

Hurricane Dorian

WFP Support to the Government-led Humanitarian Response

Situation Report #06 – 02 October 2019

In Numbers

53 people have perished, with more expected, as national police recovery efforts continue

1,600 people are sheltered in **9** government shelters in Nassau and Grand Bahama

14,000 Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs) have been delivered by WFP in Abaco Island

3,600 people assisted by WFP

Highlights

- WFP continues to support the Government, NEMA, and the humanitarian community in **logistics, transport, food security, and supply chain coordination**.
- WFP is assisting NEMA in defining **18 main humanitarian relief distribution sites** (storing food, NFI, water) reaching over 30 settlements across Abaco and establishing the forward-looking last-mile distribution scheme.
- WFP continues to provide **logistics supply chain coordination** to NEMA/CDEMA, as WFP's 5th-chartered vessel arrived on 29 September in Abaco and Grand Bahama with government and humanitarian partner relief cargo.

Situation Update

- One month after Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a powerful Category 5 hurricane, the official Government estimated death toll stands at 53 people in Abaco and Grand Bahama Islands, with more expected as the Royal Bahamas Defense Force's recovery efforts continue.
- The Government is currently operating 9 shelters across Nassau and Grand Bahama, providing shelter and humanitarian assistance to over 1,600 evacuees from the affected islands.
- Fuel and water remain major needs in Abaco. The Bahamas Water and Sewerage Corporation (WSC) continues to deem the water in Abaco unsafe for potable or domestic use. The Government and humanitarian actors are providing water and generators to communities Abaco Gas has resumed operations, and fuel stations in Abaco have begun providing limited petrol and diesel.
- According to assessments in Abaco, there remains a need for more staple food items, as well as portable gas and propane stoves to be distributed for food assistance, until markets resume operations.

WFP Response

- Since 30 August, WFP has deployed over 30 staff to Nassau and Abaco to provide support to the Government's emergency response and recovery efforts, in close collaboration with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Abaco-level Local Government Administrators, USAID's Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) support mechanism to the Government, and other on-the-ground humanitarian actors.
- The Government's response coordination is being managed by NEMA with relevant government-line ministries, through the Emergency Support Function (ESF) model. WFP co-leads ESF 1 (Transport), ESF 7 (Logistics), and ESF 11 (Food Security). The overall response is managed by NEMA from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the national level in Nassau, supported at the sub-national level by EOCs in Marsh Harbor, Abaco and Freeport, Grand Bahama.
- WFP's emergency response operations in the Bahamas has received resources from USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), USAID/Food For Peace, the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Switzerland, and Brazil.

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Logistics Common Services

- At the Government's request, WFP mobilized its logistics support immediately following the passage of Hurricane Dorian and is the co-lead agency of the Government's Emergency Support Functions (ESF) for Transport and Relief and Supplies Distribution (Logistics). As part of this, WFP continues to provide a set of common logistics services in support of NEMA and humanitarian partners.
- WFP has set up 6 mobile storage units (MSUs) providing 1,500 m² of total storage capacity between the Marsh Harbor Airport (1) and Seaport (3), NEMA's primary distribution site at the Central Abaco Primary School (1), and the Emergency Operations Center in Nassau (1). There is currently over 325 m² of free storage space available in Abaco for NEMA and humanitarian partner cargo.
- As of 02 October, WFP has chartered 5 vessels from Nassau to Abaco and onwards to Freeport, Grand Bahama, transporting over 250 MT of relief supplies and equipment (food, NFI, water, vehicles) requested by the Government. Cargo has been shipped on behalf of NEMA and six other government entities, as well from a combination of UN Agencies, NGOs, and donor organizations including Samaritan's Purse, IFRC, IOM, UNICEF, and WHO/PAHO. These supplies have ensured a consistent pipeline to replenish the Government-identified distribution centers and support the needs of assessed communities across Abaco and Grand Bahama.
- Based on the impact of Hurricane Dorian in Abaco Island in particular, WFP continues to support the overall management of the logistics hub in Marsh Harbour, Abaco including the management of warehousing at the port in coordination with the Government. WFP is also providing transport capacity throughout Abaco with a dedicated fleet of 4 trucks to support NEMA and other partner delivery and last mile distributions. Based on similar constraints in New Providence (Nassau), WFP has also dedicated 2 trucks in increase support to NEMA operations at their main warehouse. WFP is also providing support in developing a commodity management and tracking system tailor-made for the context of the Bahamas.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- As co-lead agency of the ESF for Food Security, WFP is supporting the Government in designing and implementing a food security strategy to meet the immediate food needs of communities remaining in Abaco, the 1,600 evacuees in government shelters in Nassau, and returning populations with in-kind food donations. WFP is also supporting the Government in identifying measures to support sustainable market recovery, including through possible cash-based interventions to supplement the local economy.
- Food security remains a priority in Abaco, which has been well covered by various humanitarian actors, through in-kind donations received by the Government/NEMA, hot meals delivered by international NGOs, and WFP-delivered food assistance. During the initial response, WFP delivered 14,000 Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) to an estimated 3,600 people across Abaco Island.
- WFP has also supported the Government in defining 18 main distribution sites across Abaco (with food, NFI, water), as part of a more standardized distribution scheme. WFP is also supporting NEMA and the EOC to organize and monitor relief distributions. WFP continues to perform needs assessments with Local Government Administrators to determine immediate food security and humanitarian needs in the most impacted settlements in Abaco.

WFP Support to Government ESFs 1 (Transport), 7 (Logistics), and 11 (Food Security)



250 MT of relief cargo from NEMA and 20 UN, local government, and humanitarian partners shipped on 5 chartered vessels from Nassau to Marsh Harbour, Abaco and Freeport, Grand Bahama



4 generators for use in Abaco



6 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) set up in Abaco (5) and Nassau (1)



1,500m² MSU storage capacity



Landside transport capacity with 6 trucks in Abaco (4) and Nassau (2)