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Hurricane Matthew Relief in Haiti: Saving Lives & Restoring Hope Thanks to You

Situation Overview

On October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, with the fierce, unrelenting power of a Category 4 Atlantic hurricane – leaving an estimated 1.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. Heavy rain and strong winds led to widespread flooding and mudslides, collapsed bridges, crop devastation, and destruction and damage to homes, schools, and health and water supply facilities. Thanks to swiftly responding donors and national and international partners, World Vision was equipped and ready to respond to this major disaster. Experienced leadership and trained staff mobilized quickly, assisting children and families most seriously impacted and assessing needs.

Immediate & Long-Term Response

Within hours of Hurricane Matthew's landfall, World Vision was distributing relief supplies to families in the Port-au-Prince area whose homes had been destroyed or damaged. Haiti's Southern Peninsula was most severely hit and, within two days of the storm's passing, World Vision had established a new office and warehouse in the area. World Vision quickly declared a large-scale, year-long response, targeting affected communities across Haiti, particularly those unserved or underserved by other forms of aid. In the months since, World Vision has provided support to more than 171,000 people and distributed 455,154 humanitarian services to many of the people most in need. World Vision has assisted more than 34,200 families.

How You Saved Lives & Restored Hope

World Vision's rapid response after Hurricane Matthew, driven by caring donors and strategic partners in Haiti and beyond, helped save countless lives and restored dignity and hope in the following ways.

Clean Water

Water is life, and clean water saves lives. Supplies were needed desperately in the storm's aftermath to prevent the outbreak of water-borne diseases. World Vision immediately began delivering jerry cans, bucket filters, hygiene kits, and water treatment tablets to affected families – beginning with those residing in emergency shelters set up by the government of Haiti or churches – then to families returning to homes with limited or no safe access to water. World Vision distributed a total of 17,445 hygiene kits, 25,989 jerry cans, 13,052 bucket filters, and 1,038,495 water treatment tablets. Thanks also to donor support, World Vision identified water sites needing reconstruction, reinstating clean water access for four communities which served 1,180 people.

Sanitation & Hygiene

World Vision organized and supported community volunteers in promoting sanitation safety practices such as building and using latrines. Many families dug their own latrines with World Vision assistance. In schools, churches, and community centers, teachers and students were trained to promote adequate hygiene and sanitation. Overall, World Vision's messaging about these critically important practices reached 52,385 people.

Disease Prevention & Treatment

With hurricane debris, destruction, and the rainy season, cholera and other water-borne and mosquito-borne diseases were at especially high risk of outbreak. World Vision partnered with trained nurses and health promoters to deliver cholera prevention messages and to respond

to cholera-impacted areas. Homes with cholera cases were sprayed with disinfectants, and clean water supplies were distributed in communities where cases occurred. To reduce outbreak, World Vision also delivered cholera kit materials, including health supplies and antibiotics for treatment to six health facilities. World Vision also distributed 14,395 mosquito nets to protect children and families and 1,897 people received de-worming medicine.

Safe Places for Children

With its significant experience in international development and disaster response, World Vision recognized the critical need for safe, stable and structured environments for children, since many schools and recreational areas were damaged, destroyed, or converted into emergency shelters. Through eight Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Haiti, which served 2,017 children, World Vision provided psychosocial support and safe places for children to play and learn. World Vision determined its CFS locations by consulting with local authorities, partners, and affected communities. Screened CFS volunteers led play and educational activities, including painting, writing, and drawing, with hand-washing and disaster preparedness instructions incorporated into activities. Many parents expressed gratitude for World Vision CFS and shared that they helped to ease their children's fears in the aftermath of the storm.

Hunger

Hurricane Matthew destroyed almost all crops in the Southern Peninsula, leaving about 800,000 people in need of food assistance. Drastic loss of crops led to huge increases in local food prices, leaving many families hungry and without resources. Thanks to your support, World Vision distributed more than 282 metric tons of food where most needed in the months following the storm, such as to households headed by children, women, or people with disabilities. In total, World Vision provided 171,915 servings of food. World Vision also capitalized on the year-end planting months of November and December, providing farming families seeds and cuttings of food crops such as sweet potato, yam, cassava, and black beans. This assistance reached 2,947 families and 14,735 people.

Shelter & Rebuilding

Right after the hurricane, World Vision field teams deployed to impacted areas to assess immediate needs such as shelter and to distribute items such as tarps, flashlights, and kitchen and bedding kits. World Vision distributed shelter-related items to 21,213 families, assisting 106,065 people. Roofing kits were also essential in many areas and contained corrugated iron sheets, timber, nails, screws, cement, and hand saws. They equipped families to repair and rebuild their homes in more resilient ways, with construction assistance from World Vision and other partners.

Looking Ahead with Hope

With deep gratitude to all who supported its response to Hurricane Matthew, World Vision continues to work alongside children and families in Haiti to help them restore their lives and livelihoods. World Vision will also continue to serve communities in areas most impacted by the hurricane where little or no other aid is available. Phase 1, from October 2017 to February 2017, was focused on emergency response, and Phase 2, slated for March 2017 forward, will be geared to recovery and rehabilitation.

Help Transform Lives in Haiti

Your continued support is vital in equipping children and families in Haiti to thrive and overcome a wide range of challenging but not insurmountable obstacles created by Hurricane Matthew. In the communities it serves, World Vision strives to create an environment where needs are heard, people are empowered, and dreams are realized. To make a gift to World Vision that will help children and families in Haiti during Phase 2 and beyond, please visit (website) or call (number).

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