

“I don’t expect the government to do a damn thing”

Louisiana flood victims speak out

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On August 12, historic rainfall caused massive flooding across the state of Louisiana in what the Red Cross has called the worst natural disaster in the US since Hurricane Sandy. Eleven people were killed and more than 30,000 rescued. More than 40,000 homes were destroyed or badly damaged.

Over one week later, thousands of flood victims are still stranded at emergency shelters. A cap of \$33,000 in aid per family has been implemented by the federal government, and most payments will be much lower.

WSWS reporters spoke to flood victims as well as volunteer aid workers about the impact of the flood and the inadequacy of the government’s response.



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