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World Food Programme
Topic 1: Food Supplies in the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian

On Sunday, September 1st, 2019, Hurricane Dorian, a Category Five hurricane made landfall in the Bahamas. For more than 48 hours, the storm came to a near standstill over the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama, with resulting flooding that damaged many homes and infrastructure on the islands.[1] As of September 17th, 2019, the death toll was at 50, and more than 1,300 people were still reported to be missing. World Meteorological Organization spokesperson Clare Nullis spoke on record, calling Dorian "the strongest on record to make landfall in the Bahamas."[2]

Following a disaster like this, there is a dire need to replenish food supplies for the citizens of the area. In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, which hit Haiti in 2016, the WFP had a food supply that was ready to feed 300,000 people.[3] For Dorian, the estimated number of people that need to be fed was about 61,000. There were 47,000 people from the island of Grand Bahama and 14,000 people on Abaco who all needed to be fed. Not only that, but the WFP is the first on the ground in the area, ready to provide support to help rebuild and bring things back to normal. WFP Spokesperson Hervé Verhoosel stated that $5.4 million dollars was made available for spending on food and supplies to distribute to the most heavily hit areas.[4] Additionally, an airlift was organized, from the UN hub in Panama, of storage units, generators, and offices for two logistics hubs to be established on the main islands. Additionally, the WFP provided satellite equipment to ensure connectivity for emergency responders across the affected island group.

Within the past few years, the Bahamas has been affected by at least 3 major hurricanes, all Category 4 and above, and nearly $820 million has been spent on aid in their aftermath. While Hurricane Dorian is the most recent to affect the Bahamas, we must assume future hurricanes will affect the Bahamas as well. Considering all this, our goal is to determine the best way to help the affected people of the Bahamas in the wake of a hurricane.

Your task here is to represent your country's view on the matters stated above, and this will set the framework for our potential discussion. Along with the points listed above, here are some other aspects to take into consideration when doing research on this topic:

- Is there a better way to distribute food, or are MRE's (Meal, Ready to Eat) the best (and cheapest) way to get food to people the quickest?
- How can aid be best facillitated?
- Is there anyway we can prevent hurricanes from damaging the area's food supply as much in the future?

[1] mercycorps.org/articles/hurricane-dorian-bahamas
[2] https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/09/1045432
[3] https://www.wfp.org/news/wfp-mobilizes-assist-people-affected-hurricane-matthew
[4] https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/09/1045712

- How can a relief plan post-hurricane for the Bahamas be applied to other countries after a natural disaster?

I remind you that you are to be representing your country's view and not your own. Additionally, you should make yourself familiar with the guidelines for these papers and for the conference itself, all of which can be found in the YUNMUN handbook. Finally, plagiarism is not allowed, and all papers will be submitted to turnitin.com.

Good luck in your research, and looking forward to debating these important issues!

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