

## **HURRICANE RELIEF NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA & OTHERS IN CENTRAL AMERICA**

---

**Americas** Humanitarian Logistics Relief Team  
RELIEF LOGISTICS CENTER

**Date: OCTOBER 7, 2005**

**Sub: HURRICANE STAN DAMAGE**

---

### **SUMMARY:**

AMERICAS RELIEF TEAM IS BEING ACTIVATED TO RESPOND TO CRITICAL RELIEF AID FOR GUATEMALA AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

### **ACTION:**

AMERICAS RELIEF TEAM MEMBERS AND COLLABOTRATORS ARE BEING ASKED TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP PROVIDE EMMERGENCY RELIEF IN EFFECTIVE WAYS TO THOSE WITH THE GREATEST NEEDS.

---

210 people have been confirmed dead in floods and mudslides in Central America and southern Mexico in the last few days in the wake of Tropical Storm Stan. Rain-sodden hills collapsed throughout the region. Most of the dead were peasants, many of whom had lived in wooden and tin shacks.

Guatemala confirmed 119 deaths and said the toll would rise. At least 65 people were dead in [El Salvador](#), 13 in Mexico, 10 in [Nicaragua](#) and 3 in [Honduras](#).

Soldiers across Central America and southern Mexico tried to reach flooded areas with drinking water, food and medical kits, but relentless rain and washed-out roads made it difficult. Meteorologists predicted the rain would continue for the rest of the week. The flooding came from storms set off by the hurricane, which hit Mexico from the Atlantic early this week.

Flooding cut off dozens of fishing villages on Guatemala's Pacific coast, and another potentially deadly mudslide was reported Thursday at the Tacumulco volcano near Mexico.

Here is a summary by region:

**El Salvador:** In the worst-affected country of El Salvador, nearly 55,000 people are currently being housed in 370 temporary shelters around the country. At

least 65 people have died and an estimated 540,000 people – about 10% of the population – have been seriously affected by the floods.

**Mexico:** Major damage from Hurricane/Tropical Storm Stan – adding to damage caused by two previous hurricanes, Rita and Otis – has been inflicted on the states of Chiapas (over 200,000 people affected), Veracruz (38,000 people affected) and Oaxaca, with significant destruction in the states of Guerrero, Tabasco, Campeche, Yucatan and Quintana Roo. Up to now, over 480 municipalities have been affected, with about 800,000 to 1 million persons affected. Eleven deaths have been recorded, while an estimated 110 people have been injured. More than 280,000 people have been displaced, and approximately 2,200 houses have been totally destroyed, while 6,000 houses have been partially destroyed.

**Guatemala:** In Guatemala, floods have killed at least 119 people so far, mostly in landslides. Approximately 38,000 people are affected by flooding in more than 194 communities, where nearly 4,000 houses have been destroyed and more than 12,000 residents have been evacuated.

Here is a list of all the important contacts (Please, whenever possible, copy me with your correspondence):

### **GUATEMALA CORPORATE CONTACT**

Erbert Villanueva  
SERVIMERC LOGISTICS  
7a Avenida 14-44 zona 9  
Edif, La Galeria Planta Baja  
Oficina 19 Guatemala City.  
Ph:(502) 2361-3228 (502) 2361-3229  
Fax:(502) 2331-3421  
E-mail: servimerc@intelnett.com

### **CONSULAR CONTACTS**

#### **GUATEMALA**

Coral Gables Consular Office:  
1101 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1003-S, South Tower, Miami, FL 33131  
(305) 679-9945 / 9946 / 9947 / 9948 FAX (305) 679-9983

#### **EL SALVADOR**

Miami Consular Office:

300 Biscayne Boulevard Way, Suite 1020, Miami, FL 33131  
(305) 371-8850 FAX (305) 371-7820  
E-mail: [conelsal@elsal.net](mailto:conelsal@elsal.net)

## **MEXICO**

Miami Consular Office:  
1200 NW 78th Avenue, Suite 200, Miami, FL 33126  
(305) 716-4977 FAX (305) 593-2758  
E-mail: [conmexmia@at&t.net](mailto:conmexmia@at&t.net)

## **AMERICAS RELIEF TEAM LOGISTICS CENTER CONTACT**

Liza Garcia  
G.O.A.L. Inc.  
1740 NW. 69th Ave.  
Miami, FL 33126  
Tel: 305-500-7810 x.6215  
Fax: 305-500-7806  
Email: [LIZAG@GOALINTL.COM](mailto:LIZAG@GOALINTL.COM)

---

### **Americas**Relief Team

Americas Relief Team is a Florida private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters. Americas Relief Team reacts to immediate crisis, provides ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief.

---

## **ONE PHONE CALL! BANK DEPOSITORY OF CHARITY CARGO**

Americas Relief Team maintains a Bank Depository of Charity Cargo from air carriers and shipping companies. This inventory of donated or discounted "charity" cargo and in-kind support such as: stevedoring, warehousing and gantry crane space provides the relief organizations the best options for shipping corporate donations fast and efficiently following a disaster in the Caribbean Basin. AmericasRelief Team has at their fingertip every available schedule, including emergency schedules, of air carriers following a disaster in the target Caribbean Basin country.

The Bank Depository is good for air carriers and shipping companies because AmericasRelief Team pre-qualifies the humanitarian and relief

organizations to make sure that the aid will be received and distributed to those with the greatest needs.

---

**For More information Contact:**

**AmericasRelief Team**

Dr. Teo A. Babun, Jr.

Executive Director

P.O. Box 546135

Miami, Florida 33154

Tel: 786-546-0429

Fax: 305-868-3188

E-Mail: [Teob@americasrelief.org](mailto:Teob@americasrelief.org)

WEB: [WWW.AMERICASRELIEF.ORG](http://WWW.AMERICASRELIEF.ORG)

---

***Getting disaster relief in effective ways to our Caribbean Basin friends***