



CENTRAL AMERICA DISASTER Emergency Alert – November 11, 2009



A boy eats at a shelter for residents affected by flooding and landslides in the coastal town of La Libertad, 45 km south of San Salvador, November 9, 2009. REUTERS/Luis Galdamez, courtesy of www.alertnet.org.



BACKGROUND

On November 8, heavy rains caused massive flooding and destruction in El Salvador. According to government reports, the flooding caused 108 landslides, destroyed 209 houses, damaged 1,835 houses, and affected 18 bridges. According to most recent reports, the floods claimed 140 lives with many more people still missing. The president of El Salvador has declared a state of national emergency amid concerns about the country's agricultural production, the number of displaced people and the spread of disease.



Members of the community of San Pedro Nonualco survey a road damaged by a landslide. Photo courtesy of FUNDE.

LWR AND PARTNERS RESPOND TO THE CRISIS

Lutheran World Relief is working with two partners on the ground to distribute food, potable water and hygiene supplies to 300 families affected by the floods in the regions of Nonualcos and Verapaz.

In addition, LWR is coordinating with fellow members of the Action by Churches Together (ACT) International global aid alliance to assess further needs on the ground.

YOU CAN HELP! You may make contributions to:
LWR-Central America Disaster

LWR accepts gifts by phone at 1-800-LWR-LWR-2, online at lwr.org, or by mailing a check or money order to:
Lutheran World Relief—Central America Disaster
P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298-9832.

Your gift will be used for the Central America disaster relief efforts until needs there are met. After that, further gifts will be used to help LWR respond where the need is greatest. Please also consider making an unrestricted donation which will enable LWR to respond quickly to the next emergency.



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Lutheran World Relief, www.lwr.org,
1-800-597-5972