EMERGENCY RESPONSE RAINY SEASON NOVEMBER 2020 COLOMBIA

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**SITUATION OVERVIEW**

Rainy season situation in Colombia

Up to November 22nd, it is estimated that 270,000 people have been affected by the winter wave that scourge of Colombia. According to IDEAM reports the main alerts at the national level are:

1. Maximum caution by high levels in the upper part of the Atrato, increasing in the rivers Quito and Andágueda, Cabi, Murri, Sucio, Beberám and its tributaries.

2. Overflow in the rivers Tibú, Sardinata and Nuevo.

3. Landslides high probability in unstable areas of Valle del Cauca, Tolima Risaralda, Putumayo, Norte de Santander, Chocó, Cauca and Antioquia. However, some departments have double affectation such as Chocó (Bajo Baudó) where organized armed groups are present, which caused displacement of 490 people on November 17th. Other departments have the possibility of triple affectation by high Covid-19 involvement, heavy rains caused by the winter wave and the presence of organized armed groups that is the case in the departments of Norte de Santander and Antioquia.

The Rapid Response Team of Action Against Hunger that left for the archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia and Santa Catalina, it has already made the first Needs Assessment on the island of San Andrés and has initiated the response delivery. Part of the team prepares to leave on 11/23/2020 towards the island of Providencia and carry out the first Needs Assessment. In the Marco of the MIRE consortium, a multisectoral response is being given to the municipality of Lloró and the rural area of Quibdó. Action Against Hunger is actively involved in the collection of information for the generation of reports and to make the situation visible in the Chocó.
In the archipiélago of San Andrés, Providencia and Santa Catalina, a rapid needs assessment has been carried out and is being coordinated with UNGRD for the evaluation of the Providencia Island. In San Andrés the 6 shelters have been visited, and a needs identification has been made. The 25% of homes have been damaged, there is only one public hospital and an increase in COVID-19 cases is being addressed; prices are rising enormously and the island’s main economic activities have been affected.

In the Caribbean region, specifically in the departments of La Guajira and Bolívar, coordination meetings have been held with the departmental table of water, sanitation and hygiene, Colombian Institute for Family Welfare (ICBF), Colombian Red Cross, IOM, Local Coordination Teams (ELC) and the Risk and Disaster Management Committee. Based on the information collected, nutrition and health days are being developed for the valuation of people in the municipality of Uribia.

For the northeastern region, the coordination carried out in past days with local authorities allowed to develop activities in the Neighborhoods of Arrayanes and 23 de Enero. Among the activities carried out is the delivery of 118 hygiene kits, 235 water packs, 87 safety kits and 10 kitchen kits. In the southern region of the country, the Action against Hunger team under the MIRE consortium participated of a series of meetings with mayors, communal action boards of Lloró and Bagadó: Presidents of the communal action boards of Nuevo Lloró.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Providencia**: Hurricane IOTA affected 100% of the population. Action Against Hunger with UNGRD will carry out Needs Assessment. There is an impact of 98.0% of infrastructure leaving people homeless, without food, without water, without electricity and without the possibility of communication. Activities such as fishing, tourism and agriculture have been severely affected, leaving people without income.

- **Bolívar**: IDEAM forecasts the likelihood of formation of streams direct to the Caribbean Sea, especially in the municipalities of Santa Catalina, Juan de Acosta and Cartagena. The city of Cartagena reports 155,000 people affected.

- **Chocó**: 37,677 people (7%) of the population of Chocó is affected by the Winter Wave, however, not all municipalities record up-to-date information as they do not have updated censuses and the population is rurally dispersed.

- **La Guajira**: There are effects in Maicao (9,135 people), Riohacha Chole and Comejen (7,500), Uribia (14,850), Manaure (3,912), Districción (150) and El Molino. IDEAM reports red alert for probability of increasing suddens in the levels of the Piedras, Manzanares, Guachaca, Buriticá, Mendiguaca, Don Diego and Ancho rivers and in the Camarones and Tapias River Basin, special attention is recommended in the municipalities of Fonseca and Barrancas.

- **Norte de Santander**: 11,872 people affected are reported and there is a high covid-19 affectation in the municipalities of Cúcuta, San Calixto and Tibú. It is important to note that 1,099 families are affected in all the areas of Cúcuta (921 Urban and 178 rural).

- **Antioquia**: Agglomerations put COVID-19 at risk of contagion, so humanitarian responses are accompanied by high standards in prevention.
IDENTIFIED
HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE
(Chocó, Bolívar, San Andrés y Providencia, Norte de Santander)

- Hygiene and prevention kits
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Portable washbasins
- Water supply filters
- Equipment for shelter disinfection (IPC)

FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS
(Chocó, Norte de Santander, La Guajira, San Andrés y Providencia)

- Food kits
- Nutritional monitoring

NUTRITION AND HEALTH
(Chocó, La Guajira, San Andrés y Providencia)

- Mental health care
- Biosecurity elements
- Psychosocial care

SHELTER, SETTLEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
(Antioquia, Chocó, Norte de Santander, San Andrés y Providencia, La Guajira)

- Shelter for flood victims
- Support for the maintenance of essential infrastructure

PROTECTION
(Chocó, La Guajira, Bolívar, Norte de Santander, San Andrés y Providencia)

- Legal advice (ICLA)
- Child protection
- Care for VBG victims
- Non-Food Items (NFI)
- Dignity Kits for NNAJ
- Education in emergencies

Greater mobilization of aid is required to achieve the numerous needs that are arising, in coordination with the multiple active players in territory.

From Saturday, November 21st in the morning, Action against Hunger advances activities in the archipelago of San Andrés, Providencia and St. Catalina, among which are: coordination meetings with the Ombudsman’s Office, island dwellers and key players to know the situation of the islanders and delivery of first response.
Currently our teams are active in the departments of La Guajira (Maicao, Uribia, Riohacha), Bolívar (Cartagena), Chocó (Lloró through the MIRE consortium) and Norte de Santander (Cúcuta, Los Patios and Villa del Rosario). On November 22nd, emergency response began on the island of San Andrés, and on November 23rd a team will be moving to Providencia where no humanitarian organization has yet arrived, in order to carry out a needs analysis for later make an answer.

**IDENTIFIED AREAS RESPONSE**

**San Andrés y Providencia**  
Sectors of attention: WASH,EPP

**Actions:**
- Coordination meetings with key players on the island of San Andrés (UNGRD)
- Visit to the 6 established shelters in San Andres for the reception of the victims.
- Identification of needs in strategic points of the island.
- 35 family prevention kits Covid-19 and hygiene at Elsybar Baptist Camp (where are located people from San Andres Island and Providencia) and at the Older Adult Home.

**Planned activities:**
- 2 Modular sanitation systems for Covid-19 prevention
- Rapid needs assessment and logistical advice for Providencia.

**Bolívar (Cartagena)**  
Sectors of attention: WASH, SAN

**Actividades previstas:**
- Covid-19 family prevention kits Delivery.

**Chocó (Lloró, Bagadó and El Carmen de Atrato)**  
Sectors of attention: Management information, SAN, WASH, PROTECCIÓN, SALUD, ALBERGUE

**Actions:**
- Needs assessments in the rural municipalities of Lloró and Quibdó.
- On November 22nd the humanitarian response starts in a multisectoral manner at Lloró’s municipality.
- Collecting information in other areas of Chocó, to learn about the magnitude of the Disaster.

**La Guajira (Uribia, Maicao, Riohacha y Manaure)**  
Sectors of attention: WASH, SAN

**Actions:**
- Health and nutrition assessments: 28 children; 16 pregnant and nursing mothers in Uribia at Julia Sanchez school.

**Planned activities:**
- Health and nutrition sessions.

**Norte de Santander (Cúcuta)**  
Sectors of attention: SAN, WASH, PROTECCIÓN,NFI, EPP.

**Actions:**
- 110 NNA Kits
- 14 Pregnancy Kits
- 41 Baby Kits
- 65 Men Kits
- 160 Biosecurity kits
- 12 kitchen kits
- 2.925 Liters of water
- Assistance to 2 UCP (Unified control position) to coordinate actions

**Planned activities:** (Cúcuta, villa del Rosario and Los Patios)
- 250 Food Kits
- 150 Covid-19 Family Prevention Kits
- 200 hygiene kits
- 400 Covid-19 Children Prevention Kits
- 400 Covid-19 Adults Prevention Kits
- 80 Covid-19 Family and NFI Prevention Kits
- 4 Portable sinks
- 5 community water storage systems.

"The needs assessment in San Andrés, has taken place with the raizal differential principles, more than 90% of the population of San Andrés and Providence belongs to this ethnic group. In this way, the humanitarian response is in line with the cultural and ethnic principles of the Islanders."
HUMANITARIAN LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION

Since the beginning of the emergency Action against Hunger has established close contact with the different actors in the areas of Affectation:

- **San Andrés y Providencia**: Ombudsman’s Office, Red Cross, Chairman of the Elsy Bar Community Action Board, Social Promoter and root leader- Governorate, UNGRD of Providencia.

- **Norte de Santander**: Local Coordination Spaces (LCS), Vice-Ministry of Water and Basic Sanitation, Unified Command Post (UCP), government entities and municipalities, GIFMM, UNGRD, UMGRE (Cúcuta), Risk Management Secretariat (Villa del Rosarios and Los Patíos), Colombian Red Cross, WASH Table and with the community action boards.

- **La Guajira (Manaure, Maicao, Uribia, Riohacha)**: Mesa Departamental Agua Saneamiento e Higiene, Equipo Local de Coordinación (ELC) Guajira, Guajira Risk and Disaster Management Committee, UNICEF, La Guajira Risk Management Coordination (CDGRD).

- **Bolívar (Cartagena)**: Cartagena Risk and Disaster Management Advisory Office, Colombian Red Cross, Advisory Office for the Risk and Disaster Management (OAGRD), Colombian Institute for Family Welfare (ICBF), the District Administrative Department of Health (DADIS), Civil Defense, Colombia New Corporation.

- **Chocó**: Unified Command Post (UCP), Mayor of Lloró y Bagadó, Secretaries of Infrastructure, Health and Education, Chairs of the Community Action Board of Nuevo Lloró, Governance, Secretary of the Interior and Government, Departmental Council for Risk Management.

Archipiélago de San Andrés, San Andrés, Meeting with the coordinator of Risk Management of San Andrés and Santa Catalina.


