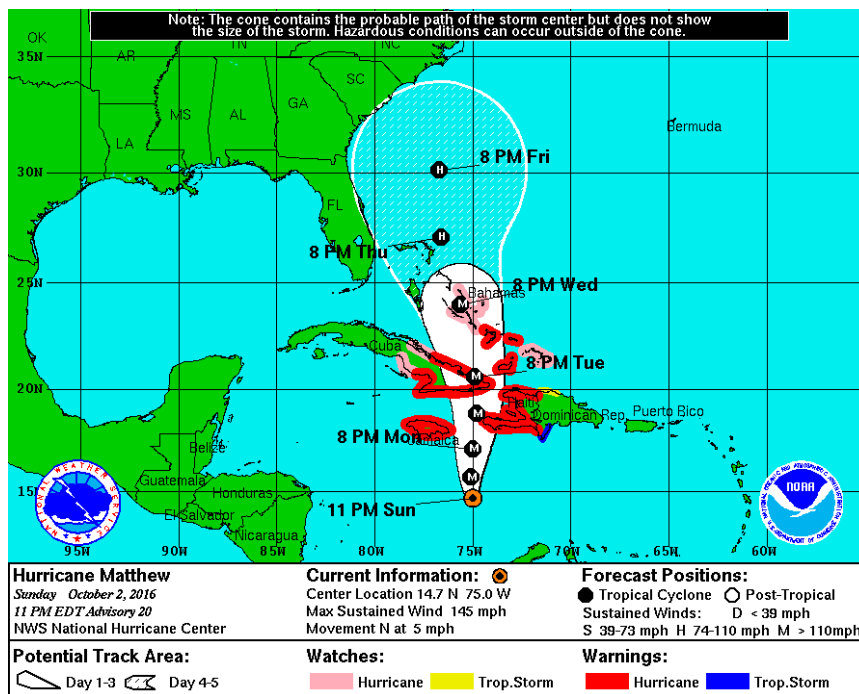


HURRICANE MATTHEW- SITUATION REPORT #1

3 October 2016

Weather situation

Hurricane Matthew still represents a major threat to Haiti. Matthew maintains its trajectory towards the northwest. Matthew has a strong capacity of rainfall ranging from 300mm to 600 mm. It could dump heavy rains in the coming hours, with flood risk, flows of important sludge, landslides, collapses of house and very high sea. These accumulations of rain during the passage of Hurricane Matthew from Monday to Tuesday could cause severe flooding, important mudslides and of flash floods all over the country especially on the southern departments, of Nippes, Grande-Anse, South East and West.*



Situation in the country

- The President of the Republic addressed the nation about the imminent passage of Hurricane Matthew in the country this Sunday, October 2nd.
- Emergency operations centres are always active and outreach activities were strengthened.
- 234 shelters are open across the country. Departmental directors of Education are in permanent contact with the departmental technical coordinators to vacate schools to serve as shelters.
- The National Office of Civil Aviation (OFNAC) sent to airlines an official note concerning closure of airports of Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haitien from Monday October 3 at six a.m. to Wednesday, October 5 at six p.m.
- The SEMANAH (Maritime and navigation Service of Haiti) prohibits all cabotage operations in coastal areas of the country. Vessels must stay in their home port or in sheltered areas until further notice. The body of a fisherman lost at sea last Saturday, was found Sunday afternoon in the mouth of Ozanana (commune of Saint Jean du Sud). The human toll also reports of a fisherman lost at sea in the town of Aquin.
- The Ministry of Education has sent an official note announcing the closure of schools on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October 2016.

*Source: Centre d'opérations d'urgence national Ouragan Matthew Rapport de situation #2, 3 octobre 2016

Actions of UNICEF and partners

- Over the past days UNICEF has been working frantically with the Government and the humanitarian community in order to preposition crucial stocks for 10,000 people.
- This prepositioning was carried out in three areas: the South, the Artibonite and Northwest. In each of these areas, an immediate response is ready to be offered to 650 families through multisectoral aid kits. These contain hygiene kits, water treatment at home, a mosquito net, a bucket and soap.
- UNICEF's partners "Emergencies and Cholera " for these zones are permitted to support the Departmental Emergency Operations Centers of the DPC (Civil Protection Directorate) for any rapid diagnostic initiative and first intervention. (ACTED in the South and Grande Anse, Solidarité Internationale in the Nippes and in the South East, ACF in Artibonite and in the Northwest, the French Red Cross and Solidarité Internationale in the West, Oxfam in the Centre and in North East.)
- UNICEF also supported the DINEPA (National Directorate of Water Supply and Sanitation) for prepositioning equipment in all departments. This contingency stock will meet the first assistance activities in Water Sanitation and Hygiene. A truck is immediately available to carry additional "DINEPA equipment" (bladders of water storage, slabs for emergency toilets, chlorine, etc.) in the most affected areas.
- Two other trucks are ready to go for local support on request of the State or one of our partners for local equipment transport.
- Regarding human resources, UNICEF Haiti has activated a crisis management team. This small team ensures work continuity in the Office and manages the crisis. In anticipation of significant damage, two UNICEF staff multisectoral teams were identified to support departments in rapid needs assessments. Another team will support the first answers in the departments.
- Prepositioning of equipment was carried out taking into account the recent alerts of cholera cases in order to avoid the hurricane Matthew has an impact on the epidemic.
- Finally, emergency education materials (school kits, tents, early childhood development kits, etc.) is available in Panama, ready to be sent if needed.

UNICEF Haiti in the Media

- Two interviews were given by Marc Vincent, UNICEF Representative in Haiti. One for Radio Canada, the other for the BBC.
- Find an article on preparing Haiti UNICEF and its partners Matthew hurricane on our blog Timounyo: <http://timounyo.com/thoughts-before-matthew/?lang=en>
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