

2 September 2020

1. Highlights

Constraints

Atlantic Hurricane Season

- **Hurricane Nana (Category 1):** After strengthening to a Category 1 Hurricane just before making landfall in Belize on 2 September, it has weakened to a tropical storm and it is currently located over Northern Guatemala and heading towards Chiapas, Mexico. Honduras and Belize were affected by strong winds, storm surge and flash flooding. Once it reaches the Pacific, it is not expected to gain strength again.
- **Tropical Storm Omar:** Currently off the coast of North Carolina and it is heading East-Northeast direction and it is not expected to make landfall and affect our region.
- **Disturbance 1:** A small area of low pressure has formed about midway between the Windward Islands and West Africa. Upper-level winds are marginally conducive for some slow development this week as the system meanders in the central tropical Atlantic Ocean. Eye formation possibility through next 5 days is %20.
- **Disturbance 2:** A tropical wave is expected to emerge off the coast of Africa on 2 September and merge with a disturbance centered about 200 miles southeast of the Cabo Verde Islands in a couple of days. Gradual development of this system is then possible, and this system could become a tropical depression by 5-6 September while it moves slowly westward over the eastern tropical Atlantic Ocean. Eye formation possibility through next 5 days is %50.

Earthquakes

- **Chile:** A magnitude 7.0 earthquake was recorded 104 km NW of Valdivia on the coast of Northern Chile at a depth of 10 kms on 1 September. 3 major aftershocks of magnitude 6.3, 5.4 and 6.5 followed the initial quake. The aftershocks have caused minor structural damage and subsequent road disruption. No injuries have been reported at this stage and a tsunami warning was not issued.

Lockdown

- Colombia has extended the closure of land and sea borders until 1 October, while internal restrictions in Bogota and Medellin will be eased from 1 September. In neighbouring Peru, authorities extended a nationwide state of emergency until 30 September, while Panama allowed for the resumption of some commercial activities.

Air

- Several countries have postponed the re-opening of their airports for commercial passenger flights:
 - 31 August: Honduras, Argentina and Ecuador
 - 1 September: Cuba, Guatemala, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia
 - 4-6-12 September: El Salvador, Uruguay, Venezuela
 - 14-18-21-26 September: Chile, Suriname, Panama, Costa Rica
 - 1 October: Trinidad & Tobago
 - 14-18 October: Belize, Nicaragua
- Although many countries are extending closures for commercial passenger flights, an increased activity of U.S. Carriers in Central America and the Caribbean is being observed. In addition to that, European Carriers are also adding frequencies and new destinations for their repatriation operations.

Land

- Chile: Truckers strike is affecting all export, import and local shipments within the country since 27 August.

Services

- The WFP Aviation flight schedule for humanitarian personnel for current month with exception of second week of September is as follows;
 - On Tuesdays, starting from 1 September:
 - Mexico City (Toluca Airport) – Guatemala City – Tegucigalpa – San Salvador – Panama City.
 - Bogota – Panama City – Bogota. Lima leg was cancelled due to lack of demand.
 - On Wednesdays, starting from 2 September: Panama City – Port-au-Prince – Caracas – Panama City.
 - On Thursdays, starting from 17 September: Panama City – San Salvador – Tegucigalpa – Guatemala City – Mexico City (Toluca Airport).
- In addition to scheduled flights, following ad-hoc flights will be operated within this week:
 - 4 September: Panama City – Caracas – Panama City
 - 5 September: Panama City – San Salvador – Tegucigalpa – Guatemala City – Mexico City (Toluca Airport)

Bookings must be made as soon as possible through the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#) and no later than 7 days before the flights.

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