



Hurricane Dorian

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

Situation Report #04 – 11 September 2019

Highlights

- Nearly **8,000 Ready-to-Eat-Meals (MREs)** have been delivered to affected communities across Abaco Island, and other impacted areas.
- WFP continues to support NEMA/CDEMA and the humanitarian community in **logistics and supply chain coordination**.

Situation Update

- The official casualty figure from Hurricane Dorian stands at 50, although search and recovery efforts are ongoing.
- As of 10 September, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) estimates that up to 15,000 people across the affected islands remain in need. However, WFP assessments show that immediate food needs are largely being met on a day to day basis by private individuals, local organizations, and WFP. As an indication of the support level, on 10 September, over 450 aircrafts supported the movement of relief goods to Abaco and Grand Bahama Islands.
- The Government of the Bahamas, international militaries, humanitarian groups, and private sector efforts have evacuated approximately 5,000 people from the affected islands. Daily evacuations are continuing.
- As of 10 September, CDEMA reports that over 2,000 people have been evacuated to government-established shelters in Nassau.

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 coordination mechanisms.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In Abaco Island, a team of 10 WFP staff continue to perform food security assessments and analyses, and address immediate food security needs of the affected communities where gaps are identified.
- On 11 September, from Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island, WFP delivered 3,840 MREs to Fox Town and 288 MREs to Treasure Cay and Cooper's Town - all areas in Little Abaco. WFP also continues to participate in Grand Bahama Island assessments.



Logistics Common Services

- WFP is establishing a Logistics and supply chain hub in Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island. Four mobile storage units (MSU) are being set up at the port and 1-2 at the airport, to facilitate storage of relief items. The hub will also include prefabricated office units, generators, and communications. WFP has additional capacity on the ground in Abaco that can be allocated for different locations as needed.
- A third vessel has been chartered by WFP to transport humanitarian cargo from Nassau to Abaco and onwards to Grand Bahama. The vessel is now expected to depart on 12 September, weather conditions permitting.



Emergency Telecommunications Common Services

- WFP is continuing to establish data connectivity across the affected areas, working closely with the NEMA Emergency Support Function (ESF) on Communications.



Weather Forecast

- WFP is monitoring a current disturbance still in development with a 40-60 percent chance to materialize in the next 5 days. If it does materialize, the system will likely move across the southern Bahamas towards the Gulf of Mexico and Florida.
- Regardless of the tropical depression development, locally heavy rains are forecast in the Bahamas to continue over Tarpum Bay, Governor's Harbour, Marsh Harbour, and parts of Freeport over the next 3-5 days, causing potential flash floods in the areas. These 5-day rains of around 80-150mm represent about 1.5 to 2.5 times the average rainfall during the peak rainfall period (August - September).

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