Situation Report #11 – 14 December 2019

In Numbers

1,350 households including more than **3,500** individuals surveyed in total through two phases of a WFP-led Multi-partner Vulnerability Needs Assessment.

All **4** NEMA Emergency Support Functions for which WFP was co-led at the start of the emergency have been handed over to NEMA, both in Nassau and Marsh Harbour.

Highlights

- A second round of Vulnerability Needs Assessments (VNA) has been completed and data will inform WFP's upcoming cash voucher distribution program targeting vulnerable households on Abaco, to start this month.

Situation Update

- NEMA, World Central Kitchen and other agencies continue to provide in-kind food assistance to communities throughout Abaco. Over the coming weeks, World Central Kitchen and others have reported they will move from blanket distributions of food assistance to more targeted programs to assist the most vulnerable.
- WFP and other aid agencies will soon begin cash-based initiatives that will become the primary modality for food security initiatives in 2020.

WFP Updates

- WFP has handed over full responsibility for the coordination of logistics, transport and food security matters to the government of the Bahamas.
- WFP logistics operations have scaled down as of December 3 and WFP is in the process of donating logistics materials, including the logistics hub in Marsh Harbour (Abaco) to NEMA as part of ongoing capacity-building efforts. The logistics hub in Marsh Harbour will remain operational with support from NEMA and Samaritan's Purse and will be an integral part of continuing relief and recovery efforts of the government of the Bahamas as well as United Nations agencies and NGOs.
- WFP is preparing to launch a value voucher programme on Abaco in December while continuing to provide

technical support to local authorities to address food security needs. The program will be aligned to existing cash initiatives and aims to meet continued needs while financial services are further reestablished.

- WFP and partners finalized a Vulnerability Needs Assessment on Abaco in early December to target in-need households for the upcoming distribution of value vouchers.
- WFP delivered computers and printers loaned by World Central Kitchen to various distribution centers on Abaco to support the government's ability to register beneficiaries and track the distribution of food and non-food items to hurricane-impacted communities around the island.

WFP Operations Update



Mobile Storage Units handed over to NEMA: 2 in Nassau and 6 in Abaco.



WFP is putting in place agreements to implement a value voucher program to reach approximately 500 vulnerable households on Abaco Island and surrounding cays. Following WFP's implementation of this programme, other aid agencies will start up cash-based initiatives to continue covering hurricane-impacted communities on Abaco in 2020.

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