



## ALERT No. 2 Hurricane Ida

November 5, 2009

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**AmericasRelief Team is monitoring this event**

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### **AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center Report**

**The AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center has not been activated; the Center is staffed to help coordinate the shipping of relief aid to victims of the event. However, we anticipate that air relief flights, ocean relief space and co-loading opportunities will develop. We will notify our colleagues, friends and partners of space-available opportunities as this emergency develops.**

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## **Hurricane Ida hits Nicaragua coast**

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Newly born Hurricane Ida ripped into Nicaragua's Atlantic coast on Thursday after forcing more than 2,000 people to flee their homes and knocking out power to some parts of the impoverished region.

The hurricane struck land about 75 miles (125 kilometers) north of Bluefields. It was forecast to weaken while cutting across Honduras before possibly emerging over open water on Saturday — a still-tentative path that could carry it near Mexico's resort of Cancun by midweek.

Ida had winds of 75 mph (120 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center, and it was moving to the northwest at 6 mph (9 kph).

It could dump as much as 20 inches (500 millimeters) of rain in parts as it crosses eastern Nicaragua, with the risk of flash floods and mudslides, according to the Miami-based center.

The storm could also raise coastal water levels by as much as 3 feet (nearly 1 meter) above ground level, with dangerous waves.

There were no immediate reports of deaths, but Nicaragua's National Civil Defense director Mario Perez said more than 2,000 people had been evacuated — 800 of those from flimsy, makeshift homes on Corn Island and nearby Little Corn Island, where strong winds damaged

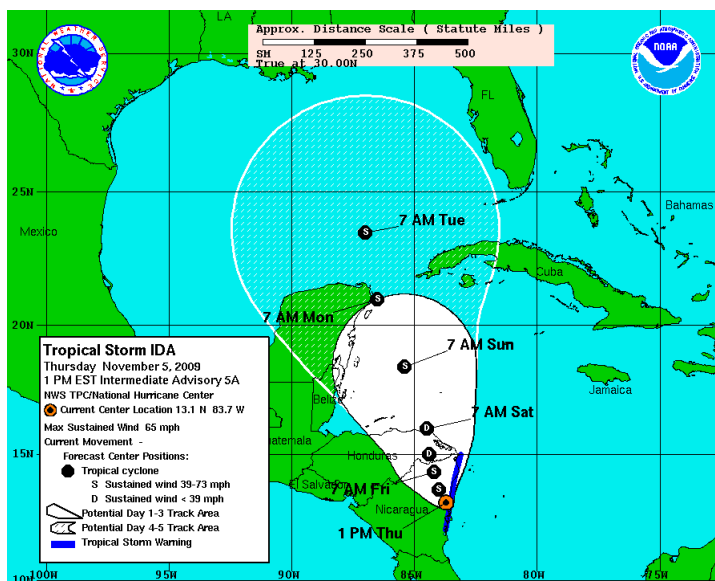
about 45 homes, toppled trees and knocked out power. Residents were taken to the port authority building and concrete hotels.

About 2,500 people live on the two islands, which are popular tourist destinations.

"There is no electricity on the island and telephone is out and there is little water," Perez said.

About 1,100 people had been evacuated in Bluefields, Perez said.

Heavy rains and winds kept officials from evacuating about 80 people on Cayos Perla, but authorities said they planned to use speedboats to get them out.



*Images obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

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### **LINK HERE FOR A PRE-APPROVAL FORM**

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**Contact us at the main office at 305-884-0441 or by e-mail at [info@americasrelief.org](mailto:info@americasrelief.org).**

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## CHARTER FLIGHTS

Charter flights for relief operations are available through **AmericasRelief Team**. Small cargo planes from 10,000 to 40,000 lbs. and larger cargo planes such as DC3, DC8 or DC10 are also available for charter flights to the affected areas.

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We wish to remind Humanitarian NGOs that **AmericasRelief Team** can act as the purchasing manager of your organization. And because we buy from so many sources, our prices are often the most competitive. We are ready to provide quotation on all types of products used during emergencies and for humanitarian purposes: pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, potable water (all types), general supplies, dry goods, canned goods, reconstruction building items, generators, and much more!

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**AmericasRelief 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.**

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