

## **ALERT**

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**AmericasRelief Team**  
**August 20, 2007**

### **HURRICANE DEAN** **Alert No. 2**

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#### **AmericasRelief Team has activated its Emergency Center**

Hurricane Dean, which has already claimed at least six lives, continued its path of destruction overnight as it battered Jamaica with winds of up to 145mph uprooting trees and ripping roofs from houses, while there are fears it could gain strength as it heads towards Mexico today.

The following are updates on critical logistics response items:

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#### **AIR RELIEF FLIGHTS**

At least one air relief flight is being planned to Jamaica, but we have no formal confirmation. Be sure to let us know what your requirements are in the event that we secure space in one or more air relief flights. NGO's aid cargo will be accepted ONLY if they have a receiving & distributing mechanism in place.

**Contact: 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. are available for Jamaica, Yucatan, etc. Larger planes up to DC-3s are also available.

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## **CO-LOADING OF EMERGENCY CARGO**

NGO members and others can take advantage of co-loading opportunities. If you have less than a container load of aid cargo. NGO's aid cargo will be accepted ONLY if they have a receiving & distributing mechanism in place.

At this point we are accepting at no cost, aid supplies up to one 40-foot container for co-loading.

Special thanks to our member ACCO Foreign Shipping for their support.

**In interested contact AmericasRelief Team's logistics member at 305-670-4646 or by e-mail at: [lda@americasrelief.org](mailto:lda@americasrelief.org).**

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## **BANK DEPOSITORY OF CHARITY CARGO**

Americas Relief Team maintains a Bank Depository of Charity Cargo from air carriers and shipping companies; this is an inventory of donated or discounted "charity" cargo and in-kind services. Right now we have at least two 40-foot container spots available for Jamaica, and possibly one 40-foot container spot for Haiti.

We thank our partners Seaboard Marine and Seafreight Agencies for their charity!

**For Bank of Charity cargo 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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## **EMERGENCY PRODUCTS OFFERED**

We have been contacted by the following vendors regarding their emergency relief products:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Vendor &amp; Contact</b>
<b>Telemedicine Capabilities- First-Strike-Efforts</b>	<b>Disaster Logistics RRBerson@disasterlogistics.org</b>
<b>Polyester, Recycled Wool &amp; Other Blankets</b>	<b>American Woolen Company International Rmarcus558@aol.com</b>

Additionally, 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!

### **SEND US A LIST OF THE ITEMS YOU NEED TO PURCHASE**

[Link here to access our Rate Request Form](#)  
[www.americasrelief.org](http://www.americasrelief.org)

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### **DONATED ITEMS AVAILABLE**

Various groups representing the Jamaican Diaspora have been mobilized throughout the City of Miami to collect dry goods, flashlights, and bottled water. These items are available to NGOs for distribution in Jamaica.

**Contacts: For more information, call the Jamaican Consulate office at 305-374-8431, extensions 223 and 232, or visit [www.jamaicacgmiami.org](http://www.jamaicacgmiami.org).**

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### **OTHER OCEAN SHIPMENT OF YOUR HUMANITARIAN CARGO**

Humanitarian NGOs can now maximize their donations by providing more charitable items, while saving funds in the transportation of goods to the hurricane battered areas in Jamaica and Haiti.

We are authorized to offer humanitarian NGOs with weekly sailings to over 80 destinations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. We have guaranteed space with all carriers at most destinations. Our contracts include the handling of less than container load (LCL), full container load (FCL), and Air cargo.

**Contact us for Free Estimates**

**Send us your rate request by email or by fax**

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## **MORE NEWS**

KINGSTON (AFP) - Hurricane Dean rampaged towards the tourist beaches of Mexico on Monday, after battering Jamaica into a state of emergency by downing power lines, ripping off roofs and blocking roads with felled trees.

The category four hurricane, packing winds of 150 miles (240 kilometers) per hour which have so far killed at least five people across the Caribbean basin, whipped up giant surf as it headed south of the Cayman Islands for Belize and Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

Roads were blocked by fallen trees and flooded in the eastern parts of Jamaica, with power cuts affecting thousands of homes.

Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller announced late Sunday that security forces would be granted wider powers after police reported looting across the island.

The state of emergency will be reviewed at a meeting of the Jamaican cabinet later on Monday, but was envisaged for a period of 30 days, and Miller even indicated that national elections on August 27 may be delayed due to Dean.

Mexico was evacuating some 90,000 tourists from the major resort of Cancun and nearby islands of the "Mayan Riviera," as well as some 13,000 workers on more than 140 of its oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

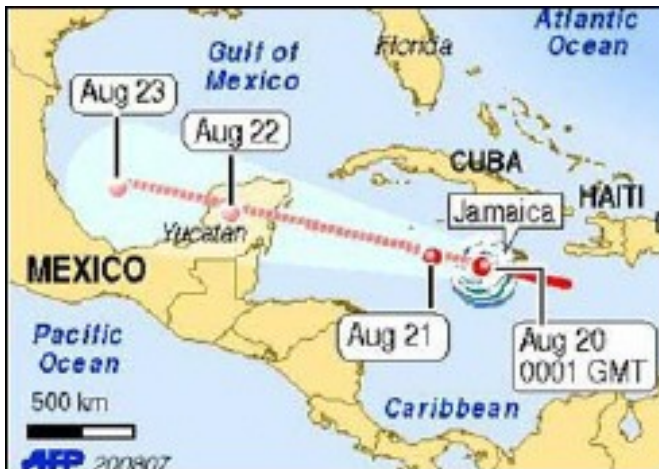
Jamaica's airports have been shut since Saturday, and more than 4,500 people packed into hundreds of shelters opened up by the government around the island amid bitter memories of Hurricane Ivan which killed 14 people in 2004.

Hurricane Dean earlier brushed past Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, lashing it with heavy rain and gale-force winds. Two people were killed in the southeastern town of Moron and southern Tiburon, Haitian officials said, and more than 1,000 people evacuated from low-lying areas.

Two people were also killed in the French territory of Martinique, while in the Dominican Republic a 16-year-old boy was swept away by huge waves and killed. Authorities there warned of the danger of landslides said that 1,580 people had been evacuated and more than 300 houses damaged.



**Jamaica Damage**



**Hurricane Dean Trajectory**



## **Hurricane Dean**

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### **AmericasRelief Team**

**AmericasRelief 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.

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