



ALERT No. 1
Tropical Storm Ana
August 17, 2009

TWIN TROPICAL STORMS ALERT
ANA & BILL ARE BACK-TO-BACK TROPICAL STORMS MOVING TOWARDS
IMPOVERISHED CARIBBEAN NATIONS.

AmericasRelief Team is monitoring the following event

AmericasRelief Team'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.

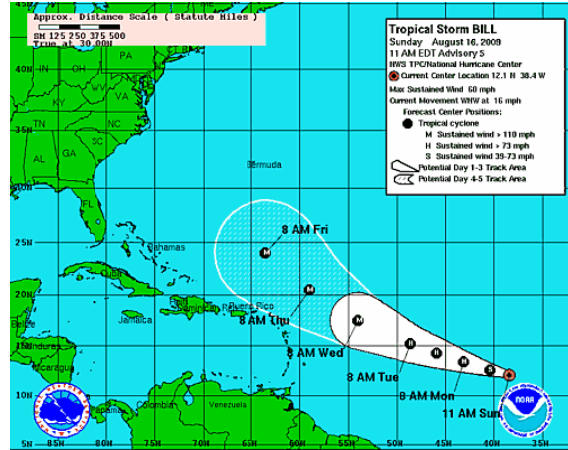
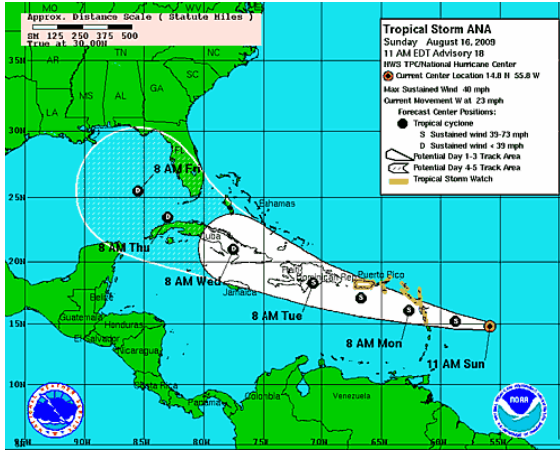
Tropical storms Ana and Bill move toward the D.R. and Haiti

MIAMI, Aug 17 –Ana, the first tropical storm of the 2009 hurricane season, formed early Saturday morning, while a strengthening depression just behind it turned into Tropical Storm Bill by 5 p.m.

Of the two storms, forecasters believe Bill appeared to have the better shot of becoming a hurricane.

The Hurricane Center's latest advisory Saturday showed Bill moving westward at 16 mph with sustained winds of 40 mph. Forecasters expected it to top 39 mph tropical storm status within 24 hours and to continue strengthening.

By Thursday, when it is expected to near Puerto Rico on its current track, it is forecast to be a hurricane, possibly reaching Category 3 power with winds topping 111 mph.



Images obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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<http://americasrelief.org/inkind.htm>

POSSIBLE CONSIGNEE

All humanitarian aid must be assigned to an approved in-country NGO (consignee). Please contact us if you know of an NGO on location who is willing to act as a consignee for donated items.

Contact us at the main office at 305-884-0441 or by e-mail at

info@americasrelief.org.

AVAILABILITY OF DONATED ITEMS

Qualified NGOs are requested to contact us to check on the availability of donated in-kind products in our databank and waiting for final disposition.

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CHARTER FLIGHTS

Charter flights for relief operations are available through [AmericasRelief Team](#). Small cargo planes from 10,000 to 40,000 lbs. and larger cargo planes such as DC3, DC8 or DC10 are also available for charter flights to the affected areas.

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We wish to remind Humanitarian NGOs that [AmericasRelief Team](#) can act as the purchasing manager of your organization. And because we buy from so many sources, our prices are often the most competitive. We are ready to provide quotation on all types of products used during emergencies and for humanitarian purposes: pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, potable water (all types), general supplies, dry goods, canned goods, reconstruction building items, generators, and much more!

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AmericasRelief Team

AmericasRelief Team is a Florida private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends 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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Getting disaster relief in effective ways to our Caribbean Basin friends