The COVID-19 pandemic and hurricanes Eta and Iota worsened the longstanding multidimensional crises in Honduras and weakened the coping capacity of the State and communities. As inequality and violence are on the rise, access to basic services is shrinking, with growing displacement and migration, soaring poverty, worsening nutrition and increasing food insecurity. Vulnerable populations such as women, children, informal workers, indigenous and Afro-descendant people as well as people with disabilities are among the most affected.

Today, 2.8 million people in Honduras are in need of humanitarian assistance. This figure, nearly a third of Honduras’ population, is more than double the 1.3 million people in need assessed for the Humanitarian Needs Overview issued in early 2020.

This significant increase compelled the humanitarian community in Honduras to develop the Humanitarian Response Plan 2021 (HRP). The plan aims to provide a holistic, timely and coordinated response to address the critical needs of 1.8 million of the most vulnerable people in Honduras in sectors related to health, nutrition, food security, displacement, and protection. The HRP also seeks to help strengthen the resilience of social services, communities and affected people.

This multisectoral response is targeting those with the greatest needs in among sectoral, sub-national, national and regional mechanisms. It also between humanitarian assistance and development actions.

### KEY FACTS & FIGURES

- **70%** of Honduras’ population are estimated to be living in poverty at the end of 2020, up from the 59.3% reported at the end of 2019.
- **3M+** people in Honduras are suffering from food insecurity due to the effects of COVID-19 closures and climate change.
- **937K** people in Honduras were internally displaced due to disasters in 2020, the highest number of new displacements in Latin America.
- **500K+** children and adolescents are in need due after the impacts of Eta and Iota, school dropout over the COVID-19 pandemic and protection challenges.
- **33%** of people with humanitarian needs in Honduras are affected by various challenges related to a lack of protection.
- **4.16%** of eligible people in Honduras are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (as of 2 August), one of the lowest rates in Latin America and the Caribbean.

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1

Protect and save lives of affected people and those most at risk in a differentiated manner.

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2

Support the resilience of affected people and the nexus between humanitarian action and development support.
FOCUS OF THE RESPONSE

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PEOPLE TARGETED

The HRP is prioritizing Accountability to Affected People (AAP) to place affected people at the centre of response and ensure reliable, inclusive and secure feedback mechanisms.

The Gender Equality in Humanitarian Action framework seeks to strengthen gender equality integration to mitigate the impact of ongoing crises on women, girls and LGBTQI+ people.

All partners will implement Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) mechanisms as part of the UN Secretary-General’s Zero Tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse.

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### Sector Objectives

**Health**
Contribute to quality healthcare access in emergencies and mobilize resources to rehabilitate and operationalize health centres affected by emergencies. The Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) sub-sector will contribute to ensuring essential SRH services and clinical management of sexual violence.

**Food & Nutrition Security**
Increase food access and provide food assistance to affected people and contribute to restoring sustainable livelihoods. In coordination with Nutrition, ensure attention for acute undernutrition cases and prevent the nutritional deterioration of vulnerable groups, children under 5 and pregnant and nursing women.

**Protection**
Improve affected people’s access to rights and strengthened protection services at all levels. The Child Protection and Gender-based Violence (GBV) sub-sectors will ensure access to quality protection services and support the resilience and autonomy of vulnerable children and women.

**Shelter**
Support people with damaged or destroyed homes in storm-affected communities and people displaced by violence with cash transfers and/or non-food items (NFIs) to secure safe and dignified housing. Other actions will include providing temporary homes and supporting home repairs.

**Water, Sanitation & Hygiene**
Improve access to safe water for human consumption, sanitation and hygiene, as well as vector control and solid waste management. WASH partners will also work to ensure sustainable solutions to contribute to intersectoral responses and to implement campaigns promoting safe WASH practices.

**Camp Coordination & Camp Management**
Ensure access to basic services and protection for affected people in shelters and settlements and improve physical infrastructure to reduce vulnerability and disaster and protection risks. Additionally, CCCM will strengthen institutional capacities for coordinating and managing camps.

**Education**
Improve educational facilities and services to provide equitable and inclusive access to quality education for children and educational staff, as well as support learning recovery in affected communities. Education support measures will include technical assistance, material supplies and psychosocial support.

**Early Recovery**
Support the re-establishment of national capacities for responding to the livelihood needs of affected people. Also, provide technical and financial support to vulnerable people and strengthening resilience and multi-risk management capacities at family, local and municipal levels.

**Coordination**
Promote humanitarian response based on humanitarian principles that reaches the most vulnerable, using reliable tools and services to facilitate informed decision-making. The HRP will also strengthen national and sub-national information management capacities to improve coordinated analyses.

### Humanitarian Response Requirements

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