

Situations of Distress and Disasters

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To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community

SITUATIONS of DISTRESS

DEFINED AS

- (a) A hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, or other natural catastrophe **not** declared by the President to be a disaster, but which, in the judgment of the Distributing Agency, warrants the use of USDA Foods for congregate feeding; and
- (b) Any other situation not declared by the President to be a disaster, but which, in the judgment of FNS or the Distributing Agency, warrants the use of USDA Foods for congregate feeding or household distribution.

USDA FOODS – WHAT SCHOOLS MAY DO

- Does your district have an agreement with an emergency agency in case of a disaster or situation of distress?
- School leaders may authorize USDA foods be offered to emergency organizations for congregate feeding.
- Contact the Distributing Agency (MDE OCN) prior to donating any USDA foods.

REPLACEMENT of USDA FOODS

- Subject to the availability of funds, FNS may replace such foods in the amounts used, or in the amount of like donated foods received during the preceding year, whichever is less.
- FNS may replace the product that was used with another of the same value.
- In the case of school product, FNS may credit the Distributing Agency's entitlement for the value of the items used.

DISASTERS

DEFINED AS

- (a) Any natural catastrophe (including any hurricane, tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought), or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion, in any part of the United States, which in the determination of the President causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), also known as The Stafford Act, to supplement the efforts and available resources of States, Indian Tribes, local governments, and disaster relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby;
- **or**

- (b) Any other occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the President, Federal assistance is needed to supplement State and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States.
- The President declares Major Disaster Declaration (MDD)

MDD PUTS THE WHEELS IN MOTION

- A Major Disaster Declaration (MDD) - provides a wide range of Federal assistance programs for individuals and public infrastructure, through Individual Assistance and Public Assistance programs.
- These efforts are coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Mississippi efforts are coordinated by the MS Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Mississippi

Release date: April 5, 2020

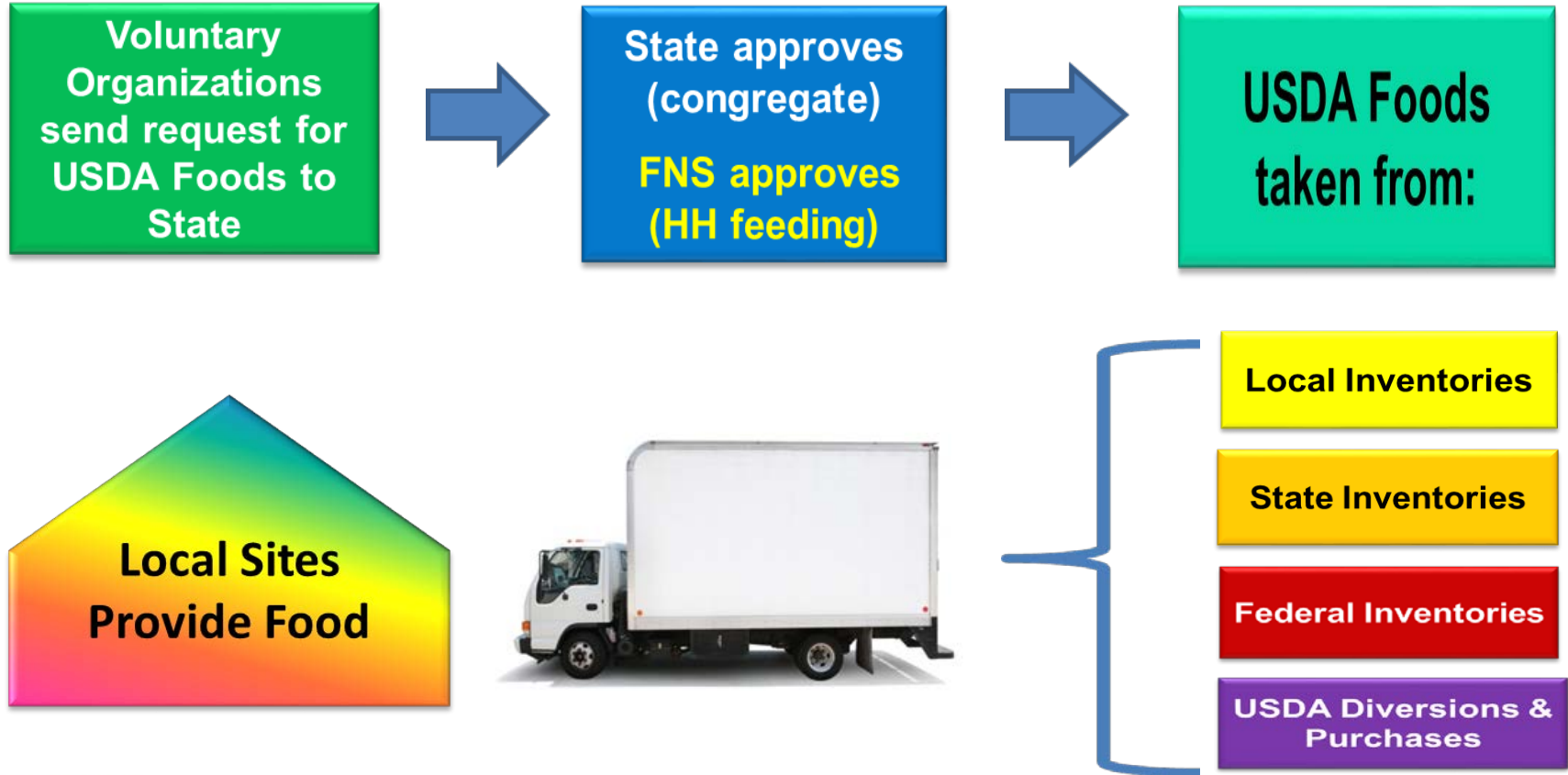
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WASHINGTON — FEMA announced that federal emergency aid has been made available for the state of Mississippi to supplement the state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic beginning on Jan. 20, 2020, and continuing.

Federal funding is available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19 at a federal cost share of 75 percent.

Gracia B. Szczech has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

WHAT'S THE PROCESS?



WHEN THE DISASTER IS OVER

REPORTING

- Distributing Agency must report to FNS the number and location of sites where USDA foods are used as sites are established.
- Schools must send a list of the types and amounts of USDA foods used at the local level to the Distributing Agency.
- Distributing Agency must report to FNS the types and amounts of USDA foods donated.

REPLACEMENT of USDA FOODS

- FNS will replace such foods in the amounts used, or in the amount of like donated foods received during the preceding year, whichever is less.
- FNS may replace the product that was used with another of the same value.
- In the case of school product, FNS may credit the Distributing Agency's entitlement for the value of the items used.

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