



**HONDURAS**  
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**1.-Current Situation**

The Permanent Commission for Contingencies, COPECO, has started the coordination of evacuating people in the departments of Atlántida and Colon. The front cold is bringing a considerable amount of rain fall in the area allowing the main rivers to overflow. Two passenger buses were rescued after being trapped by the Saba River. COPECO continues its relief activities in coordination with NGO´s and the UN.

As a result of the meeting held by the Government´s Cabinet, a housing rehabilitation and reconstruction, road reconstruction and an agricultural rehabilitation plan have been developed. Moreover, the Government has decided to sell the strategic reserve of basic grains (maize and beans). The objective of the transaction is to obtain funds to purchase basic grains, thus, the agricultural market will be stimulated.

**The Honduran government presents the final table of damages for tropical depression No. 16**

Affected people:	279,972
Evacuated people :	42,304
Directly affected people:	68,716
People in shelters:	42,749
Affected houses:	12,429
Death people:	34
Desaparead people:	16
Roads affected:	256 ( 50% of total, affected for flooding and landslides)
Agriculture damaged:	101,107 Mz.
Departments Affected:	17 out of 18
Counties affected:	114 (40%) out of 298
Population without power energy:	150,000 ( in the Department of Olancho )

### Table of Damages for new cold front

Affected people:	7,747
Death people:	2
Desaparead people:	1
Evacuated people :	140
Directly affected people:	150
Houses damaged:	5
Houses destroyed:	5
Bridges damaged:	2
Bridges destroyed	2
Departments Affected:	2

### Weather conditions:

The present cold front will be joined by a cold mass leaving heavy rain for the next 36 to 48 hours, with a precipitation range of 50 to 75 mm. This condition is affecting the departments of Atlántida and Colon.

### Forecast:

This new weather event will bring temperatures of 4 to 6 Celsius centigrade especially in high grounds. There will be wind speeds of 45 km/hr and stronger winds are expected in the central and south part of the country.

### Alerts:

The **RED ALERT** remains in the Counties of Corquín and Cucuyagua in Copan Department; Belén Gualcho in Ocotepeque Department; and the counties located along the Comayagua and Ulua rivers in the departments of Yoro and Cortes. Also the departments of Atlántida and Colon are under red alert. **YELLOW ALERT** will remain in the Central District of Francisco Morazán and extended to the department of the Bay Island. **GREEN ALERT** is established in North of the department of Santa Barbara. The rest of the country remains without any type of alert.

## 2. Coordination

- This morning the Government and the UN will officially launch the Flash Appeal.
- Yesterday the UN had a meeting with NGO´s and other organizations to exchange information about the work and support each one has done regarding the emergency.
- UNICEF previously prepositioned US \$ 500,000 to be used for the emergency. Last week this Agency assigned US \$ 150,000 and recently approved US \$ 66,000 to assist this emergency. UNICEF assistance for this emergency totals US \$ 716,000.

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