

National Disaster Relief Team (NDRT)

CALL FOR ACTION: Bahamas Supplies Drive

SUBJECT: NATIONAL SUPPLY DRIVE # 2 (Nov 8th, 2019) / TARGET DATE: NOV 23rd, 2019

Dear Officers and Sai Center Members of the SSIO-USA,

Om Sai Ram! May this communication find you well by Swami's Grace.

As you know, <u>Hurricane Dorian</u> hit the Bahamas on Sep 1, 2019, leaving a trail of complete destruction in its path, and it's now considered the worst natural disaster in the islands-country's history. Swami calls upon the Sai Organization to try to reach and aid those affected by natural disasters directly, and to provide service according to the guidance He has provided. By Swami's Grace, the NDRT was able to finally land in Grand Bahama in late September, establish a local network and assess the needs.

In early October, the SSIO-USA initiated a national supply drive to address the most pressing needs: Water filtration systems and food supplies for families, with the following scheduled batches. We're now releasing the 2nd batch for fulfillment by Regions 2 and 6, by Nov 23rd, 2019. In this batch, we're also including items to sponsor a weekly breakfast meal for ~ 600 children from a local government school in desperate need. An increased number of meals may be possible in the future, depending on the response from this batch.

For a full report on the Bahamas relief activities thus far, <u>please click on this link</u>.

REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS & DRIVE PROCESS

Proposed Schedule (could move up/down by 1-2 week)	SSIO USA Regional Support
Batch 1 Due: Oct 17, 2019 - COMPLETED	USA Regions 3 & 4
Batch 2 Due: Nov 23, 2019 - IN PROGRESS	USA Regions 2 & 6
Batch 3: TBA (Estimated Mid/late-Dec 2019)	USA Regions 1 & 8
Batch 4: TBA (Estimated Early/Mid-Jan 2020)	USA Regions 9 & 10
Batch 5: TBA (Estimated Late-Jan / Early-Feb 2020)	USA Regions 5 & 7

1. BATCH 2 - TARGET DATE NOV 23rd, 2019

- 2. <u>To contribute WATER FILTERS</u> (thru wholesaler), contact Ken Pandya (NDRT Water Expert): <u>pandyaken@aol.com</u>
- 3. <u>To contribute SUPPLIES</u>: Visit the NDRT's Supply Fulfillment Website: <u>http://sairelief.sairegion2usa.org/</u>
 - a. Carefully read the <u>'Steps and Instructions'</u> page and proceed to the <u>'RELIEF SUPPLY LIST'</u>
 - b. Choose the disaster location and item category you'd like to sponsor. For planning reasons, please start by supporting the location/items allocated to your Region. You may support more categories if desired.
 - c. Choose the specific items you'd like to pledge. Note that line items are bundled into manageable order sizes. For large quantities, you will need to pledge multiple line items.
 - d. In the selected item's page, follow the instructions, suggested vendor links and delivery address.
 - e. Pledge your item on our website (first) and then place your order with the vendor
 - f. Notify the fulfillment team here
 - g. Email the fulfillment support team with questions: <u>saireliefusa@gmail.com</u>.
- 4. To VOLUNTEER (supply distributions and water filtration trainings in Bahamas): https://tinyurl.com/SaiNDRT

In Loving Sai Service.

