Donations, Resource Coordination, and Distribution Hub Development
Navajo Nation Flood Response

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Executive Summary

Flood relief operations continue to evolve from immediate response activities toward establishing a sustainable logistics and distribution network capable of receiving, storing, managing, and distributing donated resources to affected communities throughout the Navajo Nation.

Significant progress has been achieved through the collaborative efforts of volunteer responders, Navajo EMS personnel, nonprofit organizations, faith-based partners, private-sector donors, and community stakeholders. Recent accomplishments include securing warehouse space, establishing transportation capabilities, sourcing material handling equipment, coordinating large-scale donations, and building the operational framework necessary to support ongoing recovery efforts.

Donation and Resource Coordination

Resource coordination efforts continue to expand through partnerships with organizations providing financial, logistical, transportation, and operational assistance.

Donated goods and supplies have been received from multiple sources, including contributions from *Walmart*, *Amazon*, and numerous community donors. These donations have expanded the availability of essential household goods, food items, hygiene supplies, and other relief resources destined for flood-affected communities.

Private-sector partners have also assisted in addressing operational requirements necessary to manage and distribute incoming donations effectively.

Distribution Hub Development

One of the most significant accomplishments to date has been securing a large warehouse-style facility in Shiprock, New Mexico, to serve as the central donation reception, storage, and distribution hub for relief operations.

The *Northern Agency Veterans Organization* generously provided access to the facility, allowing response partners to establish a centralized location capable of supporting large-scale donation management and distribution activities.

Efforts are currently underway to organize warehouse operations, develop inventory management procedures, establish receiving and staging areas, and prepare distribution systems that will support long-term recovery operations.

Distribution operations have already begun. Donated resources are being distributed through the Navajo Nation's Community Health Workers, Public Health Nurses, and Chapters, as well as through shelters and donation sites recognized by the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management. These established community networks allow supplies to reach affected families and isolated communities more quickly while the central hub continues to develop.

Partner Organizations and Key Stakeholders

Time Has Come Ministries has provided critical administrative support to relief operations by assisting with procurement activities and serving as a fiscal sponsor when necessary. The organization has utilized its tax identification resources and administrative capabilities to facilitate requests for donated equipment, supplies, and logistical resources that support flood relief operations.

This assistance has significantly accelerated the acquisition process for resources needed by the response effort.

The *Northern Edge Casino Maintenance Team* has provided substantial logistical support by:

- Utilizing casino forklifts and pallet jacks to unload incoming donations.
- Assisting with the movement and staging of supplies.
- Supporting the unloading of approximately 36 pallets of donated resources.
- Providing temporary storage space for relief supplies while longer-term warehouse solutions were being established.

- Their support was instrumental during the initial phase of donation management operations.

Angel Benally, Tribal Liaison for *FirstNet Built with AT&T*, has been serving in a volunteer capacity and has played a critical coordination role by connecting relief operations with private-sector, nonprofit, and community resources.

Her efforts have helped establish relationships with donor organizations, support agencies, and logistics partners while facilitating communication between various stakeholders involved in the response.

Penske Truck Leasing provided a donated 26-foot box truck to support logistics operations.

The vehicle has significantly expanded transportation capabilities, allowing relief personnel to move large quantities of donated goods between storage facilities, distribution centers, and affected communities.

Welch Equipment Company has provided donated forklifts and pallet jacks to support warehouse and distribution operations.

These resources greatly enhance material handling capabilities and improve the efficiency of receiving, staging, organizing, and distributing donated supplies.

Volunteer Leadership and Coordination

Several members of Navajo EMS have been contributing to flood relief efforts in a volunteer capacity outside their normal operational responsibilities.

Logistics Section- Joshua Ellison, Navajo EMS & Sonia King, Navajo EMS

Mr. Ellison serves as the volunteer lead for logistics coordination and distribution hub development. Primary responsibilities include:

- Warehouse and storage planning.
- Distribution hub development.
- Resource movement and transportation coordination.
- Material handling equipment coordination.
- Donation reception and staging.
- Partner and stakeholder coordination.
- Supply distribution planning.
- Resource Assessment Section

Ms. King serves as the volunteer lead for resource assessment and needs identification. Primary responsibilities include:

- Developing and maintaining requested-item lists.
- Identifying emerging community needs.
- Prioritizing supply requirements.
- Coordinating resource requests.
- Supporting donation allocation planning.

Additional Navajo EMS personnel are serving as volunteers to support:

- Warehouse setup.
- Pallet organization.
- Donation receiving.
- Inventory management.
- Resource staging.
- Packaging operations.
- Community distribution efforts.

Collectively, these volunteers have established much of the operational infrastructure currently supporting donation management and distribution activities.

Current Accomplishments

- Secured a warehouse distribution facility through the support of the *Northern Agency Veterans Organization*.
- Established a centralized donation management strategy.
- Received and staged donated supplies from multiple sources.
- Coordinated transportation resources through donated commercial vehicle support.
- Secured material handling equipment necessary for warehouse operations.
- Established partnerships with nonprofit, faith-based, governmental, and private-sector organizations.
- Developed volunteer leadership positions for logistics and resource coordination.
- Implemented initial procedures for receiving, organizing, storing, and distributing donated goods.
- Began distributing donated resources through Navajo Nation Community Health Workers, Public Health Nurses, Chapters, and Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management recognized shelters and donation sites.
- Expanded operational capacity through the efforts of volunteer EMS personnel and partner organizations.

Operational Outlook

Operations are transitioning into a sustained recovery and distribution phase focused on:

- Expanding warehouse capabilities.
- Strengthening inventory accountability and tracking systems.
- Increasing donation receiving capacity.
- Enhancing last-mile distribution capabilities.
- Supporting isolated and underserved communities.
- Building long-term partnerships to sustain recovery operations.
- Improving logistical processes to ensure efficient movement of supplies from donors to affected households.

Acknowledgement

The progress achieved thus far reflects a truly collaborative effort between volunteers, Navajo EMS personnel, community organizations, faith-based partners, private-sector companies, and donor agencies. Their collective commitment has enabled the rapid development of a coordinated relief and logistics network capable of supporting ongoing recovery efforts throughout the Navajo Nation.