ALERT FLOODS





Cuba

San Salvador, 10 June 2018

SITUATION

As of 25 May 2018, Sub tropical storm Alberto, with maximum sustained winds of 65 km/hour, has passed over Cuba and brought torrential rainfalls (4 inches of water in 24 hours) causing overflowing of rivers and streams. According to Ministry of Interior, Flood waters swept away a bridge and damaged roads and other infrastructure, leaving many communities cut off and nearly 60,000 people without electricity. More than 51,000 Cubans have been evacuated in the affected area. 11 people reported dead, historical figure in Cuba, and 2 disappeared respectively across the affected territories. Approximately 1,384 homes have been affected, with 174 totally collapsed. Reports on damages are still being completed.

An oil spill – which is now under control – was caused by heavy flooding at one of the nation's main oil refineries in Cienfuegos. It has been controlled by local authorities. There has also been substantial damage in the agricultural sector, with crops such as rice, beans, tobacco and bananas particularly affected. Concerns have also been raised about possible waterborne disease outbreaks.

NEEDS

Safe water for human consumption, food security, non-food items, hygiene items have been identified as priority needs, as well as water quality and vector control to be key concerns in recovery to combat vector-borne diseases.

STAKEHOLDERS

Key stakeholders leading monitoring, assessments and rapid response in the region is: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and the Civil Defense. The Cuban government provided emergency supplies and is coordinating the response to the affected population, The Venezuela government donate 12 tons of humanitarian aid.

ACT Alliance

Consejo de Iglesias de Cuba (CIC) an ACT Alliance local member in Cuba, is preparing an RRF proposal, based on the need assessment carried out in preparation to respond. Following the issuance Alert, a Situation Report will be issued by CIC and the ACT Secretariat.

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