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## Dominican Republic

# Response to Hurricane Matthew

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### 1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

Hurricane Matthew hit Dominican Republic on 4 October triggering heavy rains, winds, floods and landslides. Up to date there are 4 people killed, (2 girls, 1 child and an adult), 447 houses destroyed, 22,745 people displaced. Crops, bridges and water systems were also destroyed. The National Emergency Centre (NEC) maintains the alert for tropical storm in the 22 provinces, 11 in red and 11 in yellow alert.

### 2. Why is an ACT response needed?

Due the impact at national level, the national capacity to respond is exceeded at communitarian level and also at governmental level, especially on the areas of National District, Monte Plata, San Pedro de Macoris, Barahona, Independencia, San Juan Maguana and Dajabón.

### 3. National and international response

The Dominican government is combining needs assessment and providing support for road and electrical rehabilitation, also providing protection and security to the people and evacuating the most vulnerable people. UN agencies are assessing the level of their involvement in the humanitarian assistance.

### 4. ACT Alliance response

The ACT Dominican Republic Forum, through the Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID), has deployed staff and volunteers in different regions. It has established coordination with local agencies, churches, civil organizations and the governmental Centro de Operaciones de Emergencias (COE) to conduct a need assessment. Volunteers are delivering food, blankets and new-born kits.

### 5. Planned activities

The ACT Dominican Republic Forum is planning to provide basic emergency assistance like food, water, personal hygiene items, mattresses and blankets to 5,300 households distributed in 30 communities from municipalities of Monte Plata, San Pedro de Macoris, Barahona, Independencia, San Juan Maguana and Dajabón, as well as from the capital city. Activities of water and sanitation are also planned for the same communities. A RRF will be requested to support these activities.

### 6. Constraints

The biggest limitation is the lack of financial resources to respond on time.

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