

## **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION - ELEVEN FOOD AND WATER**

**PRIMARY AGENCIES:** Human Service Agencies:  
American Red Cross  
Salvation Army

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Emergency Management  
Legislative Authorities

### **INTRODUCTION**

**Purpose:**

To provide for the distribution of food to displaced individuals, county residents, or emergency workers in the event of a disaster or long term recovery period.

**Scope:**

This ESF applies to all agencies that perform food and water distribution to the general public.

### **POLICIES**

The priority of providing food will be to areas of acute need then to areas of moderate need.

### **SITUATION**

#### **A. Emergency/Disaster Hazards and Conditions**

Several types of hazard conditions could affect the delivery of food and water to the general public. These are, but not limited to:

1. Floods
2. Earthquake
3. Severe weather
4. War

These types of disasters have the potential to deprive a substantial number of citizens access to food and/or the means to prepare it. This most likely will be by the disruption of the distribution network and the physical destruction of food and water supplies.

#### **B. Planning Assumptions**

1. Citizens will be able to provide for themselves for the first 3 days.
2. There are enough food supplies locally to supply the citizens for at least one week, with rationing.

**CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS****A. General**

1. The Red Cross will develop and maintain a list of food and water resources and shall develop agreements with these resources, as appropriate. This will be maintained in their disaster plan and proved to Emergency Management as necessary.
2. In the event of a situation that would prevent normal deliveries of food to the Kittitas County area, the Executive Authority of the County may institute a rationing plan, as appropriate.
3. As appropriate, the local Legislative Authority may secure food and water resource by purchase of same.
4. In the event potable water is needed, the Kittitas County Department of Emergency Management will work with other agencies, such as the local Health Department, State Emergency Management or National Guard to secure emergency water supplies.
5. Kittitas County Emergency Management will work with the Red Cross in the coordination of the distribution of food and water supplies, as appropriate.

**B. Organization**

1. The Red Cross has established a disaster response committee and teams that will follow their internal disaster plan, coordinating activities with Emergency Management.
2. The Red Cross plan provides for a chain of command that fits into the Incident Command System and has identified liaisons positions to coordinate with local government. This position will work with Emergency Management at the EOC or other determined coordination location.

**C. Procedures**

The existing procedures of the Human Services organizations for distributing food will be followed.

**D. Mitigation Activities**

1. Human Service Organizations

- a. Ensure that local disaster kits with first aid supplies and three day potable water supplies and food supplies will be available at locations deemed essential by the organization.
  - b. Train staff on the value of educating their families members about the importance of three days or more preparedness.
2. Support Organizations  
None

#### **E. Preparedness Activities**

1. Human Services Organizations
  - a. Maintain inventory list of available food inventories.
  - b. Develop and maintain contacts with local food distributors and agreements to provide assistance, during a disaster situation.
  - c. Develop an inventory of suitable sites for feeding centers.
2. Support Agencies
  - a. Develop and maintain procedures for the support for distribution of food and water, including draft policies for rationing.
  - b. Develop relationship with the primary agency, including a liaison position.

#### **F. Response Activities**

1. Human Service Organizations:  
Respond to emergency or disaster following organizational guidelines and procedures.
2. Support Agencies:  
Respond to emergency or disaster following organizational guidelines and procedures

#### **G. Recovery Activities**

1. Human Service Organizations

Continue to provide food and water for affected area of the populace, working in conjunction with the support agencies.

2. Support Agencies

Coordinate food and water distribution with primary agencies.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Human Service Organizations
  - a. Coordinates food allocations with Emergency Management
  - b. Identifies locations where food and other rations can be stored.
  - c. Identifies and list businesses, such as grocers than have food on hand and businesses that can be used for storage of food and other goods.
  - d. Are the emergency food coordinators and:
    1. Is responsible for determining locations food can be stored.
    2. Coordinated personnel for the distribution of food to the public.
    3. Is responsible for the management of the food distribution activities.
    4. Coordinates food distribution with other community service groups.
  - e. Purchase food stocks, within their fiscal capabilities.
2. Support Organizations - Executive Authorities
  - a. Coordinates with Emergency Management as to the needs that should be provided to the public.
  - b. Are responsible for the purchase of emergency food stocks during a disaster, when local Human Services agencies can no longer provide this service.
3. Support Organizations - Kittitas County Emergency Management
  - a. Coordinates resource information and needs between agencies
  - b. Provides coordinated information from all involved agencies for reporting purposes to the Executive Authorities.