



ALERT No. 2 Tropical Depression Nine

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ART'S EMERGENCY CENTER REPORT

The **Americas Relief 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.

TROPICAL DEPRESSION NINE

Air Force Reserve hurricane hunter aircraft is scheduled to investigate the depression this afternoon.

The initial motion remains 270/17. The depression is located south of a deep-layer subtropical ridge that is forecast to remain intact for the next 72 hr...Which should keep the cyclone moving generally westward as shown by the tightly clustered track model guidance? After that...the global models are forecasting a shortwave trough to dig southward over the southeastern U.S. And the Gulf of Mexico...which is expected to weaken the ridge across Florida and the Bahamas. This should allow the cyclone to turn west-northwestward and slow down across the north-central Caribbean Sea. The guidance shows more spread during this period...with the UKMET on the right edge showing the cyclone moving along the northern coast of Hispaniola...and the ECMWF and GFS on the left edge showing the system passing south of Hispaniola. The new forecast track is similar to the previous track through 72 hr...Then is a little to the right of the previous track after that. The track is in best agreement with a blend of the GFS and ECMWF models. The depression is currently experiencing light/moderate northeasterly vertical wind shear. This should diminish during the next 24 hr. or so...leaving the cyclone in a favorable environment for development. The new intensity forecast is the same as the previous forecast through 72 hr...Showing the system becoming a tropical storm in 12 hr. and a hurricane in 48 hr. After 72hr...the forecast track brings the system closer to Hispaniola and Cuba than the previous track. Based on this...the intensity forecast during that time has been lowered by 5-10 kt.



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While we hope that this hurricane season will prove to be less active than predicted, we all know that natural disasters will inevitably strike—suddenly and horrifically—somewhere in the region. Therefore **AmericasRelief Team** and corporate partner Laparkan, have arranged for the use of a prepositioning and staging warehouse at no cost to NGOs. Visit our [website](#) for details.

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