On October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew passed through Haiti and significantly impacted its southern peninsula. The Category 4 hurricane caused 546 casualties, extensive damage and affected more than 2.1 million people.

Since the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, CARE has been working closely with the Directorate for Civil Protection (DPC), Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) and local authorities to support the affected population in the West, South, South East, Grande Anse and Nippes departments. So far, we have reached more than 100,000 households and continue to support the communities in Grande Anse, one of the most affected areas.

Helping Haitians Recover with Dignity

“I lost everything during the hurricane: my crops, my candy stock and my house.”

Marie Joceline Barthelemy, mother of 5 living in Grande Anse, Haiti

She received a $60 cash transfer that she decided to partially invest in restarting her candy-selling business. CARE and its partners reached 100,938 householders like Marie Joceline Barthelemy across 18 communities.
CARE’s Response

FOOD AND WATER DISTRIBUTION: 90,747 hot meals and 52,288 bottles of drinkable water distributed in shelters; Food vouchers distributed to 1,600 households.

AGRICULTURE RECOVERY: around 20 tons of seeds distributed to 2,844 households and 350 VLSA groups (an equivalent of 10,500 households) have benefited from cash transfers to purchase seeds or poultry.

DRINKING WATER SUPPLY: 8 temporary water tanks installed and supplied with drinking water; 3 temporary chlorination systems installed.

LIVELIHOODS: more than $6 million of cash transfers provided to 100,938 households to cover basic food needs; 19,458 heads of household participated in cash-for-work activities. 1,490 heads of household received training on financial literacy, 1,360 on income-generating activities management among which 1,338 received subsidies.

HYGIENE PROMOTION: 11,775 hygiene kits, 22,784 soaps distributed. 227,520 Aquatabs strips (of 10 tablets each) distributed to 27,662 households; 44 hygiene awareness sessions held and 2 radio shows broadcasted in the Grande Anse and South-East départements.

SHELTER/NFIS: 10,160 tarps, 1,606 blankets and 4,960 solar lamps distributed; 2,743 shelter kits, including metal sheets and fixings, and 1,318 tool kits distributed to 2,743 households; rental subsidies provided to 106 households living in urban areas and 310 construction workers trained in hurricane-safe construction method.

EDUCATION AND PROTECTION: 4 schools rehabilitated; 13,793 school kits, 12,598 hygiene kits and 5,600 pairs of shoes distributed; 166 teachers and school directors as well as 40 volunteers trained on psychosocial support; 10 child-friendly centers for psychosocial support opened to serve 3,133 children.

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