

LOCATION: Rome

DATE: 3 October 2016

Situation Overview

- Hurricane Matthew remains a powerful category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 230 km/h with higher gusts. It is expected to make landfall on Monday (3 October), and produce heavy rains and storm surges that will impact the southern and northern coast of Cuba, the southern coast of Haiti and Jamaica. Matthew's storm track has recently shifted to the east, placing Haiti's southwestern tip closer to Matthew's path.
- Some fluctuations in intensity are possible during the next couple of days, but Matthew is expected to remain a powerful hurricane throughout Tuesday. Of primary concern are potentially catastrophic impacts on Haiti and eastern Jamaica, such as severe flooding, mudslides and flash floods.

Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- Port-au-Prince Airport remains open but many flights throughout Monday have been cancelled.
- Flooding is already reported in Grand'Anse.
- Les Cayes and Jeremie have limited road infrastructure.
- Severe flooding, significant mudslides and flash floods are expected all over Haiti, especially in the departments of South, Nippes, Grande-Anse, South East and West.
- Humanitarian organisations have experienced delays with incoming relief cargo in the past, due to complicated and complex customs clearance procedures.

Inter-agency deployments

- Haiti's National Emergency Operations Centre (COUN) has been activated, as well as other departmental emergency centres.
- Jamaica has formally requested OCHA for assistance
- OCHA has deployed UNDAC members to Jamaica and Haiti to support coordination, rapid needs assessments and communication/reporting.
- IFRC has activated its Contingency Plan and pre-positioned staff in Jamaica.
- USAID/OFDA has a team in Haiti and will provide NFI kits.
- ECHO is actively monitoring the system and is ready for deployment.

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