

FOOD: MESSAGES

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About the Message Library

People affected by disaster must have access to timely, appropriate and accurate information to help them keep themselves and their families safe and well. They should know their rights, entitlements and be able to give feedback. Responders have a duty to put in place appropriate, systematic and coordinated mechanisms to ensure this.

Our Message Library offers clear, concise and simple messages on a range of topics as templates for you to adapt and use in the context you are working in. These are intended to help you make a quick start on communicating with communities while you further develop mechanisms for on-going dialogue with diverse groups within each community.

For help contextualising and using the messages we recommend you do our e-learning course and read the following technical guidance.

E-learning

<https://kayaconnect.org/course/info.php?id=768>

Guidance

<https://www.cdacnetwork.org/tools-guidance/cdac-message-library-user-guidance>

Right to food and water

Food and water is provided to families and individuals based on need. Those most in need will receive assistance first. No-one should be denied food and water according to their sex/gender, status, age, religion or ethnic group. Contact [insert info here] if you are being denied assistance on this basis.

Food aid distribution plan

Food aid will be distributed on [insert day here] at [insert location] at [insert time] for [insert duration]. The food ration will contain [insert info] per person and is targeted at [add recipient criteria]. This is a temporary measure to help you cope in the emergency. [Insert details including frequency of further distributions]

Contact the following organisation/local authority for more information: [insert info].

Criteria for recipients of food rations

Food aid is going to [insert info here] because of the following criteria: [insert relevant info]. This has been agreed upon in consultation with [insert info]. To find out more about recipient selection, contact the following organisation/local authority: [insert info].

Content of food ration

Food rations contain [add the relevant ingredients and quantities e.g. wheat flour or rice, lentils, chickpeas or other pulses, vegetable oil, sugar and salt]. [Add names of foods where relevant] have been fortified with minerals or vitamins to make them better for your health.

Specific food for specific groups

Some of the food being distributed has been made for specific groups. For example, blended food is for children and for those who have difficulty chewing. Help make sure the right people get the right food.

How to store food

Store your food carefully in containers with a sealed lid. This protects food from animals and insects. If you are in a floodable area, please raise your food containers from the ground.

How to preserve food ration

It is important you get the most out of your food ration. For help and guidance on how to preserve the goodness in the food ration, contact the following organisation [insert info here].

How to give feedback

Food rations are being distributed to those most in need. To help improve the aid effort, please provide feedback on food quality and distributions to the following organisation/local authority: [insert info here]. You can contact them on [insert info] or go to see them at [insert info].

What is food for work?

A food-for-work activity involves people being given food for work done in the community. Criteria for participation in this activity includes [insert info here]. Contact/go to [insert local authority or relevant organisation info] for more information.

REFERENCES

For more information on this topic, we recommend you read the following references.

Please contact us if you have suggested references.

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If you would like to contribute to topic reviews, have found a message that needs greater clarity, or wish to create a new topic, please contact us at info@cdacnetwork.org.