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## Background

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The emergency preparedness project aims at supporting national entities in localizing humanitarian logistics capacities and strengthening their capacity to prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises. The project focuses on the integration of actors involved in emergency preparedness and response and already participating to the Humanitarian Country Team (EHP for its acronym in Spanish), as well as to involve the private sector actors.

The key strategic lines of the project, defined with the National Disaster Management Agency (CONRED), are:

Challenge	Line of action
 <p>Information on logistics capacities of national authorities and the humanitarian community.</p>	Mapping of logistics capacities, common critical gaps, and solutions (action plan) with CONRED (government actors) and the EHP (humanitarian community).
 <p>Integration of humanitarian community actors (public, private, Civil Society Organization (CSO)) and standardized sector response protocols.</p>	Elaboration and/or revision of protocols, with emphasis on transportation, purchases of goods and services, collection centres especially with the private sector.

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## Quarterly highlights

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- The Field Logistic Preparedness Expert arrived in Guatemala in August to initiate the project.
- A high-level meeting with the institutional partner (CONRED – governmental Secretariat for Disaster Reduction) was held, with the participation of the Executive Secretary of CONRED, the Country Director of WFP Guatemala and their staff. The meeting aimed at positioning the project and key strategic lines were identified. The CONRED supports the project and synergies will be considered with the revision of the Emergencies National Response Plan (ongoing).
- Meetings with the Humanitarian Country Team (EHP) were held to introduce the project (almost 50 participants, mostly NGOs representatives).
- Elaboration of an e-survey for the capacity mapping exercise (humanitarian actors and government entities) in the fact-finding phase. The survey will be published in October and the results will be used to identify the main logistic challenges and gaps, it will guide the agenda and discussion at the National Workshop (e.g., themes and working groups) to be held in November.
- Meetings with the Agriculture Private Sector Chamber (CAMAGRO) were held, focusing on the involvement of the private sector with the EHP, and specifically on the elaboration of protocols for donations and transport during emergencies. The private sector showed a strong interest in establishing better modalities of collaboration and participation to the emergency response, in coordination with CONRED. The project and WFP Guatemala are currently developing a concept note for collaboration.

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