

SITUATION REPORT

Hurricane Matthew - Haiti

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BY THE NUMBERS*

546

people killed

1,410,774

people in need

141,000

people in temporary shelters

806,000

people are food insecure

3,700

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.*



Credit: ACT Alliance

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti on October 4 as a powerful Category 4 storm triggering flash floods, landslides and mudflows endangering lives and leading to extensive property damage. The departments of Grand'Anse, Sud, Nippes and Sud-Est were heavily impacted by the storm while the Ouest and Nord-Ouest departments were also affected. Emergency shelter, food and water are a high priority, and disease outbreak remains a major concern as 3,700 cases of cholera have already been reported and the numbers may continue to rise.

According to the latest United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Situation Report, the government estimates that more than 1.4 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, which is 12.9 percent of the country. More than 141,000 people are living in 204 temporary shelters and 806,000 people are at an extreme level of food insecurity. Further, some 750,000 people will require access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation services for the next three months.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE EFFORTS

The United Nations and international organizations are supporting the government's response in affected areas. Deployed teams are on the ground and are carrying out multiple operations consisting of needs assessment, aid distribution and overall field coordination. The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) has launched an appeal for \$119.8 million in emergency funding. Lutheran World Relief is a member of the ACT Alliance, which is also seeking \$11.2 million in emergency funding through an ACT Appeal to address the urgent needs in affected communities.

LWR – ACTIONS TAKEN AND NEXT STEPS

LWR has staff on the ground and is coordinating with key local partners and the Haitian government to best direct an emergency response to Hurricane Matthew. The immediate response, which now amounts to \$1.2 million, will reach 50,000 people in some of the most affected areas (this includes 4,600 people reached with 100 community water filtration units).

Based on LWR's recent emergency assessment in the Nord-Ouest Department, 60 percent of crops and plantations have been destroyed and 60 percent of irrigation canals were damaged; 90 percent of fruits from trees were lost and 80 percent of fish traps were destroyed.

LWR is also supporting distributions led by Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) that will reach more than 10,000 people. NCA is distributing hygiene kits that include water purification tablets, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste and laundry soap. The same families are also receiving LWF shelter kits, which include two tarps, two blankets and rope per the Haitian Government guidelines. In addition to these items, LWR has shipped 7,260 Quilts, 8,740 Personal Care Kits, 6,500 School Kits, 1,200 Baby Care Kits and 3,000 pounds of soap as part of our Material Resource assistance program. These items will be distributed in the Sud Department by LWF and in the Nord-Ouest Department by LWR's partner Ansanm pou yon DEMen Miyò an Ayiti (ADEMA).

In a joint effort with ADEMA and the ACT Alliance, LWR's immediate and longer term response in the Nord-Ouest will also focus on food security through the distribution of seeds, livestock, fishing equipment, and a cash-for-work (CFW) program to continue the clearing of 8.37 km of roads and irrigation canals. Targeted communities include Bombardopolis, Baine-de-Henne, Mole Saint Nicolas and Jean Rabel.

In the Sud, Nippes and Sud-Est Departments, LWR is currently drafting an extended response to reach affected families in remote communities with the support of local partners. This immediate assistance will support families with hygiene kits, household reconstruction, the provision of agricultural seeds and clearing of irrigation canals.



Credit: ACT Alliance

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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