



Cuba

Hurricane Ian Humanitarian Situation Report No.1

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Highlights

On 26 th September Cuban Civil Defense declared a cyclonic alert phase for 6 western territories (Pinar del Río, Artemisa, Mayabeque, Havana, Matanzas, Cienfuegos, and the special municipality of Isla de la Juventud) and an information phase for the central ones (Villa Clara, Sancti Spíritus, Ciego of Ávila).

In the early hours of September 27th of 2022, hurricane Ian, category 3 made landfall at Pinar del Río province through La Coloma with maximum sustained winds of 205km/h with higher gusts.

Strong impacts due to winds, rainfall and storm surges directly affected the special municipality of Isla de la Juventud and the Provinces of Pinar del Río and Artemisa, causing great damages to infrastructure, housing, and agriculture according to preliminary reports.

The situation has been aggravated by the collapse of the national electric system resulting in 100% electricity cut in Cuba for more than 24 hours without any announcement of prompt restoration.

Data including Pinar del Río, Artemisa, Isla de la Juventud and Havana

636, 218

children from 0 to 18 years old not attending schools in the most affected areas

3,303, 521

people affected in cyclone alarm

2, 271 schools and **475** daily care centers

+50,000

people evacuated to schools, state shelters and family and neighbour's home

2 casualties (no children reported)

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

In the midst of the current cyclonic season, the passage of Cyclone Ian aggravates the country's already complex economic situation and the epidemiological context due to the high incidence of dengue and the permanence of COVID-19. Preliminary reports mention serious damages to infrastructure, including housing, schools, health facilities and other services. Accurate data is still not available as Cuban authorities will be assessing today the impact of the hurricane.

The context could be aggravated by the current political situation characterized by growing demonstrations and discontent that could lead to social instability and greater deterioration.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

- The government of the Republic of Cuba is leading the response to the Emergency through The Civil Defense. At the moment, it has not requested international support, although specific requests are expected in the course of the next few days.
- The CO keeps track of the country's situation. It has taken the corresponding measures for the physical protection of its premises and its equipment and has shared protection recommendations with all the staff.
- UNETE remains activated and contact is maintained with national authorities for the coordination of a possible response.
- UNICEF is leading sectoral response in WASH and Education.

Humanitarian Strategy

The CO is working with Cuban authorities and the UNS through UNETE to identify priority needs as well as the intervention plan. Up to this moment 5 clusters have been activated: Wash, food security, health, education, house and recovery.

CO's response:

Prepositioned material that will be delivered in coordination with the government:

Education:

- 6,000 m2 roof waterproofing blankets
- 140 kits with school material for 5,600 girls and boys from 6 to 18 years old.
- 154 recreational recreation kits for 13,860 girls and boys from 6 to 18 years old.
- 38 Early Childhood (EC) Kits for 1,900 girls from 1 to 5 years old.
- 1,500 10 liter tanks for water storage in education centers including homes for girls and boys without family support.

The CO is also currently in the procurement process to purchase additional 6,000 m2 roof waterproofing blankets and additional 46 kit EC kits started to benefit 2,300 girls and boys from 1 to 5 years old).

WASH:

- 12,755 10-liter tanks for water storage that will benefit 6,376 families and 478 kits that, if necessary, will guarantee basic hygiene conditions to 2,390 families

Media and External Communication

The CO is monitoring all digital and traditional media outlets to ensure proper images and information about the situation of the most affected areas. It has also contacted field photographers to obtain images about the impact on families and children due to the hurricane. The CO has promoted messages to encourage families and the public to take preventive and protection measures prior to the hurricane and to provide them with psycho-emotional resources. The CO has also prepared key messages, draft statements and press releases to be used if necessary.

Partners:

Cuban government, National Civil Defense, UNS Agencies.

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