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## WFP Nicaragua Situation Report #2

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### In Numbers

**21** people deceased

**36,700** people affected

**10,000** families affected

**8,900** houses damaged or destroyed

**73** municipalities affected

**6** municipalities/region with Red Alert

### Highlights

- Since Tuesday 26 October, Nicaragua has been experiencing heavy rainfall, causing flooding, casualties, and material damages. This comes after severe Monsoon rains and Tropical Storm Nate hit the country at the beginning of October, rendering thousands in need of assistance to guarantee their food security and restore their livelihoods.
- The rains were prompted by low two pressure systems, one in the Caribbean coast and another one in the Pacific, coupled with a cold front coming from the north. Forecasts warn against new Tropical Storms, which may negatively impact the country in the coming days. The total number of people in need in assistance may therefore increase.
- The Government declared a Red Alert in the municipalities of Teustepe, San Lorenzo, Tipitapa, Granada, and in Zelaya Central and the Southern Caribbean; and a Yellow Alert remains active in the remaining parts of the country.

### WFP Funding Requirements WFP

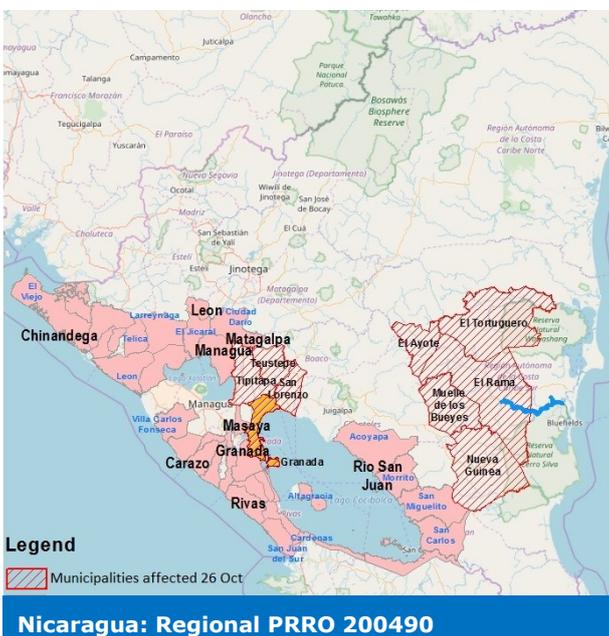
**PRRO 200490**

Requirements: USD 1.8 million (3 months)

Funding Needs: USD 0.88 million (48%)

### Situation Update

- On Friday 27 October, the intensity of the rains started to decrease. Yet, Tropical Storm, Selma, which formed in the Pacific coast of Nicaragua, may bring strong rainfall in the coming days, exacerbating the situation in the department of Boaco and the central region of the country.
- Initial reports of the past days indicate that 2,700 properties have been impacted; six lives have been lost; at least 1,500 families are in need of immediate assistance; and access to electricity and water was disrupted for thousands of families, particularly in Matagalpa, Nueva Segovia, and Carazo. Public infrastructure and connectivity were also affected by the flooding, as bridges and roads were destroyed. Combined with the damages of the beginning of October, this brings the total toll to 21 casualties and over 10,000 families directly impacted.
- Currently the most affected areas include Granada, Boaco, Carazo, Rivas, and Managua, particularly the communities in the surroundings of lakes and rivers. However, damages extend to the Southern Caribbean Coast (RACCS) and several other departments in the Pacific and Central region.
- As part of its first level response, the Government has been distributing first aid supplies, hygiene kits, sleeping hammocks and blankets, and 950 food packages to families in affected areas. The food packages include beans, rice, and



wheat flour. These, together with medical supplies, have been donated by the Government of Cuba to the Government of Nicaragua. The Ministry of Health has also deployed health brigades to provide medical assistance to the affected populations on site.

- National assessment to evaluate the extent of the damages, particularly on harvest, production and livelihoods, are informing the relief response in the coming weeks.

## WFP Response

- At the Government's request, WFP will support Nicaragua through its regional operation, PRRO 200490, which provides relief and recovery assistance to people affected by natural disasters.
- The response will last 45 days, starting in November and ending in January 2018. It will target 29,000 beneficiaries (5,800 families) in the in five departments: Managua, Granada; Carazo; Rivas, and Boaco.



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP will provide general food distributions in coordination with Sinpared to the affected population. Rations will include maize (100gr.), beans (60gr.), vegetable oil (25gr.), Super Cereal (60gr.), rice (300gr.) and salt (5gr.), providing 2,100 calories and thus meeting daily nutritional requirements.
- Additionally, WFP will support the Government of Nicaragua to utilize the existing national Food Security Bonus Programme as a shock-responsive social safety net. This way, in addition to food, 4,000 families will also receive a Food Security Voucher to enable them to procure seeds and tools in the local market.
- WFP will follow a procurement strategy designed to guarantee the timely arrival of the required food items. This includes local purchases and the use of the Global Commodity Management Fund. WFP has food pre-positioned in Las Palmas to support country offices and significantly reduce lead-times.
- For the first time, two WFP-assisted farmer organizations were included in the roster of regular suppliers, thereby competing under the same terms of regular traders.



### Supply Chain

- Whilst road and bridges were disrupted by the rains, the Government has been working to re-establish access and improve connectivity within a 72 hour window. Provisional solutions will serve to continue to secure access to all affected areas.
- WFP's logistics team is ready to support the response. Contracts with suppliers are set for an

immediate delivery and there is enough space in the warehouse for newly arrived food items, as well as for the Government to store national stocks, should this be required.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security Cluster

- No clusters have



### Logistics Cluster

- No clusters have been activated



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- No clusters have been activated



### UN Humanitarian Air Service

- No UN Humanitarian Air Service response has been activated

## Partnership

- WFP will coordinate its intervention with the with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implement activities with the following partners: SINAPRED, the Ministry of Family Economy (MEFCCA), and Nicaraguan Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA).

## Resource Mobilization

- WFP began its resource mobilization efforts to secure USD 1.8 million to procure and distribute 718 mt of food during the next weeks. WFP internal mechanisms advanced USD 1.6 million to ensure rapid response. All trusted partners have been informed of the situation in the country. The Government of Italy has responded to WFP's appeal with a timely contribution of USD 200,000. Additionally, the Government of Canada has announced USD 1.2 million to support flood affected families in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua through regional PRRO 200490.

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