

ALERT HURICANE ETA

Honduras and Nicaragua



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SITUATION

By Monday, November 2nd, the National Disaster Authorities for both Nicaragua and Honduras, reports that, given the characteristics of its movement and speed of its winds, ETA has become a Category 4 Hurricane before touching land, by November 4 it has been degraded to Tropical Storm but keep influencing both countries.

The public advisory issued by the National Hurricane Center, in November 2, ETA presented an eyewall of an extremely dangerous hurricane, moving around onshore along the coast of northeastern Nicaragua and Honduras.

It is expected to bring life-threatening **STORM SURGES, CATASTROPHIC WINDS, FLASH FLOODING, AND LANDSLIDES. Even after degrading to Tropical Storm.**

This affirmation is based in the high levels of accumulated precipitations, (between 200-800mm) in both countries. In **Nicaragua** in the areas of Northern Caribbean Autonomous Region (RACN), Jinotega, Matagalpa, Estelí, Chinandega and Carazo; and in Honduras in the Gracias a Dios and Olancho departments.

This season's crops such as basic grains and other staples for food will be affected by high rainfall, what can lead to a famine situation for various regions of the country, depriving families of food.

The health and psychosocial situation is also affected. This event increases risks already flagged by the COVID19 pandemic.

NEEDS

Nicaragua: The hurricane has put the North region in a state of crisis. The hurricane affected persons already in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs.

Honduras: this alert will respond to the need in in Gracias a Dios and Olancho.

The list of needs, are:

- Sufficient Food
- Safe Shelter and basic non-food items
- safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure
- Protection services

There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.

STAKEHOLDERS

The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UN Agencies	Click here to enter text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Red Cross Red Crescent Movement	Click here to enter text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military presence	Nicaraguan Army, Nicaraguan National police
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National NGOs	Click here to enter text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil society groups	Click here to enter text.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faith based groups	Nicaragua: Churches and Religious leaders Honduras: CODELES

The emergency response is currently being coordinated by SINARED To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.

ACT Alliance

The members of the ACT Alliance in Nicaragua and Honduras are active, monitoring the development of the Hurricane ETA and are in contact with authorities, partners, and other NGOs in preparation to respond. Staff are preparing to submit a funding proposal to provide a rapid humanitarian response.

In both countries, any planned activity will be led by the Forum of each country

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In addition to life-saving assistance, ACT Alliance will strive to integrate DRR, preparedness, climate change, within its response. After the issuance of the alert, the Forum and the ACT Secretariat will issue concept notes and status reports based on the need's assessments.

Please notice that due to the COVID19 current situation, we will set activities aligned with the duty of care towards our beneficiaries, volunteers, and staff.

ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.

The ACT forum is planning to submit a funding proposal to provide food security and shelter and non-food items to ensure that the hurricane affected persons' basic needs are met.



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