

DTM ROUND 1

**Case study:**  
population staying at  
non-governmental sites



# 01

## 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 on-the-field observations.

**Number of interviews:** 16

**Reference period:** 22-23  
September 2019

## 02

## CONTEXT

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

\*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

- 4 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 unsafe in Nassau and this was the best option available”**

## 04

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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

- 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

# 05

## FACTORS INFLUENCING INTENTIONS

**I want to start over**

**I have nowhere else to go**

**I lost everything**

**There is nothing left for me there**

**I don't feel safe here**

**The head of household found a job**

**I have no other choice at the moment**

**I go where my family goes**

## MAIN CONCERNS AND NEEDS

- Job opportunities and stability for at least 2 months to recover mentally *“If you can work, you would move.”*
- Rent (housing), Vehicle 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)*



- **Scarse food and clothing distribution for people outside official collective centers**
- 1 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

Job/entrepreneurship  
(Start-up capital, tools, etc.)  
opportunities at 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)



**DTM** HURRICANE  
DORIAN,  
THE BAHAMAS