

ALERT NO. 1

TROPICAL STORM KARL

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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 STORM KARL FORMS

Tropical Storm Karl has also been strengthening overnight and now has top winds of 65 mph. As of 5 AM EDT Wednesday it was located about 105 miles east of Chetumal, Mexico and was moving to the west-northwest at 13 mph.

Tropical storm warnings remain in effect along the Yucatan Peninsula from Chetumal to Cabo Catoche and a tropical storm watch is in effect for coastal Belize from Belize City to northward to the Mexico border. Some additional strengthening is possible this morning. Karl could be near hurricane intensity just before it makes landfall on the Yucatan Peninsula during the midday hours.

Heavy rainfall between 3 and 5 inches with localized totals to 8 inches will cause flash flooding. A storm surge is expected to produce some coastal flooding near and north of where the center makes landfall on the Yucatan Peninsula.

The wind field with Tropical Storm Karl is fairly small. While tropical storm force winds are anticipated in the warning area the strongest winds should remain south of Cozumel and Cancun.

Karl will weaken to a tropical depression over the Yucatan and then emerge into the southern Gulf of Mexico very early Thursday morning.

It should then strengthen as it moves across the Bay of Campeche in the southern Gulf of Mexico. Karl is forecast to reach hurricane strength prior to making its second and final landfall on the central Mexican coast near Tampico Friday night.

Karl will rain itself out over Mexico this coming weekend and its very outermost fringes could bring a little rain to southernmost Texas.

To track the latest tropical activity, please visit our [website](#).

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FREE PREPOSITIONING & STAGING WAREHOUSE

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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HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS TOOLS

For more information on humanitarian logistics and tools please visit our [logistics page](#). Here you can find our Logistics & Transportation Guide, our Logistics Help Request Form, and other valuable information.

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