

Introduction to Disaster Feeding Operations

- State Emergency Operations Plan
- Executive Order 2015-06
- PEMA is the Coordinating Entity

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) is the grouping of governmental and certain private sector capabilities into an organizational structure to provide **support**, resources, program implementation, and services that are most likely needed to save lives, protect property and the environment, restore essential services.

Emergency Support Functions



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- ESF #1 – Transportation
- ESF #2 – Communications
- ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering
- ESF #4 – Firefighting
- ESF #5 – Emergency Management
- ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF #7 – Logistics Management and Resource Support
- ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF #9 – Search and Rescue
- ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
- ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF #12 – Energy
- ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security
- ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery
- ESF #15 – External Affairs

Feeding Operations



- Voluntary Agencies
 - Red Cross
 - Salvation Army
 - Southern Baptist
- Private Sector
 - Restaurants
 - Wholesalers
- Governmental Supported
 - PA Department of Agriculture
 - Feeding Pennsylvania Food Banks
 - D-SNAP

Emergency Feeding



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- Feeding at shelters
- Bulk distribution and mass feeding
- Disaster Recovery Operations
 - D-SNAP
 - Food Bank Support

Feeding Task Force



- Multiple partners
- Ensure visibility across partners
- Reduce duplication of efforts
- Vendor tracking – many agencies use same vendors

Bureau of Food Distribution

- Emergency Food Assistance:
 - Work with more than 1,800 local food banks, food pantries, and other local non-profits to distribute state and federally funded food to those in need

- Child Feeding/National School Lunch Program:
 - Order and distribute more than \$40 million worth of USDA Foods annually to more than 800 schools for use in the National School Lunch program



- Use of USDA Foods for Mass Feeding
- Feeding site information must be provided
- Potentially limited availability of food
- Food only available in bulk sizes



- Who can the foods be used for? Only victims of the emergency.
- Review of time frames for receiving foods
- Review of types of items NOT available
- Reporting requirements



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Ensuring Increased Service During Times of Disaster

Feeding America employs a strategy that encompasses all stages of disaster response.

Partnerships

Work closely with other disaster-relief partners every step of the way



Ensuring Increased Service During Disaster

Feeding America Food Banks work alongside disaster-relief partners to meet immediate needs and to help with long-term community recovery.



Ensuring Increased Service During Times of Disaster

Local Feeding America food banks are on the ground in every community ready to provide food, water and supplies to help people cope.



7,700,000

square feet of
warehouse space
nationwide stores
food for distribution



200

food banks serve
all 50 states,
Washington, D.C.
and Puerto Rico



2,300 Vehicles are ready
to respond



90%
of food banks operate mobile
pantry programs that help deliver
food to hard to reach
communities



60,000

Food Programs

serve nearly
every
community
in the country



2 million
volunteers are ready
to help

Pennsylvania's Support

Feeding Pa's member food banks are on the ground in every community ready to provide food, water and supplies to help people cope.



357,405

square feet of warehouse space statewide stores food for distribution



Our food banks operate mobile pantry programs that help deliver food to hard to reach communities



71

Vehicles are ready to respond



40,000

volunteers are ready to help

The Power of the Feeding America Network

Feeding America Network Support

- ✓ Product (staging)
- ✓ Supplies (staging)
- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Expertise

Feeding America National Office Support

- ✓ Product (securing)
- ✓ Supplies (securing)
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Staffing
- ✓ Expertise
- ✓ Coordination
 - Donors
 - Other Disaster Relief Orgs
 - Government

Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



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What is Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance?

The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) provides temporary food assistance for households affected by a disaster.



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Authority & Operation of D-SNAP

The Stafford Act

D-SNAP is approved under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1988 (the Stafford Act).

Requirements of the Stafford Act:

- An affected disaster area must receive a Presidential declaration of “Major Disaster” with Individual Assistance.
- Commercial channels of food distribution must be available for households to purchase and prepare food at home.

What is Disaster SNAP (D-SNAP)?

- One month benefit allotment to eligible households.
- Households must not be current SNAP recipients.

Households currently receiving SNAP may be eligible for:

- Supplemental Benefits – If the household has not received a maximum allotment for their family size.
- Replacement Benefits – If the food already purchased was lost due to the disaster.



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D-SNAP Timeline

- Request for disaster declaration from the Governor
- Disaster declaration by the President
- Declaration must include authorization of Individual assistance
 - Not to be confused with public assistance
- Governor directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to operate D-SNAP
- DHS coordinates with Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)



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Eligibility

To be eligible for D-SNAP, the household must meet basic criteria:

- Live in the identified disaster area;
- Have been affected by the disaster; AND
- Purchase or plan to purchase food during the benefit period.

Determining Eligibility:

Total Take Home Income + Accessible Liquid Resources – Deductible Disaster-Related Expenses ≤ Disaster Gross Income Limit

D-SNAP Income Eligibility Standards and Allotments

Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018

Household Size	Disaster Gross Income Limit (DGIL)	Maximum Allotment
1	\$1700	\$192
2	\$2049	\$352
3	\$2397	\$504
4	\$2755	\$640
5	\$3133	\$760
6	\$3510	\$913
7	\$3858	\$1009
8	\$4207	\$1153
Each Additional Member	+\$349	+\$144



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Resources

- FNS Disaster SNAP Guidance:
 - http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/D-SNAP_handbook_0.pdf
- Food Assistance for Disaster Relief, FNS Website:
 - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/disaster-assistance>
- PA's Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Plan is available by request from the Bureau of Policy, Division of Federal Programs and Program Management



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