

Emergency Cash Transfer and Beneficiary Selection Committees Information Brief – Main Messages to Communities

What are the Beneficiary Selection Committees?

Eight weeks after Hurricane Maria struck, Dominica is entering a new phase in the emergency response.

This is why the Government of Dominica has set up Beneficiary Selection Committees to identify who within communities are the most vulnerable and have the most urgent needs. The identified community members will be entitled to emergency relief assistance.

Who is part of the Beneficiary Selection Committees?

The Beneficiary Selection Committees consist of five members, which include a Village Council chairperson, community leaders and representatives that are widely respected by the community.

What is it for? How will they know who needs support?

The Beneficiary Selection Committee interviews everyone in your community. Once the data collection is completed, the committee will identify the most vulnerable using a specific criterion to select the eligible families for the emergency cash transfer. This programme is implemented by the Government of Dominica with the support of WFP and UNICEF.

Who is it for?

This Emergency Cash Transfer focuses on people within the community who have experienced immediate loss, as result of Hurricane Maria, in particular those who lost their main source of income and have to support people in their families especially the elderly, pregnant and lactating women and children. The support can help with meeting immediate daily food items and other basic needs as well as the caring for the well-being of children, with items such as diapers, children's clothes and school stationary.

For how long?

This support for a limited time, lasting a maximum of three months. The Emergency Cash Transfer will be disbursed on a monthly basis.

When will I get the support?

For the selected beneficiaries, the Emergency Cash Transfer programme will start at the end of November, reaching all the entitled families by the end of the year.

How will I receive the support?

You will receive the transfer through upon the option you have indicated; this can be by cash or cheques through the Village Councils or through direct bank transfers.

What if I don't agree with the decision of the Committee?

You can approach your Beneficiary Selection Committee members, who will document and follow up on all your questions and concerns. You can also contact the Government through emergency hotlines: 277-8667, 285-0989 and 614-3000.

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