

HURRICANE MATTHEW

Situation Report No. 5 Date: 04 October 2016 3:00pm



HIGHLIGHTS

- At 7:00am, Hurricane Matthew (Category 4) made landfall near Les Anglais, Haiti (pop. approximately 27,182) and is moving 9mph (15 km/h) winds remain near 145 mph (230 km/h)
- A Hurricane Warning is in effect for: Haiti, Eastern Cuban provinces, the Bahamas, and Turks and Caicos Islands, Matthew is supposed to affect these countries in the next 24 hours

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Hurricane Matthew formed near the Windward Islands on September 28, 2016 and as a Tropical Storm, Matthew impacted Barbados, Dominica, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- 601.241 people in shelters in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Cuba

RESPONSE ACTIONS:

HAITI

- One death and one missing reported
- 340,000 people in 1,300 emergency shelters

Government:

- Two islands in southern region (Ilet a Brouee and Caille a l'eau) have been evacuated
- Red alert has been declared and the airport remains closed until Wednesday, October 6, 2016 and restrictions to maritime traffic are in place
- National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) and PAHO EOC have been activated

PAHO/WHO:

Field Assessments

- After initial assessments, communications was interrupted in South Department due to a destroyed antenna
- Lot of damage, flooding, and destroyed homes
- 5 new cases of Cholera reported on October 3 in Randel

Health Facilities

- Health facilities were well prepared, however there are still no communications with a few, especially with a health facility in Cavaillon, where patients were transferred to another hospital
- Hôpital de Immaculée Conception was completely evacuated

Preparatory Information

- 3 experts deployed (LOG (2)/HEALTH COORD) and PAHO-HTI declared emergency
- Evacuated half of population in Les Cayes (pop. approximately 87,000) on Saturday
- Coordinating response with El COUN (NEOC) and MSPP (central and local levels)
- PAHO-HTI has activated its Preparedness and Response Plan for Emergencies and Disasters as well as its Business Continuity Plan. The Situation Room has been established with designated staff and the office building and equipment have been secured
- 2 Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) on stand-by, 4 monitoring the situation, and 11 are following EMT information through Virtual OSOCC

Information from 6:00am-9:00am

Department	City	6:00 AM
West	HUEH Port au Prince	The Director is awaiting news
	Petit Goave	Unreachable
Artibonite	Gonaives	Intact
North West	Port de Paix	Intact
North	Cap Haitian	Intact
North East	Fort Liberte	Intact
Center	Hinche	Unreachable
	Mirebalais	Unreachable
Nippes	Miragoane	Intact 30 persons have taken refuge inside
South-East	Jacmel	Intact
South	Les Cayes	Entirely evacuated yesterday night (3 october) to Cavaillon
	Cavaillon	Unreachable
Grand'Anse	Jeremie	OK except for the roof of the administration
	Dame Marie	Unreachable

BAHAMAS/TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Government:

- National and Health EOC has been activated
- Evacuation flights to the 2 most vulnerable islands were initiated on October 03 with additional evacuation flights planned
- Response teams have been readied and will be ready to deploy when the “all-clear” has been given

Health Facilities

- Health facilities have been equipped with medical and fuel supplies, generators have been checked and satellite phones have been tested and distributed to the 10 identified locations.

PAHO/WHO:

- PAHO Public Health Emergencies (PHE) has prepositioned 3 experts (WASH/DANA/HEALTH COORD) in the PAHO-BHS to assist with post-disaster assessment and response and supporting MoH with technical expertise in their EOC operations

- PAHO-BHS declared an emergency situation for the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Island
- Business continuity plan for EOC operations has been activated at a safe location
- The development of a pre-assessment model to project/predict post-hurricane need of resources has been initiated
- 3 experts have been identified to support Turk and Caicos for post-hurricane rapid assessment

CUBA

- 320,000 people evacuated as a preventative measure to official shelters; those who were not able to evacuate are being closely monitored
- The needs of the vulnerable population (pregnant women, children, and elderly) have been addressed
- Hospitals have made more beds available for priority patients
- 30 emergency medical teams have been deployed to areas of potential risk
- A coordination mechanism has been established in order to assess the response and needs

Government:

Preventative Measures

- Epidemiological and assistance facilities are ready in the possible affected areas to support hurricane operations
- Physicians have been instructed to stay in their communities and to provide emergency attention to the population
- MoH, under the leadership of Civil Defense, has established control center at a provincial and national level.
- Essential medicines, chloride for drinkable water, and other supplies has been prepositioned in potentially affected areas

PAHO/WHO:

- 1 expert (HEALTH COORD) on stand-by

JAMAICA

- 900 people in shelters

Government:

- The MoH's NEOC and all Parish Health EOCs have been activated on a 24 hour basis.
- All hospitals remain open for emergencies only and have adequate water, food and fuel to last for at least 3 days.
- Health emergency transportation, laboratory and blood transfusion services remain available and adequate blood products have been distributed to hospitals
- MoH has aired several public service messages related to water quality, access to medications, preparedness for pregnant women etc.
- The MoH has put systems in place to monitor public health before, during and after the hurricane. This includes water quality, sanitation, food safety and disease surveillance

PAHO/WHO:

- 4 experts deployed (LOG/WASH/ DANA (2))

- PAHO-JAM has activated its Preparedness and Response Plan for Emergencies and Disasters as well as its Business Continuity Plan. The Situation Room has been established with designated staff and the office building and equipment have been secured.
- PAHO has assumed its role as leader of the Health Cluster and meetings have been held with the UN agencies and ODPEM

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Government:

- The EOC has established red alert for provinces bordering Haiti (31 provinces on alert). Possible flooding, overflowing of rivers, and landslides are expected
- 8,180 families displaced have sought shelter with family and friends; 366 official shelters activated
- Defense Ministry: deployed units to provinces under alert; army has prepositioned search and rescue boats in Barahona, Azua and Pedernales; Air Force has positioned search and rescue teams in the Air Command North.
- Police and Military commission (MOPC) are keeping the roads safe and with daily and nocturnal patrols to avoid traffic jams and prevent road accidents
- Press conference to keep the population informed
- Red Cross has activated specialized teams in water and sanitation, psychosocial support, reestablishment of family contact, emergency health and epidemic control
- Ministry of Public Health is in permanent session, activated situation room and ordered activation of hospital emergency plans
- Restriction on maritime activities in place

COLOMBIA

Government:

- 73,000 people affected, especially in the municipalities of Aracataca, Fundación, and Zona Bananera, and Algarrobo
- The National Unit for Disaster and Risk Management authorized the first delivery of emergency humanitarian assistance for affected families in the Magdalena department
- Damage assessment and needs analysis continue in the rest of the departments
- All affected departments: La Guajira, Magdalena, Cesar, Bolivar, and Atlántico
- Alerts remain for the risk of floods and landslides in some areas

OTHER ISLAND STATES

- Barbados, Dominica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Saint Lucia have deactivated their NEOCs, however damage assessments continue with the impacted sectors

NEEDS

- Turks and Caicos has requested assistance with its post hurricane rapid damage assessment
- Jamaica: The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response (ODPEM) has however identified hygiene kits for adults and children, water storage containers, drinking water, tarpaulins and plastic sheeting, portable sanitary facilities and roofing materials as possible needs

PARTNER COORDINATION

IFRC

- 1 expert has been deployed to the Bahamas; activated contingency plan and pre-positioned staff in Haiti and Jamaica
- IFRC regional and global response teams have been placed on alert and a plan of action is being drafted

OCHA

- Deployed UNDAC members to Haiti and Jamaica

WFP

- Activated measures for preparedness

USAID/OFDA

- Strengthened representation in Bahamas and Jamaica and has a team in Haiti

ECHO

- Actively monitoring system and ready for deployment

CWWA

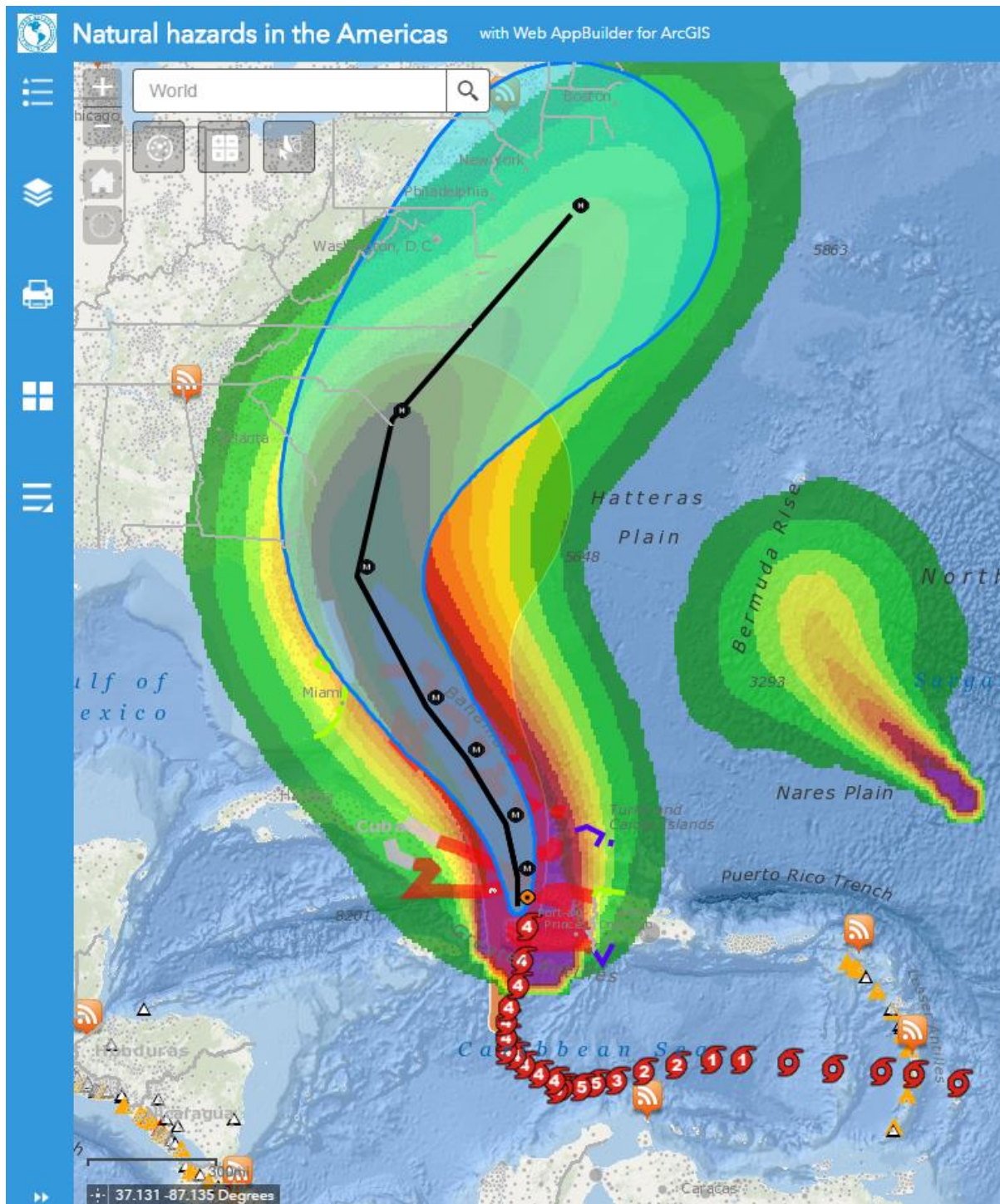
- Offering support to National Water Commission of Jamaica

Global Affairs Canada

- Pre-deployed personnel in Kingston, Jamaica and Haiti

DFID

- Pre-deployed 2 persons to Jamaica and 4 to Haiti



Sources: **CDEMA; OCHA; PAHO-HTI; PAHO-CUB; PAHO-BHS; PAHO-JAM; NOAA-NHC**

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