



# SITUATION REPORT

## CENTRAL AMERICA HURRICANES



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### SITUATION

On November 3, 2020, Hurricane Eta made landfall in Nicaragua as a Category 4 storm. Less than two weeks later, Hurricane Iota hit just 15 miles away from Hurricane Eta's landfall. Hurricane Iota was the strongest hurricane of the season at Category 5, but weakened to a Category 4 at time of landfall.

These back-to-back major hurricanes caused devastation throughout Nicaragua, Honduras, and neighboring countries. Over 200 people died as a result of the hurricanes and over 183,000 homes were damaged across Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Additionally, at least 75% of crops in Nicaragua were destroyed, leading to food shortages and loss of income.



### RESPONSE

In Honduras and Nicaragua, Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with ACT Alliance and local partners in relief activities, such as providing hygiene kits, cash assistance, and food packages. Long-term recovery will also begin through repairing water systems, revitalizing agricultural livelihoods, psychosocial care, and disaster preparedness training.

Lutheran Disaster Response is also supporting Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua Fe y Esperanza in their response. They are distributing food to families impacted by the hurricanes, as well as supporting farmers by providing seeds and fertilizers and repairing irrigation systems. LDR is also responding in Guatemala through Iglesia Luterana Augustina de Guatemala. They are distributing hygiene kits, food packages, and solar lamps to families affected by the hurricanes.



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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### Pray

Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the hurricanes in Central America. May God's healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

#### Give

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