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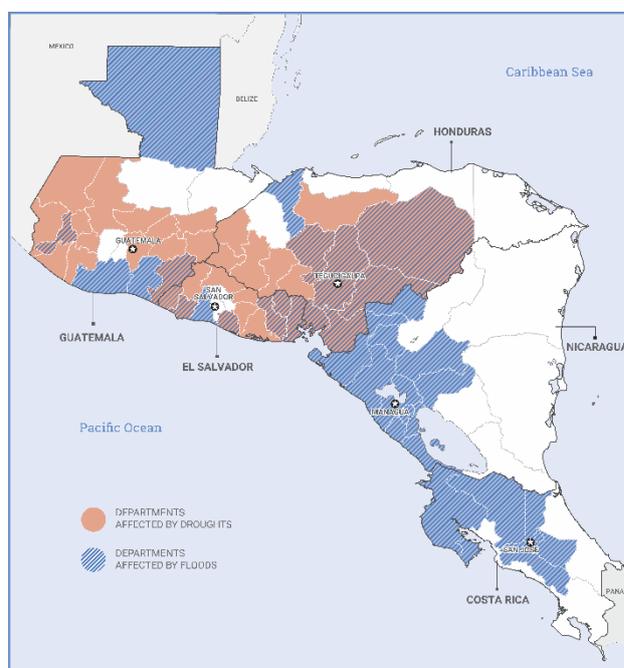
## Highlights

- Two low pressure systems, one in the Atlantic and one in the Pacific, caused intense rainfall and flash floods throughout Central America.
- The affected people are being assisted by the municipal and local authorities.
- In Honduras, losses in the agricultural sector could reach \$100 million.
- In Honduras and El Salvador classes will resume next Monday.

**187K**  
People  
affected  
in the region

**21**  
deaths  
in the  
countries  
impacted

**\$100**  
Million  
In agricultural  
losses in  
Honduras



Source: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua Civil Protection Systems Websites.  
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## Situation Overview

Two low pressure systems, one in the Atlantic and the other in the Pacific, caused intense rainfall conditions, flash floods in several communities in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua since 5 October.

In all these countries, prevention alert systems were activated.

An estimated 21 people have died, and more than 187,000 people have been affected throughout the Mesoamerican region.

For the safety of students, classes are suspended in many municipalities in the most affected areas of the impacted countries. Some schools are being used as shelters.

Distributions of aid to affected people who failed to evacuate are hampered due that roads and bridges are damaged or blocked by landslides, however, response actions continuing.

The United Nations agencies in all the mentioned countries have presented their willingness to support the authorities if necessary.

# PANORAMA POR PAÍS



## COSTA RICA

### Affected Areas:

- Pacífico Central and Norte. Provinces of Guanacaste, Península de Nicoya (Cobano, Lepanto, Paquera), Valle Central.

### Impact:

- The rains left one person dead and 2,793 people had to be sheltered. In addition, there were affectations in 79 roads, 35 landslides.

### Actions:

- The National Emergency Commission (CNE) made visits to most affected communities with the aims of evaluating the situation and coordinating the humanitarian assistance work.
- A team of geologists, coordinated by the CNE, monitors, with the support of drones, the most vulnerable areas after the rains, to determine the mitigation actions to be executed.

2K

People in temporary shelters



## EL SALVADOR

### Affected Areas:

- Departments of Ahuachapan, Department of Sonsonate, Department of La Libertad, Department of La Paz, Department of San Miguel, Department of Morazán, and Department La Union

### Impact:

- Civil Protection reported 15 people injured, six dead, one missing and 768 people in shelters. In addition, 1541 flooded houses and eight houses destroyed, an affected school and three other collapsed walls; eight roads and 13 damaged streets, 120 contaminated wells.

### Actions:

- Civil Protection remains yellow alert in 39 municipalities due to rain
- The Ministry of Education (MINED) will resume classes until next Monday, due that the yellow alert remains active, the rains in certain places have not stopped and 59 schools are reported with damages. Ten schools are used as shelters in different parts of the country.

768

People in temporary shelters



## GUATEMALA

### Affected areas:

- Department of Escuintla, Department of Petén, Department of Santa Rosa, Department of Jutiapa and Department of Quetzaltenango

### Impact:

- Authorities in Guatemala reported 11 thousand people affected, 992 people in needs, 35 houses with minor damage, 957 houses with moderate damage, and bridges and roads damaged.

### Actions:

- The authorities addressed damages and needs assessments, transfer and distribution of humanitarian aids (Cleaning and Hygiene kits, blankets, mats, water purifiers, food rations and drinkable water) for the affected people, enable shelters, opening of roads and monitoring in risk areas, all actions have been coordinated with the municipal and departmental authorities.
- The Humanitarian Team and UNETT maintain constant communication, share information and monitor the situation.

11K

People affected by rains



## HONDURAS

### Affected Areas:

- Department of Francisco Morazan, Department of Valle, Department of Olancho, Department of Cortés, Department of Choluteca, Department of El Paraiso and Department of Comayagua.

**25K**

People affected by rains

### Impact:

- According to figures of the National Emergency Operations Center (COEN) of COPECO, heavy rainfall left about 25,558 people affected and 9 dead. The number of people in shelter reached to 9,097 (as of October 12, 2,573 people remain in shelters); 11,552 people evacuated, and some 170 schools are damaged, eight bridges were affected as well as 63 roads, ten bridges destroyed, seven water systems damaged; 1,133 houses damaged and another 10 houses destroyed between the municipalities of Francisco Morazán, Choluteca and Valle. About 89 shelters were enabled (as of October 12, 28 shelters remained active), most of them in educational centers in the department of Choluteca, the most affected area.
- The Honduran Council of Private Enterprise (COHEP) has estimated that losses in the agricultural sector could reach some US \$100 million in losses

### Actions:

- The Government is assisting the affected population and has distributed nearly 80 thousand pounds of food and non-food items and has allocated US \$ 500,000 (12 million Lempiras) to attend the emergency. COPECO Maintains distribution and pre-positioning of humanitarian aid to the regional offices in the departments with Red Alert (Valle, Francisco Morazán and Choluteca).
- The Ministry of Education remain classes suspended within the red alert departments (Francisco Morazán, Choluteca and Valle).
- The United Nations Resident Coordinator has expressed to national authorities his willingness to support response actions if required.
- The Humanitarian Network maintains a presence in the southern zone through its Technical Secretariat (Caritas), Plan Honduras and World Vision among others to identify actions in which they will be providing support to the Government in the response at the local level.
- The UNETT team held a working meeting on 10 October to review its protocols and address a joint analysis on the drought and flood situations.



## NICARAGUA

### Affected Areas:

- Department of Managua, Department of Granada, Department of Rivas, Department of Carazo, Department of Masaya, Department of Chinandega, Department of León, Department of Madriz, Department of Matagalpa, Department of Jinotega, Department of Estelí, Department of Boaco and Department of Nueva Segovia

**24K**

People affected in 13 departments

### Impact:

- The rains have left 5 dead, 24,461 people affected, and 6,665 people evacuated, according to a report from the National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Response. In the infrastructure, the damages quantified so far are 5,436 houses damaged, including (5,260 flooded), (24 destroyed) and (152 partially damaged), according to the official figures.

### Action:

- The municipal emergency committee, members of civil defense, firefighters and the red cross of Nicaragua mobilized to the affected areas, to support people and address damages assessment.
- The UNETT group was called for an extraordinary meeting on Monday, 8 October and they remain monitoring the situation.

**Background on the Crisis**

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