

# EARLY ACTION PROTOCOL ACTIVATION

Honduras | Drought

26 June 2023



1.3 million Hondurans live in the so-called Dry Corridor, a geographical area of 12 departments and 137 municipalities in the east, south and west of the country where there is a water crisis due to the irreversible environmental degradation of the last 60 years. Source: [LaTribuna.hn](http://LaTribuna.hn)

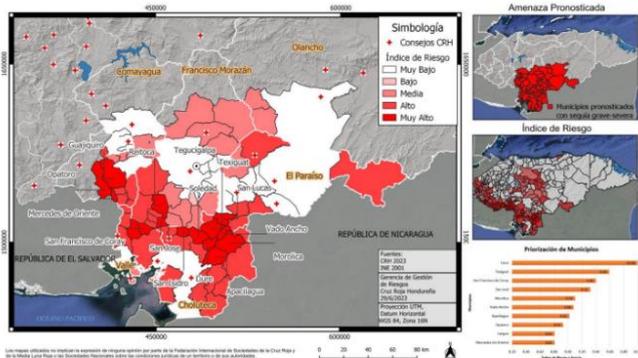
EAP №: <b>EAP2023HN02</b>	Operation №: <b>MDRHN018</b>	EAP approved: <b>17/01/2023</b>	EAP revised timeframe: <b>17/01/2023 - 30/09/2023</b>
Trigger date: <b>26/06/2023</b>	Early action lead time: <b>3 months</b>	Early action timeframe: <b>3 months</b>	

**Budget: 481,147 CHF**  
**To assist: 10,300 people**

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ANÁLISIS DE INTERVENCIÓN PARA SEQUÍA METEOROLÓGICA EN HONDURAS



## Activation Overview

The Honduran Red Cross has activated its Early Action Protocol for Droughts associated with the "El Niño" phenomenon.

The Risk and Contingency Management Secretariat (COPECO by its Spanish acronym) declared a [Green Alert](#) on 15 May 2023 in 64 municipalities in the country due to the possible effects of meteorological drought associated with the "El Niño" phenomenon.

Later, on 5 June 2023 COPECO [raised the Yellow Alert](#) for drought to 85 municipalities and left the rest of the country on Green Alert indefinitely.

On 15 June, COPECO raised the [Red Alert](#) for drought to 145 municipalities, Yellow to 101 and Green to 57.

On 26 June 2023, activation was reached when the Centre for Atmospheric, Oceanographic and Seismic Studies (CENAOS by its Spanish acronym) shared internally their forecast, which referred to the June 8 NOAA's Climate Prediction Center (CPC) forecast that officially stated that: "El Niño conditions are present and are expected to gradually strengthen through the northern hemisphere winter 2023-24"<sup>1</sup>. In addition, the updated forecast for the coming months, through March 2024, shows that there is a greater than 90% probability that favourable conditions for the occurrence of El Niño will continue.

The heat wave period is expected to last until the end of August, for the southern and central areas the forecast indicates up to 60% less rainfall than normal; the western area, eastern Olancho department, and the department of Yoro are expected to have 40% less rainfall than average.

Station	Years of analysis	Precipitation forecast for August 2023	Decile range in which it is located	Classification
Choluteca	58	---	Deciles 1-2	Far below normal
Sabanagrande	58	24 mm	Deciles 1-2	Far below normal
Tegucigalpa	72	48 mm	Deciles 3-4	Below normal
Jacaleapa	35	58 mm	Deciles 1-2	Far below normal
Lepaguare	36	95 mm	Deciles 3-4	Below normal
Catacamas	58	179 mm	Deciles 5-6	Near normal
Yoro	38	96 mm	Deciles 3-4	Below normal
Flores	44	43 mm	Deciles 1-2	Far below normal
La Lima	79	100 mm	Deciles 5-6	Near normal
Santa Rosa de Copán	75	144 mm	Deciles 1-2	Far below normal
Ocatepeque	32	167 mm	Deciles 1-2	Far below normal
La Esperanza	34	131 mm	Deciles 1-2	Far below normal

Table 1. Ranking by decile method of the August 2023 precipitation forecast. Source: CENAOS

The Honduran Red Cross will target 2,060 households, 360 families for Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), and 1,700 families with household water treatment kits in communities prioritized by the intervention map. Honduran Red Cross will provide:

- Distribution of 360 CVA to affected families (1,800 people).

<sup>1</sup> NOAA, Climate Prediction Center, 8 June 2023.

- Deployment of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) National Intervention Team (NIT) for an inventory of safe water sources.
- Distribution of 1,700 household water treatment kits (8,500 people).
- Awareness campaigns

- January 2023 – EAP approval
- 26 June 2023 – Threshold has been reached
- 3 months – Delivery time
- 30 September 2023 – End of Early Action Activities and timeframe of the operation

## Early Action Overview

### PLANNED OPERATIONS

 <b>Multi-purpose Cash</b>	Female:	<b>936</b>	<b>176,480 CHF</b>
	Male:	<b>864</b>	AP Code: <b>081</b>
<b>Indicator:</b>	Number of people reached with multi-purpose cash in advance of a hazard		
<b>Priority Early Actions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Distribution of CVA to the community (360 families-1,800 people)</li> <li>2. Cost of activation of CVA cards</li> <li>3. Dissemination of key CVA messages</li> <li>4. Volunteer per diem for registration and distribution of CVA beneficiaries (20 volunteers plus 5 technical team members for 20 days).</li> </ol>		

 <b>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene</b>	Female:	<b>4,420</b>	<b>9,724 CHF</b>
	Male:	<b>4,080</b>	AP Code: <b>110, 111</b>
<b>Indicator:</b>	Number of people reached with WASH interventions in advance of a hazard		
<b>Priority Early Actions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WaSH NIT Deployment</li> <li>2. Pre-positioning of household water purification kit (per diem for motorist, 2 volunteers, truck freight).</li> <li>3. Purchase of chemical products for water quality analysis</li> <li>4. Distribution of 1,700 household water treatment kits (8,500 people).</li> </ol>		

	Female:	<b>4,420</b>	<b>13,879 CHF</b>
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 <b>Risk Reduction, climate adaptation and recovery</b>	Male:	<b>4,080</b>	AP Code: <b>101, 103, 105,106</b>
	<b>Indicator:</b> Number of people reached with risk reduction and/or climate adaptation interventions in advance of a hazard		
<b>Priority Early Actions:</b>		<b>1.</b> Deployment of volunteers for kit distribution	

 <b>Community Engagement and Accountability</b>	Female:	<b>5,356</b>	<b>1,114 CHF</b>
	Male:	<b>4,944</b>	AP Code: <b>129</b>
<b>Indicator:</b>		Number of people reached with community engagement and accountability interventions in advance of a hazard	
<b>Priority Early Actions:</b>		<b>1.</b> Printing of pocket EAP for volunteer staff	

## Enabling approaches

 <b>Secretariat Services</b>	Female:	N/A	<b>1,371 CHF</b>
	Male:	N/A	AP Code: <b>122</b>
<b>Priority Early Actions:</b>		<b>1.</b> Monitoring field visits by the IFRC <b>2.</b> Fuel	

 <b>National Society Strengthening</b>	Female:	N/A	<b>3,941 CHF</b>
	Male:	N/A	AP Code: <b>124,125,126</b>
<b>Priority Early Actions:</b>		<b>1.</b> Warehouse rental for pre-positioning <b>2.</b> Follow-up of activation activities <b>3.</b> Internship for logistics activities <b>4.</b> Lessons learned workshop	

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