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Highlights

- More than 2,500 electricity pylons, 300 power transformers and 884 kilometers of electricity grids were replaced in houses and public institutions to repair damages caused by the Hurricane.
- More than 300 educational centers were affected in Guantánamo province, 25 were completely destroyed.
- After the passing of the Hurricane, temporary school facilities were created in houses of 220 families.
- In Baracoa municipality, the recovery phase has been delayed due to permanent rainfalls.
- Protected marine ecosystems of Maisí municipality were seriously damaged and will need a special assistance from environmental authorities.



Situation Overview

Main emergency response priorities for affected municipalities after the passing of Hurricane Matthew are still the recovery in housing and education sectors and the reestablishment of roads. In the agricultural sector, progress has been achieved in the recovery of coffee, cacao and coconut crops, which will take from two to five years, by creating nurseries for sapling.

The recovery of fully destroyed houses is moving slower than the rehabilitation of houses that lost their ceilings, due to the increased demand of resources, according to local authorities. The creation of several temporary facilities to shelter people who lost their houses is another measure taken to benefit affected people.

In Baracoa municipality, work is underway to recover touristic facilities destroyed, since tourism is a significant source of income for the population and their communities. The restarting of local sawmills allows processing wood for rebuilding works.

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Humanitarian Response

National Authorities

Armed Forces members, Ministry of the Interior officials and representatives from several building companies have taken part in the recovery of educational centers in Maisí municipality; only 7 are yet to be recovered.

People affected by Hurricane Matthew in Guantánamo were compensated by the National Insurance Company with a total amount of 17, 6 million pesos, mainly addressed to the agricultural sector. A dozen state-owned companies and farms have been favored, as well as 340 individual workers and about two thousand people, including farmers, cooperative members and associate workers.

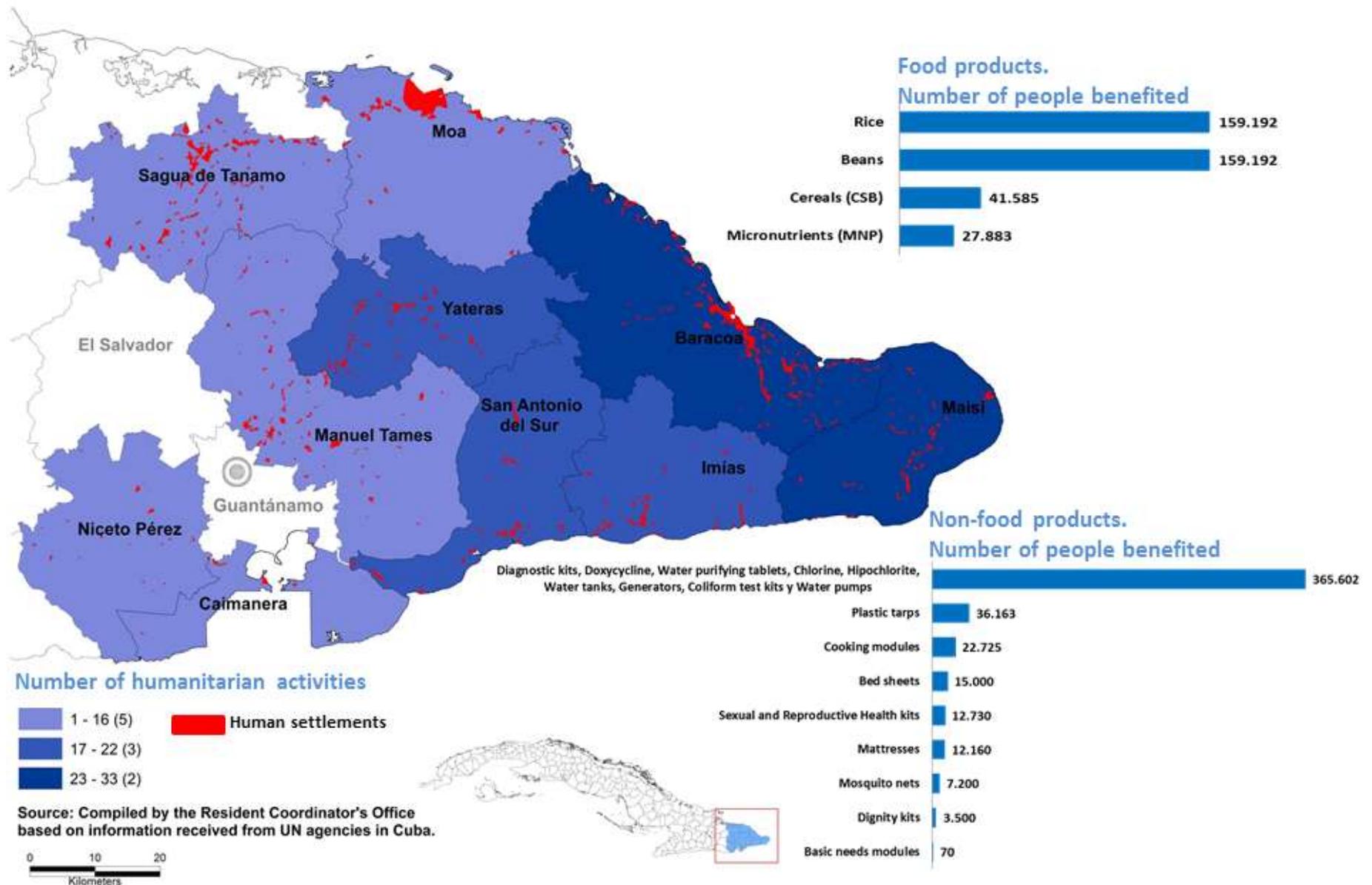
International Community

Media outlets report the arrival of 820 twin mattresses, delivered by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to people affected by Hurricane Matthew, and announced the arrival of 2,840 galvanized roof sheets before the end of the month.

CUBA: HURICANE MATTHEW.

HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN THE TERRITORY AND POPULATION BENEFITED

January 27, 2017



Sectors



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Response:

- No new information on the sector.

UNICEF

- 282,524 packs of water purifying tabs (50 tabs per pack) additional to the 300,000 previously donated were delivered, as well as 65,000 water containers from Copenhagen.
- 252 kits of basic tools were delivered for families' water consumption, from Panama.
- As foreseen in the Plan of Action, resources were mobilized to buy tanks for the most affected families from Baracoa, Maisí, Imías and San Antonio del Sur municipalities.

CARE

- CARE continues to support families from Baracoa and Maisí, with their own funds and with other resources mobilized from Canada and Germany.
- In December, the first hygiene kits were delivered to benefit 800 families in Maisí; kits acquired to support the recovery of livelihoods and safe water consumption.
- A third lot composed of 500 family kits addressed to meet local needs will be arriving in January. All those materials are intended to families guided by women (single mothers or people taking care of old or disabled people) and/or guided by elders, also families with elders and more than one girl or boy.
- CARE will support the distribution of kits to 1,300 families in the first trimester of 2017, containing hygiene, and safe water instructions and coexistence rules. Educational talks will be coordinated by local authorities, to be conducted by people from the communities.



Food Security

Damages:

- Food security risks for the affected population are maintained due to the damages to the plantations and the food storage facilities, mainly in the municipalities of Baracoa, Imías, Maisí, and San Antonio del Sur.
- Severe draught is affecting several municipalities of Guantánamo province, risking communities' water supply and agriculture, according to the Provincial Division of the National Hydraulic Resources Institute. Water reservoirs in the province are at 45, 7% of capacity.

Response:

- Due to damages caused by Hurricane Matthew, several productive forms of the agricultural sector have been compensated by the National Insurance Company, among them 24 Basic Production Units (UBPCs) and a similar number of Agricultural Production Cooperatives (CPAs). Likewise, a dozen state-owned companies and farms have been favored, as well as 340 individual workers and about two thousand people, including farmers, cooperative members and associate workers.
- The National Division of Transport delivered 35 trucks to the municipalities severely affected by Hurricane Matthew, to increase the transport and load capacities in the communities. Basic food basket, food of mass consumption and non-rationed food are among the main transport priorities.

WFP:

- WFP is following up on its approved emergency operation expecting to assist 180,000 vulnerable people in areas affected by Hurricane Matthew.
- Progresses have been made in the purchase of 1,454.58 metric tons of beans; 197, 28 metric tons of oil; 1,353.53 metric tons of rice. Oil shall be arriving to Cuba by mid-February, and beans shall be in the country in the last week of February.
- While assisting vulnerable populations, this purchase will allow completing the total amount of pre-positioned rice and beans under the Country's Program, aimed at ensuring immediate response in future emergency situations.

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- WFP continues mobilizing funds for its emergency operation after Hurricane Matthew, amounting to USD 4.1 million. So far, contributions were secured from the Governments of Canada, Italy and the Republic of Korea, as well as from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and funds from the WFP.

FAO:

- A CERF funding worth USD 419,148 will cover the purchase of supplies and tools to support local food production, with particular focus on short—term crops, particularly in urban and peri-urban agricultural areas. Agricultural tools will be provided to farmers, as well as capacity building by WFP, in the municipalities of Baracoa, Imias, Maisi and San Antonio del Sur in Guantánamo province. This operation will benefit 157,000 people from the four municipalities that were most affected by Hurricane Matthew.
- FAO will assist the farmers' livelihood rehabilitation in the most affected municipalities in Guantánamo and Holguín provinces, to ensure the resume of agricultural activities in the short term. For this purpose, funding from FAO is available, amounting to USD 500,000.
- FAO will provide two dozens of chainsaws and chains for the recovery of coconut wood; the chainsaws were acquired from Stihl German Company.
- FAO is also mobilizing additional funds from other international cooperation partners to cover the needs jointly identified by local institutions and representatives of the agricultural sector.

CARE

- Cooperation with Bouygues Building Company has been achieved, with Cuban participation, to deliver food and non-food items acquired from Cuban and French workers linked to this company. This first joint aid is being distributed since December.



Infrastructures and Basic Services Rehabilitation

Damages:

- According to data from last month, Hurricane Matthew affected 42,338 houses, representing 72% of the housing in five of the most affected municipalities: Baracoa, Maisí, Imías, San Antonio del Sur and Yateras.
- Out of the total amount of damaged houses, 8,413 were reported as total collapses and 6,552 partial collapses; 15,235 houses lost the entire roof and 12,138 only part of it.

Response:

- According to a recent analysis by the Provincial Civil Defense Council, 19,451 houses had been recovered in the province until December 28th, and more than 2,000 houses had been delivered to families living in remote areas, which makes a 54% of the recovered houses.
- 4,803 families have received construction materials, and 6,403 temporary facilities have been delivered; in Baracoa municipality, waterproofing and painting works have been conducted, as well as other rehabilitation works in apartment blocks.
- 6,631 bank credits had been approved until December 28th to build or repair damaged houses, amounting to 31, 8 million pesos. A total of 1092 subsidies, amounting to 47, 6 million pesos were approved, and 1,180,000 pesos have been paid as special bonuses by labor institutions to low-income families.
- Concerning housing, out of the 42,000 affected houses, only nine had homeowners insurance, and all owners have been subsidized.
- Faced with these circumstances, authorities warn on the need to foster risk perception of the population to ensure their goods in case of natural disaster.
- The 8, 8 km path from Paso del Toa to Neblina has been sharpened and widened, and paving is in progress by constructors from Granma, Holguín and Guantánamo.
- At the same time, a provisional pathway was created in Paso del Toa, driving along the central road, used for road transportation from Baracoa to Moa, Holguín province, until the final road bridge is built.

UNDP

- In the week of January 16th to 20th, UNDP officials visited some communities of two municipalities affected by Hurricane Matthew in Guantánamo province: Punta de Maisí People's Council and Quiviján People's Council, in Baracoa Municipality.

- The reception and distribution of supplies received were attested, as well as the communities' priorities. Likewise, remaining needs were confirmed for the construction of houses, the local production of construction materials, the restoring of livelihoods, and the use of renewable energy sources, adaptation to climate change and risk prevention.
- Las Saturday January 28th, Tasman Strait Container Ship arrived to Santiago de Cuba port loading 14 containers with a total of 6,543 mattresses, nine containers with a total amount of 12,490 roof tiles and five with 35,580 ceiling profiles. These supplies will be moved in the next couple of days to Guantánamo province. The local Government has already set a recovery plan.
- These resources are additional to the humanitarian supplies already received and sent to the affected municipalities: 11,343 mattresses, 7,536 bed sheets; 4,707 roof tiles; 7,500 kitchen kits and 24,628 tarpaulins.

OXFAM

- With US\$ 600,000 from COSUDE, OXFAM will provide 500 families with 70m² of CGI sheets as well as materials to treat water and tanks to store it.
- The response phase, in collaboration with *Save the Children*, includes the distribution of the following within the municipality of Baracoa:
 - 2,000 tarpaulins
 - 2,000 hygiene kits
 - Purification tablets for 6 months to 2,000 families
 - 2,000 250L water tanks
 - 2,000 jerry cans
 - 2,000 water filters
 - 2,000 mattresses
 - 8,000 mosquito nets

For the recovery phase, 500 families in the municipality of Baracoa will be supplied with:

- Roofing rehabilitation up to 70m²
- 250L water tanks
- Filters
- Equipment and construction tools for 7 construction brigades

IOM

- 820 mattresses are in Guantánamo to be delivered to the affected municipalities.
- With the help of UNDP, IOM is in the process of acquiring 2,840 galvanized roof sheets.

CARE

- Funds have been mobilized from Canada, Germany and International CARE to support affected families from Maisí and Baracoa municipalities, consisting of 950 mattresses and 1,300 mosquito nets.
- 500 additional mattresses will be delivered from an additional donation by Germany.
- With the financial support of Bouygues Building Company, CARE is negotiating 100 roof kits and equipment for four local mini industries for the production of construction materials, to support the rebuilding of houses.



Damages:

- 120 health institutions confirmed as the most affected. Damages in the sector not yet quantified.

Province	Municipality	Affected Polyclinics	Affected Hospitals	Affected Family Doctor's Offices	Affected Pharmacies
Guantánamo	Baracoa	3	1	25	15
	Maisí	1	0	41	13
	Imías	1	0	N/A	5
	San Antonio del Sur	2	0	N/A	2
	Manuel Tames	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Niceto Pérez	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Caimanera	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Yateras	2	0	N/A	N/A
Holguín	Moa	2	1	N/A	N/A
	Sagua de Tánamo	2	0	N/A	N/A
TOTAL		17	2	66	35
Baracoa					
The Local Regional Production Center for Natural and Traditional Medicine has been damaged and lost its roof. A total of 29 pharmacies with a complete loss of roof and 6 partially collapsed.					

Response:

- Coordination is being made by the PHO office to send several containers with equipment, furniture and materials for hospitals and polyclinics of affected territories.

The following supplies received are in distribution process:

- 9 calcium hypochlorite recipients
- Cholera, malaria and e. coli tests
- 30,920 water purification tablets of different grams
- 8,700 chlorine--testing kits
- 30 water tanks of 500 liters
- 20 water pumps
- 7,200 mosquito nets impregnated with insecticide (at MINSAP warehouse)
- 8 three-phase 7.5 kva generators (at MINSAP warehouse)
- 4 Diarrhea treatment Kits for 1000 people each (at MINSAP warehouse)
- 10 recipients for coliform detection in water (at MINSAP warehouse)
- 32 water tanks of 2,500 liters (at Mariel Port)
- 480,000 Doxycycline tablets (arriving on January 19th)

Source: National press release on Hurricane Matthew from January 2nd to January 9th. Technical offices of PAHO/WHO

UNFPA:

- On January 11th, 41 new emergency kits for Sexual and Reproductive Health arrived, which will be distributed in January in the most affected municipalities in order to meet the needs of contraception, assisted labor, abortions and complications, and gynecologic and obstetric care.
- On November 19th, 1,000 dignity kits arrived to Santiago de Cuba. They are to benefit pregnant women, and mothers with newborn babies, as well as their families to ensure adequate hygiene before and after the birth. The kits were already distributed to pregnant women and their families by MINSAP.
- On November 8, the first 24 Sexual and Reproductive Health kits were distributed in the most affected municipalities of Holguín.
- UNFPA's objective is to capacitate doctors and providers of reproductive health services as well as of the Maternal and Child Program in using these resources. The first 2 workshops took place on the 24th and 5th of November in Holguin and Guantánamo. 47 medics attended. An additional workshop will be organized.

- In addition to the US\$ 80,137 agency funds, UNFPA received approval from the Central Response Fund Emergency (CERF) for the implementation of the project "Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for the affected population of the areas affected by hurricane Matthew", estimated to be worth US\$ 101,012.



Education

Damages:

- No new information on the sector.

Response:

- In Maisí, Guantánamo province, where the hurricane damaged 80 out of the 83 schools and 16 were completely destroyed, today only 6 schools are yet to be recovered.

UNICEF- UNESCO:

- 352 early development kits, 352 recreational kits and 492 *School in a Box* meant to help children return to educational activities in safe spaces in the 4 most affected municipalities of Guantánamo: Baracoa, Maisí, Imías, and San Antonio del Sur are in distribution process.
- USD 100,000 collected by the United Kingdom National Committee, UNICEF, for the repairing of 12 schools in Baracoa municipality.
- UNICEF and UNESCO have presented a Plan of Action that will focus on supporting the rehabilitation of schools and their water and sanitation services in the most affected municipalities: 6 in the province of Guantánamo (Baracoa, Maisí, Imías and San Antonio del Sur, Yateras and Manuel Tames) and 2 in the province of Holguín (Sagua de Tánamo and Moa), where the most severe damages in the educational sector have been reported.



Logistics

Damages:

- Severe damages are being reported to warehouses and storage rooms' network in municipalities affected by Hurricane Matthew, representing a serious challenge to ensure the proper storage of humanitarian supplies in the affected areas.

Response:

- A 4.5 km road is in construction process, communicating Maisí and Baracoa municipalities (Neblina-Cayo Güín and Yumurí-Jobo Claro mountain roads), avoiding the passing through La Boruga, one of the island's most inaccessible and dangerous roads. This will allow the transit of buses, trucks and other loading equipment impossible to move through La Boruga, only access path by land between both municipalities.

WFP

- Thanks to a donation from the Republic of Korea, WFP is in process of purchase of two additional temporary warehouses to be placed in Baracoa at the request of the Municipal People's Power.

General Coordination

From December 12th to 16th, the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Cuba visited the provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo including the municipality of Baracoa where she conversed with local authorities about the response to Hurricane Matthew and the needs of the affected territories. It was confirmed, during the visit, that the Plan of Action of the United Nations System in response to Hurricane Matthew is in accordance to local plans and priorities and helps the implementation of the latter in order to benefit the affected population.

The *Plan of Action of the United Nations System in response to Hurricane Matthew* was launched on the 20th of October in Havana and the 28th of October in New York, and can be found at: <http://onu.org.cu/subsection/huracanmatthew/nuestro-plan-de-acciononu.org>

The United Nations System in Cuba is dedicated to the identified needs of the affected people and invites the international community to join them in supporting the Plan of Action. Out of the 26.5 million USD required to cover the basic needs of 661,606 people, 17.2 million USD are yet to be mobilized.

Funding

Plan of Action of the United Nation in Cuba as of January 27th 2017



US\$ 26.5M
required



Donation Sources

Funds in US\$

CERF	5,352,736
UNDP	719,025
WFP	468,157
FAO	500,000
Swiss Coop.	500,000
PPD GEF	300,000
Rep. of Korea	300,000
Canada	226,415
Italy	218,579
PAHO	200,000
Com.Unicef UK	120,000
IOM	150,000
OCHA	100,000
UNFPA	81,158
UNICEF	41,195
WWF	10,800
Total	9,288,065

Funding Gaps by Sector

(CERF + other sources)

Funds in US\$

	FUNDED	GAP	TOTAL
	3.1	8.7	11.8
	4.0	3.7	7.7
	1.1	2.4	3.5
	0.7	0.8	1.5
	0.4	1.5	1.9
	0,04	0.1	0.15

Government
Funds and others



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Crisis background: Preliminary figures show an increased amount of affected houses of 42,338, representing 72% of the housing of the five most affected municipalities: Baracoa, Maisí, Imías, San Antonio del Sur and Yateras. Only a third of the 21,329 affected homes in Baracoa have recovered their roofs. Around 83 % of plantation hectares damaged by Hurricane Matthew are yet to be recovered. Flows caused by a cold front on January 8th and 9th affected public facilities and houses from Baracoa city once again.

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