

BROKOPONDO EMERGENCY AID GOODS



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Request for Emergency Goods

Immediately 10,000 residents in the Brokopondo area and 5000 in the Upper-Suriname area need the following emergency supplies:

- Medicines (such as rubbing alcohol, antibiotics/paracetamol, vitamin tablets, diarrhea inhibitors, first aid kits and bandages, disinfectants, anti-snake bite pills) – many snakes and piranhas that cause wounds swim in the high water. One child has already died from a snake bite.
- Food (such as rice, potatoes, plantain/cooking banana, cassava, napi (strawberries), chinese tayer, rusk, bread, peanut butter and cooking oil).
- Lots of drinking water and baby powder milk.
- Water purification tablets (to be able to use water for washing clothes and bathing) and disinfectants for water
- Housing (Cabins, Tent Camp) Many people now sleep in buildings that are not intended or suitable for habitation, such as no sanitary facilities. This is unhygienic for people and also very traumatic.
- Toilet paper and other cleaning agents. Mobile WCs with sawdust (like a Dixie)
- Lots of sanitary towels and tampons (there is already menstrual poverty in Brokopondo anyway, but it has become much worse now), diapers and incontinence material.
- Rechargeable and battery powered lights and small Honda handheld motors with cans of fuel and solar panels on stands. In a large part of the area the power/electricity no longer works. It's too dangerous now with the flooding.
- Flashlights. People now often have to stay at night in places where there is no lighting.
- Stuffed animals and toys to ease the suffering of the children. And school supplies for the kids.
- Bedding such as hammocks, mosquito nets and inflatable beds.
- Clothing/underwear
- Gloves and Boots (also those that come above your knee, such as wellies, because the water is very high) and folding chairs and tables. NB: Many people now walk barefoot because they do not have shoes, while walking in the water now poses many dangers.
- Tarpaulins
- Buckets with lids
- Durotanks (water tanks preferably 5 per village of 1000 liters)
- Rubber boats (which can withstand sharp edges of branches and tree stumps and withstand heavy loads), for example to rescue or retrieve household items. All land connecting roads are under water and in a few months, they will be completely destroyed when the water does not start to subside until August.

Regional Plan 2013 & 2017

Read more about Brokopondo in this plan from 2013 (Dutch):

<http://www.planningofficesuriname.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Onderzoek-Regionaal-Plan-Brokopondo-2015-2040.pdf>

Brokopondo has a great future (Dutch, 2017):

<https://rosebelgoldmines.sr/media/1209/de-bloeiende-toekomst-van-brokopondo.pdf>

Most of these plans still have to be executed.

About Brokopondo (Dutch, 1968): <https://edepot.wur.nl/483605>

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