



SITUATION REPORT: EL SALVADOR FLOODING

11/13/09

Summary

- Heavy persistent rains due the tropical depression associated with Hurricane Ida caused widespread flooding and mudslides in El Salvador, affecting 8 Departments in the South/Central parts of the country.
- Country had reported H1N1 & Dengue outbreaks prior to event.

Impact (information to 11/11/09 1800)

- Number of affected people: 75,000 (15,000 families)
- 157 deaths reported; 58 persons are missing.
- More than 10,000 have been evacuated.

Shelters

- 14,166 persons are being housed in 129 shelters.
- The Department of La Paz reported the largest number of sheltered persons.
- Shelter Health: 13,874 consultations reported.
- Main conditions: acute respiratory infections, skin infections, diarrheal diseases, bacterial conjunctivitis, anxiety, injuries, and pneumonia.

Health Sector

- 25 Health Care Facilities reported damaged
- 1,319 have been seen at Hospitals

Surveillance

- Surveillance established at shelters
- 2 Epidemiologists with expertise in communicable disease being mobilized by PAHO.

Water & Sanitation

- Water purification tablets and water purification kits have been sent from PAHO regional stockpile.
- Well cleaning activities underway

PAHO/WHO Response

- Mobilization of disaster response team comprising Disaster Coordinator, Logistician, Communications expert, Mental health advisor, LSS SUMA expert in country since 11/9
- Additional team members joining
 - 11/13/09 – Disaster Coordinator, Water & Sanitation advisor;
 - 11/14/09 LSS SUMA (3); Water & Sanitation advisor, Epidemiologist, Health Services Advisor
 - 11/16/09 – Disaster Coordinator
- Mobilization of 8,000 treatments of Oseltamivir; 100,000 water treatment tablets, 7 HACH (Water testing) kits, 40 copies Mental Health Guidelines from PAHO stockpile in Panama
- PAHO has released \$170,000 (\$50k from core funds, \$120k from Spain) for immediate emergency assistance.