

DTM ROUND 1

Case study:
population staying at
non-governmental sites



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METHODOLOGY

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

Provide qualitative information on the factors influencing return intentions of affected population staying in collective centers or sites not managed by Government institutions in the Island of New Providence.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- Describe why they chose to stay at a non-government collective center.
- Identify factors influencing their return intentions.
- Understanding the families' main concerns from the perspective of the heads of households.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Type: Descriptive multiple-cases study

Unit of Analysis: Households by type

Primary information source: Semi-structured questionnaire answered by heads of households, and in-the-field observations.

Number of interviews: 16

Reference period: 22-23
September 2019

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CONTEXT

Category		%
Two headed household	9	60.0%
Single headed household	4	26.7%
Separated household	1	6.7%
Single Individual	1*	6.7%
Total	15	100%

*Single Female, 23 years old from Hope Town. Would like to move to the United States because she has a brother there but lost her passport. Regularized. Speaks Creole and English.

HAITIAN (9 HOUSEHOLDS)**Age of head of household:**

Average: 46

Min: 18

Max: 76

Family Size:

Average: 6

Min: 1

Max: 15

- All from Abaco Islands**- Four speak solely Creole****BAHAMIAN (8 HOUSEHOLDS)****Age of head of household:**

Average: 39

Min: 26

Max: 60

Family Size:

Average: 5

Min: 3

Max: 9

- All from Abaco Islands

WHY STAY AT A NON-GOVERNMENT COLLECTIVE CENTER?

“We reached a shelter and our properties were stolen, they had a contact through their family and decided to move in.”

Male, 33

“I trust my family more”

Male, 75

“We have small children”

Female 60

“We felt extremely **insecure in Nassau and this was the best option available.”**

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RETURN
INTENTIONS

CATEGORY	%
YES, I WANT TO RETURN TO MY PLACE OF ORIGIN	31.25%
NO, I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO	25.00%
NO, I WANT TO REMAIN WHERE I AM	25.00%
YES, I WANT TO GO TO ANOTHER COUNTRY	12.50%
YES, I WANT TO GO TO ANOTHER REGION	6.25%
TOTAL	100%

- Haitian ethnic background: Only one household reported wanting to remain at their current place (staying at the mother's house and needed materials to build an extra room).
- Bahamian ethnic background: Only one household reported wanting to go back. The remaining households expressed intentions to remain at the current location for at least the next 4 weeks.
- Difference between intentions and wants

FACTORS INFLUENCING INTENTIONS

I have nowhere else to go.

There is nothing left for me there

I have no other choice at the moment

The head of household found a job

I lost everything

I go where my family goes

I want to start over.

I don't feel safe here

MAIN CONCERNS AND NEEDS

- Job opportunities and stability for at least 2 months to recover mentally *“If you can work, you would move.”*
- Rent, Vehicle (transportation) and Employment
- Documentation (regular/irregular)
- Psychosocial assistance

“I did not believe in those things before, but lately I am seeing the waves coming at me... I think I need psychosocial support” (Male, 33)



- **Scarce food and clothing distribution for people outside official collective centers.**
- One respondent expressed concerns about a loan he acquired to build his house back in Abaco.

RECOMMENDATIONS

HOUSING/SHELTER

Housing solutions in Nassau:

- Deposit, rent, key money, fees, documentation, etc.

Housing solutions in Abaco:

- Construction of houses
- Provision of tools and materials for repairs/improvements by the family.
- Land/tenure

LIVELIHOODS

Jobs/entrepreneurship
(Start-up capital, tools, etc.)
opportunities in their
communities of origin and/or
current location of residence
depending on the families'
context.

DOCUMENTATION AND MIGRATION

- Lost/stolen documents
- Basic identification/certification

Brother in the US, she would like to move there but is lacking documentation.

(Female, 23)

"If I don't make it in Nassau, I want to go to Canada" However, he had Bahamian passport, but his son (4 years old) lost his documents during the hurricane. (Male, 34)



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DORIAN,
THE BAHAMAS