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RECURRING THEMES

- Natural phenomena: 2%
- Telecommunications: 3%
- WASH: 4%
- Protection: 6%
- Education: 6%
- Livelihood: 7%
- Logistics: 7%
- Health: 8%
- Shelter & NFI: 11%
- Request for aid & Governance: 12%
- Distributions: 35%

WHAT DID COMMUNITIES SAY ABOUT AID DISTRIBUTION?

This week's issue of the Humanitarian Feedback Bulletin highlights feedback from affected communities as it relates to one of the most prevalent themes: the distribution of aid to victims of Hurricane Matthew.

"There are people who take (aid) several times. We would like for distribution to be done from house to house."

30-50 years, Moron

"The trucks transporting food passed by here. We have never received anything. The trucks pass by and continue on their way."

30-50 years, Chardonnières

"From here the distributions are done very well. But sometimes the foreigners have to leave because of lootings."

30-50 years, Chardonnières

"We have received food, a few sheets of metal, and cement, but unfortunately not everyone in need has gotten aid."

50-70 years, Ile-à-Vache

Feedback concerning multiple sectors was classified by one single sector/theme/activity according to the most prominent theme implicated. 'Distribution' as an activity highlights all of the feedback relating to 'Food Security' (2%); 'NFI' (1%); and 'Distribution' (32%).

'Shelter' includes feedback relating to 'Displacement camps' (3%) and 'Shelter' (8%).

'WASH' includes feedback relating to 'Water' (3%), 'Hygiene' (0.5%), and 'Sanitation' (0.5%).

'Protection' includes feedback relating to 'Protection' (5%) and 'Child Protection' (1%).
EXPRESSED NEEDS: DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS

The majority of feedback from the affected population that pertains to distribution highlights an expressed need for more sustained and present humanitarian assistance. Only feedback concerning specific aid items is represented in the below graphic.

Security

Disorder and insecurity:
Grande Anse: Abricots, Jérémie, Corail, Roseaux,
Sud: Arniquet, Les Irois, Port Salut.

Distribution cards

Cards by household (not housing unit), allocation of cards, usage of cards:
Grande Anse & Sud.

CwC (3)

9%

WASH (2)

7%

AquaTabs

Access to potable water:
Grande Anse: Grand Bassin, Roseaux - Golbotine,
Sud: Les Anglais - Center, Coteaux.

Soap

Sud: Torbeck - Fond Rouge.

Food security

22%

Food

Rice, beans, oil, peas:
Sud: Arniquet - Chateau, Camp Perrin - Tibu Dagza, Cavaillon, Ile-à-Vache - Trou Milieu, Port Salut - Katsanbi.

Seeds & livestock

Seedlings, beans, corn, coconuts, sheep, chicken...
Sud: Camp Perrin, Tiburon - Tapion.

CwC (3)

9%

NFI

34%

Sud

Shelter / NFI

Sud

Reconstruction materials

Sheet metal, cement, wood:
Grande Anse: Abricot, Bonbon.
Sud: Arniquet, Camp Pérrin, Cavaillon, Chantal, Coteaux, Ile-à-Vache, Les Anglais, Tiburon, Torbeck.

NFI

Non-food items

Tarps:
Grande Anse: Anse d'Hainault - Lillet,
Sud: Roche-à-Bateau - Center, Coteaux - Center, Port Salut - 2nd section.

Mattresses:

Clothing:

Notes:
1. Requests for distributions, distribution cards and direct requests for security presence in distributions
2. WASH, Water, Hygiene, Sanitation
3. CwC, Communication with Communities

“IT's when people don't get cards that they create chaos. One single person could have five cards, while others don't get any.”
20-30 years, Camp Perrin

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AID DELIVERY: REMOTE AREAS

Feedback regarding the delivery of aid shows that affected communities in more remote areas are concerned that aid is not reaching non-central zones.

Some also expressed frustration that they did not receive information as to where distributions were taking place, and therefore were unable to access them. People who do not have a means of transportation expressed that they could not access distributions taking place far from where they live.

Feedback includes accounts of aid convoys being looted, which also prevented affected communities from benefiting from aid distributions.

PROCEDURES: DISORDER DURING DISTRIBUTIONS

Disorder during distributions was highlighted as a concern among the affected population, along with violence and tension as distributions are carried out. ‘People with machetes’ or ‘muscle men’ were invoked as impediments for many people – especially vulnerable persons – from benefitting from aid distributions.

Feedback also included accounts of aid convoys being looted, which also prevented affected communities from receiving humanitarian aid. Positive feedback was given regarding orderly distributions, when people were instructed to line one-by-one.

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**Beneficiary Criteria: ‘Why Not Me?’**

Beneficiary selection was raised as an issue of concern among the affected population; in particular, confusion around criteria for distribution of cards, their functions, as well as the reasons for which certain persons were not receiving aid.

People also cited instances in which they were surveyed for the purpose of provision of assistance, but there was no follow up. People complained that when aid was distributed via local authorities, it did not reach the affected population, with accusations of local authorities only distributing aid with partiality, or to friends or family.

"When the aid arrives, we don't get anything. They choose the people who they've given cards to, but they took our names."  
50-70 years, Arniquet

"I've never participated in a food distribution. They said that men don't have access, only women."  
50-70 years, Roche-à-Bateau

"Someone gave me a card in secret. Not everyone has been able to get one. The person gave me 25 cards. 'I called someone in the mayor's office and they gave me a few cards that I distributed to people in my community.'"  
50-70 years, Roche-à-Bateau

**Quality/Quantity: Concerns about Rice and TARPS**

Tarp quality was underlined as a concern among the affected population, as some mentioned that the tarps they received were not adequately weather-resistant and were destroyed with strong wind or rain. There were quality issues raised by beneficiaries surrounding rice distributed to affected zones; in particular, some people expressed that rice contained grains of sand and had a foul odor. Affected persons also expressed that some of the food aid distributed was expired or spoiled, and that the quantity of the rice distributed was insufficient.

"The rice that was distributed had grains of sand in it. There was waste in it, it smells bad. They told us we had to wash it with bitter orange juice. We can't eat such a thing."  
50-70 years, Port-Salut

"There were helicopters in the area to give out rice, but the last batch wasn't good because of the zin and small rocks. We took it to give to our animals."  
50-70 years, Ile-à-Vache

"The tarps are bad quality. They are like mats. If water falls on them, they get destroyed."  
30-50 years, Camp Perrin

"We still don't know if the tarps are good quality or not, it hasn't rained yet."  
14-20 years, Camp Perrin