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# Hurricane Dorian

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

Situation Report #03 – 10 September 2019

## Highlights

- **13,800 Ready-to-Eat-Meals (MREs)** prepositioned for distribution in Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island, and other affected areas.
- WFP supporting NEMA/CDEMA in **logistics supply chain coordination**. Next WFP vessel to Abaco with relief supplies on 11 Sept.
- WFP establishing a **logistics hub** in Marsh Harbour (MSUs, prefab. offices, and VSATs in assembly); WFP on standby as needed.

## Situation Update

- One week after initial landfall, the official death toll from Hurricane Dorian stands at 50 in Abaco and Grand Bahama Islands. Thousands still remain missing.
- An estimated 90 percent of housing and infrastructure on Abaco Island is damaged or destroyed, with many homes still without power.
- An estimated 5,000 people have been evacuated by government, military, and private boats and aircraft. An estimated 6,000-7,000 people remain on the affected islands; however, evacuations are ongoing.

## WFP Response

- WFP is supporting the government of the Bahamas, through the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), which is leading the response with the support of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), and the international community.
- WFP is working with the government's Emergency Support Functions (ESF), aligning WFP expertise in Food Security, Logistics, Transport, and Emergency Telecommunications, to NEMA/CDEMA mechanisms.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP began MRE distribution to affected communities in Abaco Island, with the support of partners Samaritan's Purse and the Bahamas Red Cross.
- On 08 September, WFP distributed 150 MREs (75 people) in Dundas Town, Abaco Island. On 09 September, WFP provided 1,600 MREs (800 people) to the Administrative Office of Cooper's Town, for affected people in the Little Abaco settlements of Mount Hope, Cedar Harbour, Wood Cay, Fox Town, and Crown Haven. An additional 350 MREs (175 people) are destined for Little Abaco. WFP continues to assist affected areas in Abaco and Grand Bahama Islands.



### Logistics Cluster

- WFP has deployed staff to Abaco Island via helicopter and are conducting basic food security analyses across affected areas.
- WFP is establishing an Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/ Logistics and supply chain hubs in Marsh Harbour with MSUs, VSATs, and generators. WFP will have 2 MSUs at the Port, and 2 MSUs at the Airport. Equipment is currently being set-up, and WFP remains on standby to deploy additional hubs as needed.
- WFP is providing logistics coordination support to NEMA/CDEMA, including arrangements for charter vessels, fuel, fork lifts, flat-bed trucks, transport assets, and last mile delivery, as needed.



### Emergency Telecommunications Sector

- WFP is establishing VSAT communications across the affected areas, and is working closely with the NEMA Emergency Support Function (ESF) on Communications.
- In collaboration with CDEMA, WFP is communicating with the Mobile Network Operators BTC and ALIV, to fill gaps as the operators are restoring networks.
- WFP and partners Ericsson Response, NetHope, Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF), and Vodafone Foundation are extending Internet connectivity services for responders in Marsh Harbour, and supporting the Logistics Hub at the port, the EOC at the government building, and the airport.

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