



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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Food for the Hungry Responding to Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and D.R. *Phoenix-Based International Non-Profit Working to Help Those Affected*

WHO/WHAT: Staff of Phoenix-based international nonprofit Food for the Hungry are working with staff on the ground in Haiti and the Dominican Republic as Hurricane Matthew makes landfall. The monster storm is creating hazardous conditions as flooding is severely affecting residents. Initial reports from staff show damage to houses, crops and animals that have been washed away. Sadly, loss of lives is also being shared. As soon as the rain subsides and it is safe to do a thorough damage assessment, Food for the Hungry staff will send updates.

CEO Gary Edmonds and former, interim Haiti country director Celeste Brown de Mercado are available for interviews this afternoon. Latin America/Caribbean regional director Victor Cortez is also available for Spanish-language interviews.

HOW TO HELP: Those who want to help victims of Hurricane Matthew can make a financial donation at www.fh.org/hurricane-matthew. Contributions will be used to purchase needed items from as many local vendors as possible which will also help jumpstart the economy.

WHEN: Afternoon of Monday, October 4, 2016

WHERE: Food for the Hungry 1224 East Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034

VISUALS: Please see attached video and photos taken today in Haiti by Food for the Hungry staff.

About Food for the Hungry

Founded in 1971, Food for the Hungry provides emergency relief and long-term development programs with operations in more than 20 countries, seeking to end all forms of human poverty. Using solutions that are innovative and community-specific to the complex view of poverty, Food for the Hungry contributes to community-owned transformations that empower children, families and communities to invest in their own development.

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