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Some 1,4 million Haitians require food assistance in the wake of Hurricane Matthew

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Les Cayes

Shot 18 Oct 2016

Aerial view of damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in Les Cayes.

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Les Cayes

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People crossing stream over fallen coconut trees.

:15-:49

Port Salut, South department

Shot 18 Oct 2016

WFP trucks driving on dirt road leading to the distribution site

People gathering at WFP food distribution.

The food ration composed of cereal, pulses and oil is sufficient for a family to meet its food needs for a month.

:49-01:16

Port Au Prince

Shot 20 Oct 2016

SOT (Eng) Alexis Masciarelli

"The people we meet in the affected areas often tell us that they've literally lost everything. The agriculture is in shatters. There won't be much production growing from this land for the next six to nine months. So here, as WFP, we are supporting the government to access the most remote locations. Everyday we manage to reach new villages, new population, to bring them much needed nutritious food, to tell them also that they are not forgotten and that we are here to help them rebuild their lives."

01:16-01:27

Port Au Prince Harbour

Shot 22 Oct 2016

WFP food being loaded on a WFP chartered ship sailing from Port-au-Prince to the western tip of the peninsula devastated by Hurricane Matthew. Roads are still impassable for heavy trucks loaded with food in many areas, so getting to cut-off communities is only possible by sea.

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Torbek, South department

Shot 18 Oct 2016

Fortunée Mirlande, 28 year-old mother of two, resident of Torbek,
Fortuné prepares the evening meal.

01:48-01:58

Torbek, South department

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SOT (Creole) Fortunée Mirlande

"We had lots of banana trees, coconuts, we grew rice, maize, millet here in our compound. But we have lost it all."

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Torbek, South department

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Fortunée'mother serving food.

Children sitting on a blanket outside eating food prepared from WFP rations.

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Some 1,4 million Haitians require food assistance in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, which wrought widespread devastation on supplies and crops across large swaths of the island nation. More than half – 800,000 people – are in dire need of immediate food aid, according to an emergency field assessment.

Conducted by the Government of Haiti, the National Coordination for Food Security (CNSA), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) the week after the hurricane, the assessment confirms the pressing need to provide immediate food assistance and help people start rebuilding their livelihoods.

In the **Department of Grande-Anse**, agriculture has been virtually wiped out, warehouses have suffered serious damage, and the availability of local produce is now reduced to fruit fallen from trees. Around 50 percent of livestock were lost in some areas of the department.

On Haiti's **southern coast**, fishing activities are paralyzed due to nets, traps, boats and engines being washed away by flooding. As a result, income that families might use to buy food is nearly nonexistent.

Meanwhile, losses of subsistence crops in the **Department of Sud** have been near total. Almost 90 percent of the department's forest and fruits trees were severely damaged; the remaining 10 percent are not likely to be productive this season.

Since the passage of Hurricane Matthew, WFP has reached more than 170,000 people with food despite the challenges of blocked roads and broken bridges hampering access to the affected areas.

The humanitarian community in Haiti urgently needs \$56 million to meet the food assistance needs of people affected by Hurricane Matthew over the next three months. Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas, home to almost 11 million people, many living in fragile housing.

Poverty, depletion of the environment and the authorities' limited capacity to respond to crises leaves Haitians highly vulnerable; even moderate shocks can push people into hunger.

The country suffered a massive earthquake in January 2010, in which more than 200,000 people lost their lives. Tens of thousands of people still live in tents or makeshift shelters.

This year, the vulnerability of the population is higher, as three years of drought have pushed people further into poverty and hunger. A total of 3.6 million Haitians are food insecure – 1.5 million severely so.

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