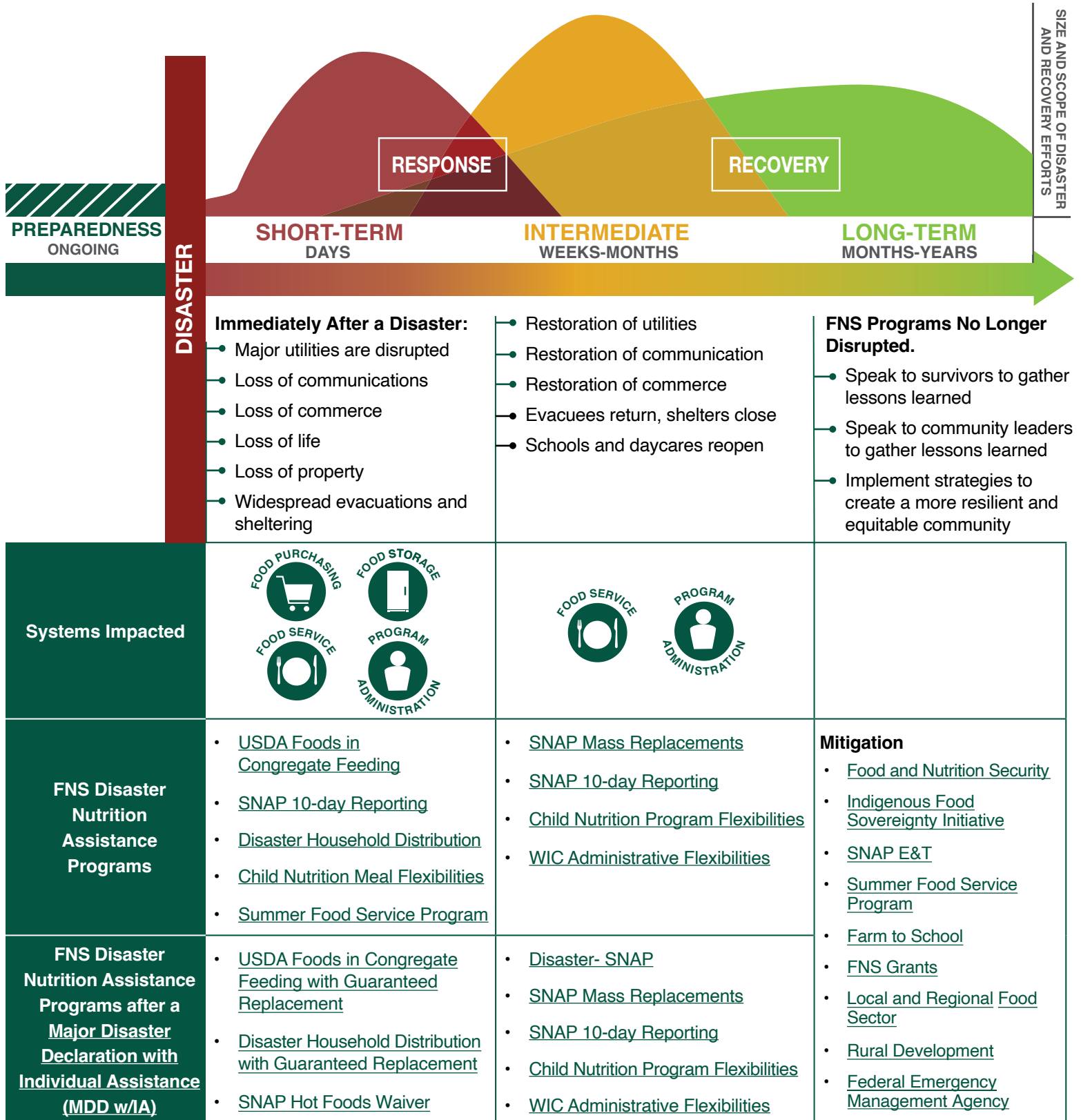


# Disaster Nutrition Assistance Timeline





The USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with State agencies, Tribal Nations, and voluntary organizations as they develop disaster nutrition assistance strategies before, during, and after disasters and emergencies.



State agencies and Tribal Nations in need of disaster nutrition assistance should contact their [FNS Regional Office](#).

# Strategies for Disaster Nutrition Assistance Programs

Natural disasters, power outages, civil disorder, and pandemics can all disrupt the normal day-to-day operation of FNS programs. Learn about how disruptions impact FNS programs and identify strategies for response and recovery.

SYSTEMS IMPACTED			
	<p><b>CACFP</b> <b>FMNP</b> <b>FDPIR</b> <b>NSLP</b> <b>SFSP</b> <b>SFMNP</b> <b>SNAP</b> <b>WIC</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power outages</li> <li>• Floods</li> <li>• Wildfires</li> <li>• Cyber-attacks</li> <li>• Internet outages</li> <li>• Cellular outages</li> <li>• Pandemics</li> <li>• Terrorism</li> </ul>	<p><b>Grocery stores and farmers markets are vulnerable to disruptions in their connectivity to their point-of-sale devices, and SNAP online purchasing. Floods, road closures, gasoline shortages, and stay-at-home orders can also make it hard to shop for food.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA Foods are currently stored in every State and U.S. territory and may be used by State agencies or local disaster relief organizations to provide food to shelters or people who are sheltering in place.</li> <li>• State agencies should discuss program flexibilities with their FNS Regional Office.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>CACFP</b> <b>FFVP</b> <b>SBP</b> <b>SFSP</b> <b>SMP</b> <b>NSLP</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power outages</li> <li>• Floods</li> <li>• Wildfires</li> <li>• Tornado</li> <li>• Excessive heat/snow</li> <li>• Civil unrest</li> <li>• Strikes</li> <li>• School closures</li> <li>• Pandemics</li> <li>• Terrorism</li> </ul>	<p><b>Disruptions to power, infrastructure, and staffing for schools, day cares, adult day cares, and homeless shelters can disrupt meal service.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless children are eligible for free meals in all Child Nutrition Programs.</li> <li>• Adjacent unimpacted areas may request flexibilities to serve impacted children.</li> <li>• The Summer Food Service Program may be an option during many types of closures.</li> </ul>
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## FNS PROGRAMS

<b>CACFP</b> Child and Adult Care Food Program	<b>SBP</b> School Breakfast Program	<b>WIC</b> Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children
<b>CSFP</b> Commodity Supplemental Food Program	<b>SFMNP</b> Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	<b>Farm to School</b>
<b>FDPIR</b> Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations	<b>SFSP</b> Summer Food Service Program	<b>Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) Programs for Children</b>
<b>FFVP</b> Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	<b>SMP</b> Special Milk Program	<b>USDA Foods in Schools</b>
<b>FMNP</b> Farmers Market Nutrition Program	<b>SNAP</b> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	
<b>NSLP</b> National School Lunch Program	<b>TEFAP</b> The Emergency Food Assistance Program	