

SITREP #3 Heavy Rains in Honduras

Country: Honduras
Name and type of operation: PRRO 10444.0
Reporting period: 19 / Oct / 08 to 23 / Oct / 08
Date of report: 23th of October 2008

1. Description of the last Floods Events:

Even though most of the country has been affected; the main damages occurred in the lowlands of the departments of Cortes, Yoro, Comayagua, Choluteca, and El Paraiso, and in the hilly areas of Copan and Francisco Morazan. Local emergencies had been declared by more than 40 municipalities, and a National Emergency was also declared by the President of Honduras, requesting humanitarian aid to international donors and the UN.

More than 226,000 people had been affected, in near 500 communities. Heavy and steady rainfalls have affected sixteen out of the eighteen departments of Honduras. WFP is providing assistance to the most affected areas and vulnerable population; however, current shortfall in PRRO 10444 is seriously limiting the Country Office to respond in a timely and an efficient manner. So far, 107 MT of food had been distributed among affected people, benefiting near 5,500 families (some 27,000 beneficiaries)

Damage to livelihood systems, mainly to roads, housing and the agricultural sector also occurred, which will negatively affect sources of income, and widespread food insecurity among most vulnerable population. Even, the damage to agricultural sector haven't been quantified, there is an estimation of 1307 hectares affected in Comayagua Valley and Copan. Main damages are reported in the Sula Valley and Choluteca.

2.1.1 Impact on Infrastructure

Region	Number of communities affected	Houses		Public Building			Basics Services Systems			Roads and Bridges				Agricultural sector	
		Destroyed	Damages	School	Haealth Centers	Other building	Electricity	Water	Sewage	Roads		Bridges		Culverts	Number of Hectares Affected
										Dest	Dam	Dest	Dam		
ATLANTIDA	87		603							0	1		0	2	1.4
COLON	1									0	2		0	0	
GRACIAS A DIOS	33		16							0	0		0	0	
ISLAS DE LA BAHIA	0									0	0		0	0	
CORTES	23	1	1142							0	2		0	1	
SANTA BARBARA	24		0							0	25		3	1	
YORO	135	1	365							0	37		2	1	
COPAN	3	61		3				5		0	16	2	0	0	57
LEMPIRA	8	73	4							0	3		0	0	0
OCOTEPEQUE	35	21	30					1		0	5		0	0	30
COMAYAGUA	13	1	155		1			1		3	26	3	7	1	1,307
INTIBUCA	19	2	18							0	2		0	0	0
LA PAZ	5		2							2	2		0	0	0
OLANCHO	132	34	257							0	24	1	3	0	1
CHOLUTECA	36	1	1375							7	1	2	1	0	78
VALLE	43	7	114							0	2	3	2	0	46
EL PARAISO	8	112	205	1						0	21	22	11	5	350
FRANCISCO MORAZAN	7	23	93							0	22	5	1	1	
Total	612	337	4,379	4	1	0	0	6	1	12	191	38	30	12	1,870

*Sources: COPECO and WFP Food Aid Monitors SITREP

Table 2: Affected population

Place: Community, Municipality, Department	Affected	Evacuated	Injuries	Death	Missing	People in shelters
ATLANTIDA	4550	3400			2	523
COLON	0	0				
GRACIAS A DIOS	8061	50				186
ISLAS DE LA BAHIA	0					
CORTES	13801	12153				9223
SANTA BARBARA	15			1		0
YORO	15340	12790		2		4675
COPAN	35114	1621				479
LEMPIRA	125	125				131
OCOTEPEQUE	91	140				83
COMAYAGUA	8061	1473		3	3	186
INTIBUCA	240	210				140
LA PAZ	0	10		1		
OLANCHO	67,511	1,545		6		643
CHOLUTECA	34,223				1	857
VALLE	9,143	95				594
EL PARAISO	3,622		2	1		815
FRANCISCO MORAZAN	26,223	15		9	2	872
	226,120	33,627	2	23	8	19,407

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Tabla 3: Assisted Families and Food Distribution

Date	Departament	Municipality	Number of Families	MT distributed
15.10.08	El Paraiso	Liure	30	0.84
21.10.08	Copan	Corquin	84	2.35
21.10.08	El Paraiso	Danli	200	5.6
21.10.08	Ocotepeque	Belen Gualcho	35	0.98
21.10.08	Ocotepeque	La Encarnación	7	0.196
21.10.08	Cortes	Villanueva	50	1.4
21.10.08	Cortes	Potrerrillos	100	2.24
21.10.08	Yoro	El Progreso	568	11.13
21.10.08	Choluteca	Choluteca	300	8.4
21.10.08	El Paraiso	Liure	30	0.84
21.10.08	Cortes	Potrerrillos	80	1.12
21.10.08	Cortes	Pimienta	107	1.198
21.10.08	Cortes	San Manuel	179	3.508
21.10.08	Valle	Nacaome	410	11.48
21.10.08	Cortes	La Lima	35	0.686
21.10.08	Cortes	Choloma	262	5.135
22.10.08	Cortes	Villanueva	326	9.128
22.10.08	Fco. Morazan	DC	715	10.01
22.10.08	Cortes	Omoa	67	1.126
22.10.08	Cortes	Lima	495	8.316
22.10.08	Yoro	El Progreso	561	10.996
22.10.08	Atlantida	Tela	800	11.2
			5441	107.879

2. Response/actions implemented by Counterpart and WFP:

- WFP monitors, in coordination with COPECO, CODEM (Municipality Emergency Committee) and other partners, continue monitoring and carrying out rapid assessments of damages, and providing assistance to affected population.
- WFP staff had organized missions to the affected areas to support the operation. (Damage assessment and food assistance to people living in shelters).
- More than 100 MT of food have been distributed during the emergency. However, pipeline breakdowns and no confirmed contributions to the current PRRO are making difficult to the Country Office to respond in a timely and an efficient way.
- UNETE team coordinated by WFP had been activated to consolidate and analyze the available information. Need assessment team will be organized to assess damages in the most affected areas. Priority need to be given to IDP in shelters and agricultural sector.
- UNDMT has organized three mission assessments to the southern (led by WFP), western (led by PAHO), and the northern (led by UNICEF) regions of Honduras.
- WFP urgently needs 5,712MT (672 for relief and 5040 for recovery) of food through the regional PRRO 10444.
- An IR/EMOP has been submitted to rapidly assist the most affected.