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## MEXICO:TROPICAL STORM LANE

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### In Brief

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The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to achieve the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

#### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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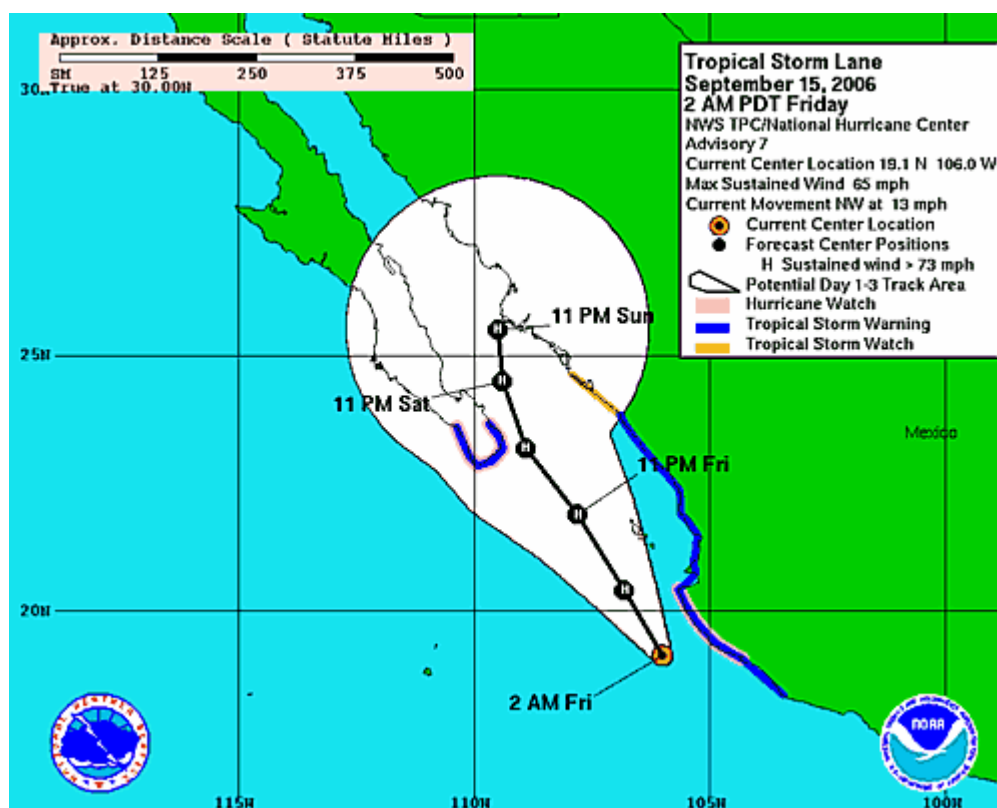
## The Situation

Tropical Storm Lane became the twelfth named storm of the 2006 Hurricane season late on 13 September, threatening communities along the Pacific coast of Mexico, as it continued to strengthen, and following in the track of Hurricane John – which had struck the very same areas a mere two weeks earlier.

As of 5AM PDT on 15 September, the centre of Tropical Storm Lane was located near latitude 19.3N and longitude 106.1 W or about 165 km west of Manzanillo and about 565 km SE of Cabo San Lucas. The National Hurricane Centre reports that the core of Tropical Storm Lane continues to move parallel to the Mexican coast between Manzanillo and Cabo Corrientes, with maximum sustained winds of 100km/hour and forecasts of possible strengthening to hurricane force later in the day. Lane is moving to the NW near 19km/hour and a gradual turn to the NNW is expected. This would keep Lane offshore – although even a slight deviation of this projected track to the east could bring the storm to the mainland coast, with the possibility of landslides and flash floods once again threatening these remote coastal communities and tourism centres in Baja California.

A hurricane warning is in effect for the Islas Marias, while a tropical storm warning remains in effect from Punta San Telmo to La Cruz. A hurricane watch also remains in effect along the Pacific coast from Manzanillo to Cabo Corrientes, and for Baja California from Buena Vista southward along the east coast, and from Agua Blanca southward along the west coast.

The present track has Lane affecting the southern coast of Baja California as a hurricane during Saturday 16 September.



## Red Cross action

The International Federation's Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU), based in Panama, has been in close contact with Mexican Red Cross (MRC) since Tropical Storm Lane began threatening the Pacific coast of Mexico.

Mexican Red Cross Branches in the State of Southern Baja California have been put on alert. The MRC's national emergency response team has been mobilized and is on stand-by to travel to the most affected areas as necessary,

in order to provide immediate relief, assist with evacuations, search and rescue operations, as well as provide initial first aid and medical assistance, as required. In addition, 2,000 food parcels are being shipped to the area, in anticipation of possible needs.

***Coordination and Information***

PADRU remains in regular communication with the Mexican Red Cross, as the storm progresses. In addition, PADRU is in close contact with the Federation's Operations Support Department (OSD) at the Headquarters, for possible activation of global response tools such as FACT and ERU, as the situation warrants.

A special page on the Regional Federation website at [www.cruzroja.org](http://www.cruzroja.org) has been created and is being up-dated on a regular basis.

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