

ALERT No. 1 Tropical Storm Otto

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ART'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.

TROPICAL STORM OTTO

While its center will remain away from any landmass, strengthening Tropical Storm Otto will continue to inundate Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with flooding rainfall through today.

The flooding prompted a state of emergency declaration Thursday across the British Virgin Islands, who are experiencing some of the worst flooding in the nation's history. The nearly 20 inches of rain that has fallen since Tuesday forced schools and government offices to close.

Otto is currently strengthening over the southwestern Atlantic Ocean, more than 300 miles from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. These Caribbean islands, as well as any other landmasses, are far displaced from Otto's strongest winds.

Despite remaining well out to sea, tropical moisture funneling towards the center of Otto has and will continue to spread bands of torrential rain over Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands through today.

Additional rainfall totals of 2 to 4 inches with locally higher amounts are expected across parts of the islands today. To track the latest tropical activity, please visit our [website](#).

FAST, EASY SHIPPING WITH OUR RELIEF CALCULATOR

Through *AmericasRelief Team's* new Freight Calculator, we are able to offer hassle free shipping with immediate quotes and preferential pricing. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.



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

ART provides leadership to NGOs by bringing together innovation, ideas and technology on humanitarian logistics. For more information on humanitarian logistics tools please visit our [logistics page](#). Here you can find our Logistics & Transportation Guide, our Logistics Help Request Form, and other valuable information.

MEDIA PARTNERS



We are proud of our media partnership; created to give South Floridians an opportunity to reach out and help those who have been directly affected by catastrophic events.



AmericasRelief Team is a Florida private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our friends in the Americas 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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