**OVERVIEW**

With El Salvador already home to ever-present risks of climate and anthropogenic hazards and longstanding vulnerabilities related to structural poverty and chronic violence, the multiple emergencies of 2020 created a complex and challenging humanitarian scenario that continues to create needs well into 2021. While the COVID-19 pandemic, tropical storms Amanda and Cristobal, hurricanes Eta and Iota and the Nejapa landslide all had significant humanitarian consequences on their own, their collective impact and aggravating effect on existing needs is placing vulnerable populations such as women, children, indigenous people, LGBTIQ+ people, people with disabilities at even greater risk. These crises have left 1.7 million people in need across the country, many of whom have needs related to gaps in livelihoods, protection, health, nutrition, education and basic water and sanitation. This figure is well over twice the 643,000 people identified as in need at the beginning of 2020.

The humanitarian community, with support from the Government of El Salvador and the national Civil Protection System, seeks to assist 912,200 of the most vulnerable through the Humanitarian Response Plan 2021 (HRP). The multisectoral response aims to provide coordinated and targeted assistance to address critical needs in high-priority areas prone to the impact of disasters and violence. The HRP will also support and strengthen sustainable solutions through humanitarian-development collaboration for restoring essential services and systems and strengthening community and institutional resilience.

**KEY FACTS & FIGURES**

- **2.1M** people in El Salvador are living in multidimensional poverty, or about 3 out of every 10 households.
- **57%** of households in El Salvador report reduced livelihoods due to the effects of Tropical Storm Amanda and Hurricanes Eta and Iota.
- **1M** people in El Salvador are now suffering food insecurity after the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and recurring climate shocks in 2020.
- **1.1M** students in El Salvador have been directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to rising dropout rates.
- **700K+** people in El Salvador receive water from unsafe water sources or lack basic home water and sanitation services.
- **71.5K** people in El Salvador have been internally displaced due to violence, including Gender-Based violence.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1**

Protect and save lives of affected people with timely humanitarian assistance, including protection and the access to rights according to age, gender, diversity and location.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2**

Strengthen the access to sustainable social services and the resilience of vulnerable people in according to age, gender and diversity.
FOCUS OF THE RESPONSE

The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in El Salvador developed a US$57.9 million response plan to address the effects of multiple emergencies during 2020, mobilizing some $17.3 million to provide a 30 per cent funding level.

Given that the impact of pandemic and multiple recurring climate shocks during 2020 have caused a 164 per cent increase in the number of people in need of assistance, the HRP features a multisectoral approach that prioritizes coordinated, complementary, inclusive and efficient response actions.

The HRP will be implemented by 24 operational partners from the UN System, national and international NGOs and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The plan will complement the Government’s actions to help address existing response gaps through 56 projects.

HISTORICAL TRENDS

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED**

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The HRP is prioritizing actions that increase communities’ capacity for resilience through an integrated approach based on risk prevention and rights.

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PEOPLE TARGETED

**PEOPLE IN NEED & PEOPLE TARGETED BY POPULATION GROUP**

- **Subsistence farmers, labourers & informal workers**: 1.1M / 280K
- **Children under 5, adolescents & pregnant women**: 731K / 55.4K
- **People with disabilities**: 118K / 36.6K
- **Internally displaced people, refugees, migrants & returnees**: 12.6K / 8.5K

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The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance from 2020 to 2021 increased by 164%.

**PEOPLE TARGETED**

- **Women**: 52% 48%
- **Men**: 55% 45%

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SECTOR OBJECTIVES

**FOOD SECURITY**

Improve access to food and availability for people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and recurrent climate shocks and recovery of affected livelihoods. Response will focus on immediate food assistance, early recovery actions and creating short-term economic opportunities.

**HEALTH**

Improve access to essential health services for vulnerable populations and support institutional capacity building in emergency health response. Sector support will also address strengthening information management and community-level preventive health and health education.

**EARLY RECOVERY**

Support access to essential services, self-sufficiency and resilience for affected people and people at risk. Response partners will work to protect livelihoods in priority areas, provide technical assistance and promote social protection initiatives that strengthen affected people’s ability to withstand economic shocks.

**EDUCATION**

Contribute to continued access to learning for affected children and adolescents and support the rapid reactivation of the educational system. Response will support safe return to school, provide educational supplies and build educators’ capacities in providing psychosocial support, among other activities.

**PROTECTION**

Together with the Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence sub-sectors, strengthen capacities for identifying and preventing protection risks and help build self-sufficiency and resilience. The sector response also aims to support State protection actors, services and systems.

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE**

Improve access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene supplies and services for people affected by emergencies and strengthen community resilience. Response activities include provision of WASH supplies, support for WASH evaluations in priority areas and promoting WASH education campaigns.

**NUTRITION**

Help protect against undernutrition in children and pregnant and nursing women in all aspects of HRP response. Sector response will also help health service providers improve nutritional response capacities, as well as develop strategies and campaigns to promote nutritional well-being.

**CAMP COORDINATION & CAMP MANAGEMENT**

Expand humanitarian assistance to cover gaps in shelter management and implement participatory mechanisms in priority areas. Response will focus on regular intersectoral engagement, service monitoring and analysis and building national- and local-level actors’ capacities.

**LOGISTICS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Implement efficient supply chains to support timely assistance and ensure functional telecommunications in emergencies. Response strategies are based on building logistics capacities and continue building linkages between response partners and service providers.