



Central America Drought Emergency Response

EXPECTED RESULTS

Southwestern Honduras:

- **3,675** vulnerable individuals in drought-affected municipalities have access to sufficient nutritious foods and essential non-food items
- **735** households supported for three months with **vouchers and cash** for purchase of food and essential non-food items
- Other goods and services businesses in local economy are stimulated by distribution of **\$100 one-time cash stimulus bonus** to beneficiary households

Eastern Guatemala:

- **265 female-headed households** receive **cash transfers** to ensure sufficient food access during drought
- **1,305 vulnerable individuals** in beneficiary households receive sufficient food rations for two months

OBJECTIVES

- Provide most vulnerable households with immediate **humanitarian relief** to improve **food security** and nutrition
- **Test and strengthen** capacity of **rural credit institutions** to serve as a channel for emergency cash distributions in emergency responses
- **Give women a long-term voice** in their communities by **strengthening their administrative and economic capacities** in the household
- **Re-activating failing local economies** amidst drought-related crop and livelihood losses
- **Strengthen the capacity of community institutions** to plan for and lead response to cyclical drought emergencies



QUICK FACTS

LWR is working with the Lutheran World Federation and Comisión de Acción Social Menonita in Eastern Guatemala and Southwestern Honduras to:

- Provide 4,980 individuals in 1,000 vulnerable households with access to sufficient food rations during severe drought shortage
- Strengthen local institutional capacity to plan for and lead drought response

LWR has worked in Central America since 1972. By 2015, LWR's annual regional portfolio exceeded \$10 million - including projects in agricultural value chains and food security. LWR believes that in times of natural disaster, emergency support must meet peoples' immediate needs while also building greater resiliency and long term stability in communities.

In Central America, LWR responds to emergencies by working with community leaders and organizations to design responses that meet local needs, and follow international standards. Specifically, LWR provides food rations, non-food items, hygiene kits and water treatment supplies immediately following disasters, while also providing seeds and other inputs to help affected communities reestablish food production and income generating activities. These resources complement LWR's long-term commitments to help affected rural communities build more resilient production systems and communities by reducing vulnerability and strengthening their ability to respond to future disasters.

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