



**SITREP -Honduras**

**Country:** Honduras  
**Name and type of operation:** PRRO 10444.0  
**Reporting period:** 15 / 09/ 08 to 104 / 10 / 08  
**Date of report:** 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2008

**1. Description of the last Floods Events:**

Even no major climatic events are affecting the country during the period; some small emergency are affecting the country. Pipeline breakdowns and no confirmed contributions to the regional PRRO are making difficult to the Country Office to respond in a timely and efficient way.

Brief description of on-going emergencies:

- 1.1. **Floods and landslides:** Heavy rain left by a tropical wave caused floods in both Southern and Central regions of Honduras. A lot small emergencies are occurring along the country, as Flood in Olancho, El Paraiso, and others municipalities located in the Sula Valley, mainly Potrerrillos, Pimienta and San Manuel. Flood had been also reported in el Negrito, Yoro.
- 1.2. **Tropical Depression 16:** Tropical Depression 16 remains disorganized and inland moving west-southwest at 7 mph over northern Honduras. As a result of T.D. 16 staying over land, no further strengthening is anticipated and the system will likely degenerate into a remnant low over next couple of days. However, the primary threat from the system is the heavy rain, flash flooding and mudslides in Honduras.

The National Contingency Commission (COPECO), had declared yellow alert on the Departments of Islas de la Bahía, Gracias a Dios, Colón, Olancho, Yoro, Atlántida y Cortés; where accumulated rainfall had reached between 40 a 80 millimeters of rainfall in the last 12 hours. Some 100 accumulated millimeters are expected in 24 hours, reaching until 180 millimeters in the hilly areas. A green alert was declared for the rest of the country.

The departments of Colon and Atlantida had been incommunicated because of increase in the level of the rivers.

Floods had been also reported on the lowland of Choluteca, where WFP is

1.3. ***Drought conditions and high prices had increased food and nutritional insecurity in the southern region of Honduras.*** An 8.2 percent of children under five are suffering from moderate or severe acute malnutrition (6.3 moderate, 1.9 severe). This represents more than 6 percentage points above the national average (1.8 percent), and more than 3 points above the minimum emergency level (5.0 percent) determined by United Nations to trigger emergency operations. The percentage found is higher than the acute malnutrition rate of 2007, and triples the 2006 and 2005 figures in the same area.

#### 2.1.1 Impact on Infrastructure

Region	Type of event flooding, landslide, drought etc))	Houses		Public Building			Roads and Bridges	
		Destroyed	Damages	School	Health	Other	Roads	Bridges
La Avispa, Olancho	Landslide	14			1			
Jutiapa, El Paraiso	Flood	16	79					
Lepaera, Lempira	Landslide						1	1
La Libertad, Comayagua	Landslide						1	1
Santa Barbara			10					
Liure	Landslide							
El Negrito, Yoro	Flood		1					
El Progreso, Yoro								1
La Ceiba, Atlantida			30					
Choluteca			16					
<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

\*Sources: COPECO and WFP Food Aid Monitors SITREP

**Table 2: Affected population**

<b>Place: Community, Municipality, Department</b>	<b>Affected</b>	<b>Evacuated</b>	<b>Injuries</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>People in shelters</b>
La Avispa, Olancho	100		8	4	6	
Pimienta, Cortes	250	105				105
Potrerrillos, Cortes	80					
Santa Barbara	86	86				86
Jutiapa, El Paraiso	475					60
El Negrjto, Yoro	125	125				
Liure, El Paraiso		126				126
Tatumbla				1		
Comayagua				1		
Tela Atalntida		50				
Suthern Region	4,901		3	1		
	<b>6,017</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>377</b>

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**Table 3: Number of Beneficiaries and food delivered**

<b>Department and Municipality</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries</b>		<b>Modality (free distribution, FFW, Supplementary Feeding)</b>	<b>Delivered food</b>
	<b>Families</b>	<b>Persons</b>		<b>(MT)</b>
La Avispa, Olancho	18	90	FD	0.63
Pimienta, Cortes	105	525	FD	1.50
Potrerrillos, Cortes	80	400	FD	1.12
Jutiapa, El Paraiso	12	60	FD	0.50
El Negrjto, Yoro	25	125	FD	
Liure, El Paraiso	30	150	FD	0.84
Southern Region	4901	24,505	Supplementary feeding	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,171</b>	<b>25,855</b>		<b>240</b>

Sources: WFP Food Aid Monitors SITREP

**2. Response/actions implemented by Counterpart and WFP:**

- WFP monitors, in coordination with COPECO, CODEM (Municipality emergency Committee) and other partners, continue monitoring and carry out 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).
- WFP urgently needs 2,500 MT of food through the regional PRRO, broken down as follows: 1,500 MT are required to complete the assist the malnourished children and their families in the dry corridor for a period of 90 days, which includes the relief operation. Other 1, 000 MT are needed to be pre-positioned in the flood affected areas.