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WFP Responds to Cyclone Dorian Aftermath In The Bahamas

Location: Abaco island, Nassau, Bahamas

TRT: 02:17

Shot: 8th / 10th September 2019

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Aerial shots of destruction of Marsh Harbour and Treasure Cay on Abaco Island. Various destruction shots

Marsh Harbour, Treasure Cay, Abaco Island

Shot: 10 Sep 2019

:28-:51

Various shots of cyclone survivors waiting to board a plane to Nassau or the US.

Treasure Cay Airport, Abaco Island

Shot: 10 Sep 2019

:51-01:15

SOT Alicia Joseph, Abaco Island resident (English)

"it was like a river. The water was gushing and taking out everything. My sister was laying in the bed and I see the roof cave, come down on her. I said OK, this is our cue to run. But we had to stay in the building because we had nowhere to run. So we were just staying in that lower bathroom just praying to God that the storm calm down a little bit for us to run."

Treasure Cay Airport, Abaco Island

Shot: 10 Sep 2019

01:15-01:36

Various shots of WFP relief and WFP ground team preparing modules

Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island

Shot: 10 Sep 2019

01:36-01:59

SOT Regis Chapman, WFP Emergency Coordinator (English)

“The real challenge in terms of operating here on the ground is essentially labourers, it's fuel, vehicles, it's trucks, forklifts, it's the machinery that you need to keep supply chains moving as well. So WFP is bringing in a vessel tomorrow, that will bringing additional equipment to address some of those problems.”

Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island

Shot: 10 Sep 2019

01:59-02:17

Various shots of boat arriving in Nassau with evacuees from Abaco Island.

Nassau

Shot: 8 Sep 2019

END

- **The World Food Programme (WFP) is lending its emergency expertise to support response efforts underway in the Bahamas, which is reeling from the impact of Hurricane Dorian, the islands' worst-ever hurricane.**
- **With a team of 15 experts on ground, WFP is supporting the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA,) the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and partners to identify the most urgent needs and provide support in the vital areas of food, telecommunications and logistics.**
- **WFP has delivered storage units, generators, prefab offices and satellite telecoms to Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island, where it is establishing a logistics hub. This hub will facilitate the arrival, storage and dispatch of relief material, ensuring a coordinated humanitarian response on the island.**
- **WFP and the Ericsson Response team are setting up satellite telecoms to restore connectivity at Marsh Harbour port and at the airport for humanitarians supporting the emergency response**
- **WFP has distributed over 1,500 ready to eat meals, with food also reaching people affected in the hard-to-reach Little Abaco.**

WFP RESPONSE

- WFP sent two vessels with humanitarian cargo to Marsh Harbour, Abaco Island. The ships offloaded 13,800 individual ready-to-eat meals and relief material from WFP and partners like IFRC, IOM and PAHO/WHO.
- According to recent assessments, immediate food needs have been largely met thanks to humanitarian actors on the ground. Under this new scenario, WFP will focus its assistance on logistics and telecoms support to the relief efforts.

BACKGROUND

- On September 1, Hurricane Dorian made landfall on the Bahamas as a powerful category 5 hurricane, causing the death of nearly 45 people in the Abaco and Grand Bahama islands.
- Ninety percent of housing and infrastructure on Abaco Island is damaged or destroyed with many homes still without power.
- The Government of the Bahamas, with the support of military and civilian aircrafts and boats, has evacuated an estimated 5,000 people from the affected islands.
- The assessment teams continue to reach isolated areas. While some areas of Grand Bahama and Abaco islands are now accessible, reaching other affected areas continues to be a major constrain.

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