



# Panama - Floods

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"A state of emergency was declared on Saturday, 18 September..as a result of torrential rains which triggered mudslides and flooding"

11 people killed  
Nine people missing  
11,650 people affected



### SITUATION

Torrential rains which began on Friday (17 Sep) caused rivers to overflow and triggered mudslides and flash floods, leading to 11 deaths, 9 missing persons, and 11,650 people affected. Some 1,405 houses were damaged and 281 totally destroyed. The eastern portion of Panama City was hardest hit, especially poor residential areas close to river banks. The province of Colón was also affected.

### ACTION

The Red Cross Society of Panama activated search and rescue teams in coordination with national authorities, the Pan American Disaster Response Unit, and the Panama Regional Delegation. The National Society also took part in a meeting convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and attended by UNICEF and WHO.

The Red Cross Society of Panama has distributed hygiene kits, food, and non-food items to assist the affected population and is continuing to collect relief items.

Large waves reaching more than 16 feet in height struck the coast of Panama along Colón Province

Colón Province

Panama City

● National Capital

■ Affected Area

