

Hurricane Dorian

WFP Support to the NEMA/CDEMA-led humanitarian response in the Bahamas

Situation Report #05 – 18 September 2019

Highlights

- **13,800 Ready-to-Eat-Meals (MREs)** have been delivered to affected communities across Abaco Island and neighboring cays.
- WFP continues to support NEMA/CDEMA and the humanitarian community in **logistics, transport, food security, and supply chain coordination.**

Situation Update

- The official government death toll from Hurricane Dorian stands at 50. While an estimated 1,300 people remain missing, data on affected populations remains uncertain. The Royal Bahamas Police Force's search and rescue efforts have advanced to harder-to-reach areas among greater population disbursement.
- An estimated 2,000 people are sheltered across 10 shelters in Nassau, Abaco, and Grand Bahama. Registered and unregistered population movements by sea and air continue to be observed to neighboring islands, cays and the U.S.
- Fuel and water remain among the most significant needs in Abaco Island. The water in Abaco has been deemed unsafe for potable and domestic use. Damage to Abaco's electricity infrastructure is also widespread. Immediate food needs are currently being met by the government and other actors' assistance.
- Weather: From 13-14 September, increased rains and wind conditions from Tropical Storm Humberto suspended air and sea relief traffic. Tropical Storm Jerry has developed and is moving towards the Caribbean; however, its current trajectory appears favorable for the Bahamas.

WFP Response

- Two weeks since Hurricane Dorian first made landfall in the Bahamas, WFP continues to support the Government of the Bahamas through its National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), in partnership with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management (CDEMA), international, and local organizations.
- In leading the emergency response, NEMA in close coordination with the UN (including WFP), NGOs and donors, has launched its Emergency Support Function (ESF) humanitarian coordination structure, composed of 13 ESFs. With NEMA/CDEMA, WFP co-leads the ESFs for Transportation, Telecommunications, Relief Supplies/Distribution and Food Security.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- As of 17 September, WFP has delivered 13,800 MREs to over 3,600 people to communities in 15 settlements in Abaco Island. WFP is working with NEMA and other humanitarian groups to ensure that in addition to addressing immediate food needs, long-term food security and protection mechanisms are in place through further needs assessments.
- As co-lead agency of the ESF for Food Security, WFP is being tasked with providing coordination support, information management services, strategic guidance on the transitioning from the provision of immediate food relief to ensuring food security (including via cash assistance), and technical assistance on streamlining ongoing food distribution plans in support of the Government-led response.



Logistics Common Services

- WFP has established a logistics hub at Marsh Harbour port with 3 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), prefabricated offices, generators, and VSAT communication capacities. An additional MSU has been erected at the airport and on 18 September, WFP will expand NEMA storage capacity in Nassau with an MSU. WFP is also providing warehouse management and trucking capacities in Abaco as a common service to the government and humanitarian partners.
- WFP will continue to support NEMA and CDEMA to lead and guide the overall response, while also ensuring common logistics services are available for UN and NGO partners working to support the national-led relief and recovery efforts, including warehousing management, handling equipment, storage solutions, trucking, and shipping capacities to ensure predictable transport and delivery services.
- The third WFP-chartered vessel completed its voyage delivering WFP cargo, transport assets and additional relief items from IFRC and Samaritan's Purse in Marsh Harbour, Abaco and Freeport, Grand Bahama. A fourth WFP-chartered vessel is scheduled to depart Nassau on 19 September.



Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- WFP continues to support the government and NEMA ESF for Telecommunications, with the assistance of Ericsson Response, NetHope, and Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF). WFP has been leading the ETS and continues to provide Coordination, Information Management, and shared Internet services in the affected areas.

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