Hurricane Matthew
Situation Update
05 October 2016

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Situation Overview

- Hurricane Matthew, a powerful category 4 Atlantic hurricane, hit the south-western tip of Haiti making landfall near Les Anglais at about 11:00 GMT on Tuesday, 4 October, and then crossed the department of Grand’Anse (south-western Haiti) with maximum sustained winds of 250 km/h.

- The hurricane made a second landfall near Juaco, eastern tip of Cuba, on 5 October, and continued moving towards the north-eastern coast of Cuba. On 5 October at 6.00 GMT, its centre was located in the south-west of the Great Inagua Island (The Bahamas) with maximum sustained winds of 205 km/h. During its passage, heavy rains and strong winds affected Haiti, south-eastern Cuba and Dominican Republic, and it is forecast to continue moving towards the eastern coast of Florida during the next hours.

- As of 5 October, a Hurricane Warning is in effect for Haiti, central and north-west of The Bahamas and the Cuban provinces of Guantanamo, Santiago de Cuba, Holguin, Granma and Luas Tunas. A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for southern Dominican Republic, Turks and Caicos Islands.

- In Haiti, 4 casualties and 3 injuries have been reported in Les Cayes city, in Port Salut city and in Haut Jaboin. More than 10,000 people have been evacuated and more than 140 houses damaged in the Departments of Grande Anse, Nippes, South and Southeast.

- In Santo Domingo capital, 2 casualties have been reported, more than 14,600 people have been evacuated and over 400 houses were damaged. In Cuba, 900,000 people have been evacuated in the north-eastern provinces and hundreds people have been evacuated in the Bahamas (Grand Bahama and Family Islands).

- The Haitian Government has officially launched a request for humanitarian assistance as well as a specific assistance request to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Inter-agency deployments and coordination

- Haiti’s National Emergency Operations Centre (COUN) has been activated, as well as other departmental emergency centres.

- The National Emergency Operations Centres (COE) are active in several countries, including the Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica.

- Jamaica has formally requested OCHA for assistance and United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) teams have arrived in Jamaica and Haiti and are supporting national efforts in coordination, rapid assessments, communication and reporting.

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OCHA ROLAC is in contact with the UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams in Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Cuba and OCHA Haiti and continues its contact with regional humanitarian partners (REDLAC) to share information about deployments and pre-positioning of stocks at the regional logistic hub.

IFRC has activated its Contingency Plan and pre-positioned staff in Jamaica.

USAID/OFDA has a team in Haiti and will provide NFI kits.

Logistics Cluster staff are being deployed to Haiti.

Access Constraints

Port au Prince and Cap-Haitien airports are reported as open.

According to MINUSTAH, the main bridge (La Digue) on Route Nationale #2 (RN2) near the town of Petit-Goâve connecting Port au Prince and the southern departments, has collapsed. This could notably affect access to areas in the Grande Anse and South Departments.

There are reports of a landslide between Les Cayes and Tiburon.

The national highway in Anglais has been flooded.

Erosion is especially dangerous because of high mountains and lack of trees and bushes in areas where they have been cut for fuel.

Humanitarian organisations have experienced delays with incoming relief cargo in the past, due to complicated and complex customs clearance procedures.

There are reports that the towns of Jérémie, Miragoane, Les Cayes and Jacmel have been severely affected. Many coastal towns are partly flooded by sea. Les Cayes is reportedly completely flooded.

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General Logistics Planning Maps have been shared on the Logistics Cluster website and are available at the following links:


The latest Access Constraints Map for Haiti is available at the link: [http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-haiti-5-october-2016](http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-haiti-5-october-2016)

Updated information about Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) for Haiti is available at the following link: [http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Haiti](http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Haiti)

Another Global Teleconference will be held on Thursday 6 October 2016 at 11:00 Rome time.

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