



FH Responds to Hurricane Dorian with Clean Water, Emergency Supplies for Bahamas

PHOENIX, Ariz. (September 4, 2019) – In the wake of Hurricane Dorian, the strongest hurricane on record to hit the Bahamas, Christian humanitarian organization Food for the Hungry (FH) is responding by providing those affected with clean water, hygiene items, food, and emergency supplies through its network of partners.

The Category 5 hurricane first hit the Bahamas this past weekend, from September 1 to 2, before shifting paths towards the U.S. eastern coastline. Due to the slow-moving nature of the storm, damages are estimated to be severe. So far, in the two islands affected in the Bahamas, over 68,000 people have been impacted and 20 people are reported dead. As more details begin to emerge about the historic tragedy, it's estimated that approximately 45 percent of all houses on both islands have been destroyed. Over 220,000 liters of clean drinking water are needed per day.

"We are deeply concerned for the well-being of families impacted by the catastrophic Hurricane Dorian," said Matt Ellingson, FH's Director of Relief and Humanitarian Affairs. "Thousands of homes have been damaged, water contaminated, and it's estimated 22 percent of the population affected are children under age 15. As an organization with a heart for the most vulnerable, we are dedicated to working hard through our partners to mobilize efforts and respond to human suffering. An extensive amount of humanitarian assistance will be needed to help those recover and rebuild after this storm."

While the hurricane has slowed to a Category 2 storm, it continues to move north and northeast along the Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina coasts. In the U.S., another one million people are under evacuation orders. FH is monitoring the situation domestically and will respond appropriately, in addition to its relief efforts in the Bahamas.

FH is an active responder in humanitarian disaster relief contexts, including with ongoing relief operations in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, which hit earlier this year. FH has long-term poverty alleviation efforts nearby in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

To give to relief efforts and for more information, visit [fh.org/emergency/hurricane-dorian/](https://www.fh.org/emergency/hurricane-dorian/).

ABOUT FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Food for the Hungry is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. Since 1971, Food for the Hungry has been going into the world's hardest places with an exit strategy: to respond to human suffering and graduate communities of extreme poverty into self-sustainability, all within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and disaster risk reduction, the nonprofit focuses on transformational development, investing in children as the key to lift entire communities out of poverty. With 98% of staff working in their country of origin, Food for the Hungry works side-by-side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative solutions. The organization currently serves more than 14 million people in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow @food4thehungry or visit www.fh.org.

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