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SITUATION REPORT

Hurricane Matthew - Haiti

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BY THE NUMBERS*

1.4 million

people in need of assistance

175,000

people without housing

806,000

people are food insecure

7,953

suspected cholera cases

** Figures are based on the latest OCHA Situation Report, which LWR uses as its data source. Media outlets are reporting much higher numbers but these are not confirmed.*

SITUATION OVERVIEW

At nearly 10 weeks after Hurricane Matthew's devastating path through Haiti, the needs on the ground — triggered by heavy winds, widespread floods, landslides, infrastructure damage and population displacement — still remain high in affected communities. As of today, gaps in food security, shelter, health, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are being reported by humanitarian actors who are now mainly focusing their efforts on early recovery interventions.

Hub-based operations in the Sud (Les Cayes) and Grand'Anse (Jeremie) Departments — two of the hardest hit regions in the country — have facilitated coordinated humanitarian assistance to affected households; however, some operations have been hampered due to access constraints and security incidents. In other affected departments such as the Nord-Ouest, Sud-Est and Centre, rural communities that depend heavily on agricultural outputs have seen their livelihoods significantly interrupted as a result of the loss of crops and other assets. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reports that nearly 550,000 people — especially women — need immediate stabilization of livelihoods, access to credit for communities, and to help the rapid recovery of the local economy.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE EFFORTS

The United Nations and international organizations continue to support the government's response in affected areas. Technical working groups have been established to enhance coordination at the field level, particularly around shelter, procurement and distribution of non-food-items (NFI), nutrition, health, logistics and cash-based intervention (CBI).

A revised Haiti Flash Appeal launched by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in November now seeks \$139 million in emergency funding, of which only 46 percent has been funded. Lutheran World Relief is a member of the ACT Alliance, which is also seeking \$10 million in emergency funding through an ACT Appeal to address the urgent needs in affected communities.



Credit: ACT Alliance

LWR – ACTIONS TAKEN AND NEXT STEPS

LWR has been actively responding to the needs on the ground in close coordination with key local partners and the Haitian government. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) have been instrumental in supporting LWR's response with the timely delivery of Material Resources (MR) mobilized from LWR warehouses. These NFIs comprised of hygiene kits, LWR Baby Care Kits, water purification tablets and other urgent shelter needs were distributed among communities in the Sud and Grand'Anse Departments. In the Nord-Ouest and Centre Departments, LWR's immediate response interventions were delivered through two local partners respectively: Ansanm pou yon DEmen Miyò an Ayiti (ADEMA) and UCOCAB, a cooperative of rural coffee growers. A third shipment of MR directly requested by the mayor of Port-au-Prince has recently arrived in-country and will be distributed to other communities in need by the local government.



Credit: ACT Alliance

As outlined on LWR's Hurricane Matthew Early Recovery Strategy, LWR is now focusing our assistance in remote communities within the Nord-Ouest, Sud-Est and Centre Departments, strategically linking recent immediate response interventions held in these areas with short and longer-term livelihood recovery activities. An 18-month early recovery intervention in the Nord-Ouest implemented by ADEMA is addressing food security through the distribution of seeds, provision of essential fishing equipment, and a cash-for-work (CFW) program that will serve as stimulus to the local economy. Targeted communities include Bombardopolis, Baine-de-Henne and Mole Saint Nicolas.

In the Sud-Est Department, LWR is working in the highland community of Seguin with a 6-month seed distribution assistance and a CFW program focused on household repairs and road access rehabilitation through our local partner Service Chrétien. In the Centre Department, another 6-month intervention is taking place in Baptiste through our partner UCOCAB, supporting local farmers with urgent provision of fertilizers, coffee and vegetable seeds in time for the next harvest season.

LWR IN THE COUNTRY

LWR began working in Haiti in 1997 to advance rural development, increase food security and gender equality, protect natural resources and strengthen partners' organizational capacity. After Haiti's devastating earthquake in 2010, LWR provided material resources and support to restore lost livelihoods, while also working to strengthen rural communities taking in those displaced by the disaster. Currently, LWR programs increase smallholder farmers' participation in value chains, improve food security and promote reforestation in northern Haiti.

For additional information about LWR's response to Hurricane Matthew and other emergencies around the world, please visit lwr.org. You can also join the conversation about how LWR is assisting those affected by the hurricane and how you can help at facebook.com/LuthWorldRelief or twitter.com/LuthWorldRelief.



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