AFTER TWO MONTHS OF THE HURRICANES, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STILL IN VULNERABLE SITUATION

- Two and a half months have past since the storms Eta and Iota impacted Central America. There are still areas in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala with a large number of sheltered people and the situation is aggravated by the considerable increase in COVID-19 cases that keeps the 3 countries on alert.

- Many families in the affected areas experience the late consequences of the emergency such as the lack of places to go after the loss of their homes, lack of food, unemployment and lack of education and health services.
IMPACTED PEOPLE
Total affected people: 5,481,414

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<th>Country</th>
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<th>People in Shelters</th>
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Emergency response teams are on the ground on all three countries urgently working to reach communities with clean water, food, child protection services, hygiene kits, sanitary pads, play kits and supplies to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sources: National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction in Guatemala, Permanent Commission of Contingencies Honduras, National System for the Prevention, Mitigation and Attention of Disasters in Nicaragua and The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Photo: Nicaragua after IOTA
OUR RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

PEOPLE BENEFITED SO FAR

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED: 969,118

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- **Child protection in emergencies**: Working to guarantee child are physically and emotionally safe by preventing children discrimination, harassment or abuse. Strengthening information about violence case report and also prevention of the COVID-19 in shelters.

- **Food security**: Supply of food or cash transfers for affected families who are in need of basic goods.

- **Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)**: Delivering clean water, hygiene kits and menstrual health kits for girls and young woman.
Two months after Tropical Storms Eta and Iota swept through Honduras, their impact continues to be felt in many communities. The widespread flooding destroyed thousands of hectares of crops during a key point in the agricultural cycle, leaving many people facing economic ruin and struggling to feed their families.

In Santa Bárbara, many areas are still cut off and boats and helicopters are being used to access isolated communities. The floods destroyed homes, bridges, damaged roads and buried some communities under landslides. Hundreds of thousands of Hondurans remain homeless. Many are crowded into shelters, while others are staying with friends and relatives.

But it is the scarcity of food which is causing the biggest concern. Most people do not have enough food to eat each day, which is increasing the levels of malnutrition, particularly in children under the age of five, and pregnant and lactating mothers.

11-year-old Rosa tells us that she often goes hungry. "Me and my family have had to ration our food and in recent days we have only had beans and herbs to eat."

Honduras was already experiencing food insecurity before the storms hit, but now the long-term effects on the country’s economy, crop production and small-scale producers could be even more devastating with an estimated 60-80% of basic grains having been lost.

To support children like Rosa, Plan International is working alongside the World Food Program to deliver food kits containing basic necessities to affected families. To date, more than 2,400 kits have been delivered to displaced families in Santa Barbara.

“We are currently supporting more than 40% of the shelters in this department and we are taking our response to the most remote communities” says Yasmin Medina, Santa Barbara Programme Unit Manager. For those living in the isolated communities, the loss of their crops and the lack of money to travel further afield to look for work means they are left with few options.

“It has been difficult since the community has been cut off due to the collapse of the bridge that connects us with the town. If someone wants to travel to look for work or food, they must spend at least Lps300 (USD13) for transportation. If we do not have money for food, how can we afford to leave the community?” Rosa’s mother asks.

For Rosa, hunger is not the only thing keeping her awake at night. "We have not been able to sleep, thinking that with one more storm, the ravine near our house could give way."
COMUNICATION EFFORTS
Summary up to date

Regional office
Graphic about Plan International’s Emergency Response Plan
Emergency context video
Press release about girl’s situation in shelters

Nicaragua
Images of families returning to their damaged homes in Bilwi, Nicaragua
Iana’s testimony of the hurricane’s impact in Nicaragua
Testimony of Angie about sexual harassment in shelters
Images of Emergency Response

Guatemala
Story of the impact on girls in Guatemala
Emergency response team testimonies in Guatemala
Guatemala Floods in San Pedro Carchá, Guatemala
Images of Emergency Response in San Pedro Carchá

Honduras
Story of the impact on food security after ETA and IOTA
Film of Anna’s story of survival
Response in San Bartolo, Honduras
Images of girl’s and woman reality in shelters
The following required budget balance is based on the information on the response plans of each of the countries.

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Total founds confirmed: € 2.426.428

Total GAP: € 2.273.572

Total Target: € 4.700.000