What To Do When Disaster Strikes

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Destruction
Tornadoes
Wildfire
Explosion
Tragedy
“Where do I start?”

• Let everyone know you’re there and can help
“Where do I start?”

• Plan

• Prep

• Paperwork
Planning: two types of assistance

▪ Feeding students

▪ Feeding community, evacuees, or first responders
Planning: two types of assistance

▪ If feeding students…

Use of USDA Donated Foods are pre-approved

▪ If feeding community, evacuees, or first responders…

Use of USDA Donated Foods *might* be approved
Planning: two types of assistance

- Students
  - follow regular meal patterns

- Community, evacuees, first responders, or adults
  - contact your State Agency
Plan

• In the event of a Presidential Declaration of Emergency, D-SNAP will apply
Before you do anything, check with your State Agency
Before you do anything else, check with the USDA Disaster website.
Before you do anything else, check with the USDA Disaster website

https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster
Prep

• People and travel
• Food and menus
• Gather paperwork
• Be flexible!
Prep

Keep food on-hand? What foods???
Prep

• Emergency Kits
• Paperwork
• Personal items
Paperwork

• FEMA, State, or locally produced forms

• Phone lists (and not just employees!)

• Inventory
During the Event

“Everyone has a plan…until they get punched in the mouth.”

--Mike Tyson
During the Event

• Use what you have on-hand

• Focus on food safety!

• Keep meticulous notes, counts, and inventories
During the Event

• Remember, you’ll be dealing with people who are in crisis

• Always think: food safety and security!

• Be extraordinarily careful with all donated products
After the event…

• Protect paperwork with your life!
  • Make sure it’s as complete as possible

• Contact State Agency and USDA
After the event…who’s gonna pay?

• If you feed students, reimbursement rates will (probably) apply
  
• People?
After the event… who’s gonna pay?

• If it’s community….
Be prepared for the everything…

[Image of two people standing behind a table with money on it]
Puerto Rico

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Objectives

• Share the experience of preparing, responding and recovering from Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

• Provide a guide of things to consider before the hurricane strikes.

• Give insights of the consequences after the natural catastrophe.

• Recommend methods for recovering after a hurricane strikes.
The Hurricane Maria Experience
Before The Hurricane

September 5, 2017
  • Hurricane Irma
    • Category 5
    • +80,000 customers without power

September 18th, 2017
  • Hurricane Watch

September 19th 2017
  • National Weather Service advised that “Preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion”
How to prepare for a Hurricane?

- Secure the facilities
  - projectile objects
  - water entry
  - equipment- electrical and gas

- Secure inventory
  - Canned over fresh
  - Ice bags

- Utility maintenance
  - generator
  - water tank
  - communication devices
  - gasoline

- First-Aid

- Plan post-event meeting spot and timeline.
Hurricane Maria’s Arrival To The Island.

September 20th, 2017
After the Event
After the Event
Evaluate and Regroup to Take Action
Evaluate and Regroup

- Communication
  - Landlines and cell phones
  - Radio

- Supplies
  - Generator
  - Gas, gasoline, diesel.

- Basic needs
  - Food
  - Water
  - Shelter
Communications

Satellite night images of #PuertoRico. #HurricaneMaria knocked out power grid, millions without electricity. More @ goo.gl/CiuJ1

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Communication - Take Action

- In person
- Local radio station
- Pen and paper
- Posters
- Neighbors
Supplies- Take Action

- Wait in line
- Build a Community
Basic Needs- Take Action

• Build a team to clean up
• Ration and share food and water
• Cook and deliver to the community
Basic Needs - Take Action
Moving Forward after Disaster Strikes
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• Make it manageable
  • Establish a new routine
  • Resilient community

• Federal Grants and Waivers
Moving Forward after Disaster Strikes
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