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Caribbean: Tropical Storm Harvey

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Red Cross Movement actors currently involved in the operation: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the French Red Cross-PIRAC (Regional Intervention Platform for the Americas and the Caribbean), Barbados Red Cross Society, Honduran Red Cross, Nicaraguan Red Cross, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross Society,	
N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)	

This bulletin is being issued for information only; it reflects the current situation and details available at this time.

The Situation

According to the United States' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Centre (NHC), the centre of Tropical Storm Harvey was located near latitude 13.4 north, longitude 62.9 west at 5 pm Atlantic Standard Time (AST) (2100 Coordinated Universal Time [UTC]). Harvey is moving toward the west at around 21 mph (33 km/h), and this general motion is expected to continue for the next couple of days. On the forecast track, the Harvey's centre will move through the eastern Caribbean Sea today, 18 August 2017 and move into the central Caribbean Sea on Saturday, 19 August 2017. Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph (65 km/h), with higher gusts; however, slow strengthening is forecast over the next 48 hours.

Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles (110 km) from the storm's centre. The minimum central pressure estimated from Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft data and surface observations is 1005 mb (29.68 inches).

Watches and Warnings

A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for:

There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect.



Predicted five-day trajectory of Tropical Storm Harvey as of 5 pm AST, 18 August 2017. Source: NOAA

Interests in the Caribbean Sea and the adjacent land areas of eastern Central American and northern South America should monitor the progress of Harvey.

Regional preliminary damage assessment

Situation in Dominica:

The Dominica Red Cross Society has not reported any damage.

Situation in Martinique:

French Red Cross Branch of Martinique has not reported any damage.

Situation in Saint Lucia:

The Saint Lucia Red Cross Society has not reported any damage

Situation in Barbados:

The Barbados Red Cross Society reported flooding in the northern and western parts of the island, and some houses were reportedly damaged. The “all clear” was given for people to return to work at 12 pm today. The Barbados Red Cross Society considers the impact on the country to be low; however, the National Society is monitoring the ongoing assessments to determine if any action is needed; particularly the agricultural sector.

Situation in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

The Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Red Cross Society reported flooding and a power outage on the northern part of the island. Following the rapid assessment, the National Society reported no significant damage to any of the major economic and social sectors. The National Society praised its volunteers’ and community disaster response team’s (CDRT) reporting of the developing situation in the communities and for their overall incident management.

Estimated Damage

Source: PDC Advisory Nb.5

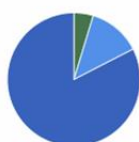
Exposure by province

	Estimated wind impact	Wind Speed (km/hour)	Pop. Belize	Pop. Guatemala	Pop. Honduras	Pop. Mexico	Pop. Nicaragua	Pop. SVG	TOTAL
Catastrophic damage	183.6 - 720.0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Severe damage	152.3 - 183.6		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wide spread damage	129.6 - 152.3		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate damage (5% damage)	105.8 - 129.6		0	0	21	0	0	0	21
Minor damage; power out	91.1 - 105.8		63,702	0	79,225	0	2	0	142,929
Trees down; some power loss	76.0 - 91.1		145,556	2,339	798,162	67,390	41,052	0	1,054,499
Branches breaking	61.2 - 76.0		102,222	332,547	1,632,294	163,073	102,131	1,182	2,333,449
Large tree sway	48.2 - 61.2		1,515	904,770	2,728,296	246,439	200,198	86,338	4,167,556
Small tree sway	33.5 - 48.2		0	5,863,556	2,965,238	3,975,797	1,573,041	10,568	14,388,200
			312,995	7,103,212	8,203,236	4,452,699	1,916,424	98,088	22,086,654

Belize



Guatemala



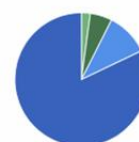
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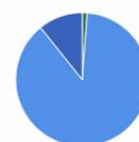
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Nicaragua



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Dashboard overview of estimated Tropical Storm Harvey damage by country. Source: Dashboard

National Society actions

Honduran Red Cross:

- Pre-positioning stock (jerry cans, hygiene kits, blankets and kitchen sets) for 1,000 families
- Activated its branches and the four regional presidents are monitoring the situation
- Coordination with the Permanent Contingency Commission (COPECO for its acronym in Spanish)
- Will activate the national emergency operations centre (EOC) if needed

Nicaraguan Red Cross:

- Pre-positioning stock (jerry cans, hygiene kits, blankets and kitchen sets) for 1,000 families
- Will activate the national EOC if needed

PIRAC actions

- Activated the Caribbean disaster management (DM) coordinator focal point
- Maintained close coordination between regional office for the Americas, Caribbean country cluster, the IFRC staff in Barbados and National Societies' DM focal point
- Maintained close coordination with the French Red Cross' branch in Martinique

IFRC actions

- Developed a [Dashboard](#) for the Tropical Storm Harvey
- Issued a Regional Intervention Team (RIT) alert
- The IFRC's disaster management coordinator for the Caribbean has been in contact with the affected National Societies in the Caribbean and the IFRC's country cluster office in the Caribbean
- Actively participating in CDEMA meetings
- Continuous contact with the IFRC's country cluster offices in the Caribbean and Central America
- Maintaining communication with the Honduran and Nicaraguan National Societies to monitor the situation

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The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.



The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.

Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace