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WFP Distributing Food in Worst Affected Areas of Haiti

Location: Jeremie, Haiti

TRT: 01:46

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:00-:13

Aerials shows damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in Grand-Anse department. Preliminary results from the Emergency Food Security Assessments indicate almost 100 percent of crops are destroyed in the Grand-Anse department, and more than half the livestock killed. Damaged roads and destroyed bridges connecting Port-au-Prince with the hurricane-hit areas are also challenge. A WFP-chartered helicopter began flying humanitarian workers and relief supplies to affected areas on Friday, 7 October.

:13-:18

Crowd gathering in nearby school compound Ecole Chretienne de Lundi.

:18-:24

Old woman speaking on a mobile phone in a destroyed agricultural field.

:24-:28

People gathering at WFP food distribution.

:28-:45

SOT (creole) Lafleur Guerni, 39 year-old mother of one.

"We had nothing left. No house. No food. We have nothing. We are homeless. We live in this school but we don't know how long they will allow us to stay. We don't have anywhere to go. The water took everything away."

:45-:57

Collapsed trees on the road side, truck carrying WFP food

:57-01:38

WFP food distribution to families whose homes have been destroyed and are now living in the school compound. In Jeremie, WFP distributed food rations to 2,500 people. The food ration composed of cereal, pulses and oil is sufficient for a family to meet its food needs for a month.

People from the community offloading WFP trucks.

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Old lady with baby, sitting in the school compound.

ENDS

- In its rampage through the Caribbean, Hurricane Matthew claimed lives, and left extensive flooding and mudslides, damage to roads and buildings, and electricity and water shortages in parts of Haiti and Cuba.
- Severe agricultural losses are expected in Haiti, according to preliminary surveys, with almost 100% of crops destroyed in Grand-Anse. Hurricane Matthew also caused massive damage in the eastern part of Cuba, leaving whole communities in need of assistance but cut off.

Despite difficulties in reaching stricken areas due to road damage, initial food distributions started in Haiti this past weekend in the two most affected departments (South and Grande-Anse). Some 8,500 people were provided with food rations from WFP.

- In Cuba, Guantanamo province was hardest hit, particularly the areas of Baracoa, Maisi, Imias and San Antonio del Sur. Agriculture and food production in these areas were destroyed; WFP is starting to provide assistance to 180,000 people in Cuba seriously affected by Matthew.
- In coordination with the Government of Haiti and international agencies, WFP has deployed logistics and assessment teams to bring relief and determine the wider impact on food and nutrition security. Ahead of the hurricane season, WFP had pre-positioned sufficient emergency supplies to feed up to 300,000 people for a month.

Latest information

In Les Cayes, on October 9, 1000 people received a ration of cereal pulses and oil sufficient to feed a family for a month.

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- Preliminary results from the Emergency Food Security Assessments indicate almost 100 percent of crops are destroyed in the Grand-Anse department, and more than half the livestock killed. In the South department, fishing activity is paralysed as boats and equipment have been washed away.

- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates that 750,000 people need immediate humanitarian assistance. Some 60,000 people have been displaced from their homes and are living in shelters.
- Damaged roads and destroyed bridges connecting Port-au-Prince with the hurricane-hit areas are a challenge. The most affected areas are Grand'Anse, South and South-east departments. The towns of Les Cayes, Port Salut and Jérémie suffered severe flooding.
- A WFP-chartered helicopter began flying humanitarian workers and relief supplies to affected areas on Friday, 7 October. Six portable tent warehouses are being deployed to support relief efforts. Two of these units are being erected in Les Cayes.
- WFP already had 25 metric tons of food in Jérémie for its school meals programme. With the permission of the donor, this food was repurposed for emergency relief and made available for distribution in partnership with the local authorities.
- WFP is airlifting a total of 30 tons of high-energy biscuits to the Caribbean region for deployment where most needed. They are particularly useful in this kind of emergency because many families have lost their capacity to cook as well as their livelihoods.
- In Cuba, WFP is preparing an emergency operation to support government-led efforts to provide food assistance to those most affected, especially pregnant and nursing women, children under three and people aged 65 and over.

FUNDING

UN HAITI FLASH APPEAL launched today Monday 10 October 1600 Geneva:

Appeal for \$119 million required to meet the needs of 1.4 million people with life-saving assistance and protection in the next 3 months:

Of this sum;

US\$ 56 million for food, nutrition, agriculture

US\$ 6.6 million for logistics and emergency telecommunications

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