



Wan Smolbag Theatre Food Security Survey March 2023

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Wan Smolbag Theatre conducted a food security survey in the peri-urban communities behind WSB post TC Judy/ Kevin. WSB wanted to find out if there was a need to run a free lunch program to assist the same communities that were beneficiaries from the 2015-16 urban nutrition program; Tagabe Bridge, Chief Lally Komuniti and WSB Staff. 20% of Tagabe bridge and Chief Lally populations were interviewed, Tagabe Bridge had 155 respondents (out of an estimated population of 750), Chief Lally had 43 respondents (out of an estimated population of 250) and 23 WSB staff (out of 100 Port Vila based staff) were included in the survey. A total of 221 people were interviewed, 78 Male, 146 Female and 9 PLWD. 25% of households interviewed included a pregnant or breastfeeding woman. 80% of respondents had at least one household member in paid employment. The average number of children per household surveyed was 2.5.



2% OF RESPONDANTS HAVE ONE MEAL PER DAY



21% OF RESPONDANTS HAVE TWO MEALS PER DAY



77% OF RESPONDANTS HAVE THREE MEALS PER DAY



39%

39% of respondents had gardens



84%

84% of respondents that had gardens said they were totally destroyed by the cyclone

"Vegetables emi wan challenge. Mo healthy kakae. Mifala I rely lo rice blo NDMO bikwan even though mifala I save se emi no healthy lo mifala mo ol pikinini b mifala nokat choice from pikinini i fulap"- Nawrae George, Tagabe Bridge

Reasons for not enough food



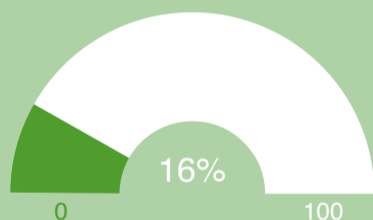
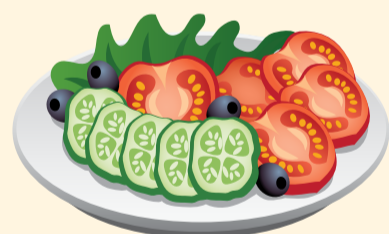
- Lack of VT
- Too many people in the household
- Destroyed Garden (Cyclone)
- No Food at the Market
- Food at the market unaffordable
- Food at the store unaffordable
- Other



63%

Had some access to greens. These included Lif Napalango, Water Cris, top blong pumpkin, top blong sut sut and aelan kabij

"Bifo olsem umi karem aelan kakae lo market I gud smol be afta lo cyclone ya i sas we i sas"- Joyce Malap, Tagabe Bridge



After the Cyclone, only 16% of respondents were able to eat fruits and vegetables at least once daily. 71% had eaten NO fruits or vegetables over the past week and 13 % had eaten fruit and veg "wan wan taem" in the past week.

What Are People Eating?

87 % of respondents are having tea, crackers, bread and kato for breakfast. Only 3% of people reported having any fruit or vegetable at breakfast time.

82% of people are having rice or noodles with tin fish for lunch, 2% are eating root crops (manioc, Taro), 16% eat kabij with rice.

81% of people are having rice /noodles and tin fish for dinner. 19% are having rice and aelan kabij.



42%

of respondents indicated they did NOT have enough food

The communities closest to WSB are facing food insecurity post cyclones. 42% of people do NOT have enough food. The cyclone and increased food prices in both stores and markets has had a huge impact on peoples ability to access fresh fruit and vegetables with only 16% of respondents reporting eating any fruits or vegetables in the past week. Rice, noodles, bread, crackers, flour and tin meat are making up the bulk of peoples diets. This diet does not meet a persons daily requirement for vitamins and minerals and is low in nutritional value. It is suggested that WSB reaches out to donor partners to provide funding for a short term free lunch program to be run at WSB nutrition center so these communities can access at least one nutritious meal per day while they recover from TC Judy and Kevin.

