

ALERT

AmericasRelief Team

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HURRICANE DEAN

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AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center Report

Hurricane Dean slammed into Mexico's Caribbean coast on Tuesday, flooding streets, blowing the roofs off houses and battering resorts where tens of thousands of tourists and residents huddled in shelters.

After killing 11 people on its rampage through the Caribbean, Dean was a Category 5 hurricane -- the strongest possible -- when it tore into Mexico, landing around the cruise ship port of Costa Maya, near the border with Belize. Dean swiped Jamaica at the weekend with roaring winds and pelting rain. Roads were blocked by toppled trees and power poles and police said two people were killed.

The following are updates on critical logistics response items:

POTENTIAL CONSIGNEE IN JAMAICA

For those who require a consignee in Jamaica to receive aid cargo, here is an agency located in the most effected areas. They are accepting all-types of aid. They are particularly in need of plastic sheets, and tents.

Contact:

Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica

Ronnie Simpson or

Michael Palud

59 Main Street

Mandeville, Jamaica

1 (876) 621-1269

1 (876) 469-2542

DONATED ITEMS AVAILABLE

UNICEF and the American Red Cross have contacted Americas regarding organizations and vendors who which to make donations for the relief efforts to qualified NGOs. **Contact us at the main office at 305-884-0441 or by e-mail at**

info@americasrelief.org.

Various groups representing the Jamaican Diaspora have been mobilized throughout the City of Miami to collect dry goods, flashlights, and bottled water. These items are available to NGOs for distribution in Jamaica. **Contacts: For more information, call the Jamaican Consulate office at 305-374-8431, extensions 223 and 232, or visit www.jamaicacgmiami.org.**

CHARTER FLIGHTS

Charter flights for relief operations are available through AmericasRelief Team. Small cargo planes from 10,000 to 40,000 lbs. are available for Jamaica, Yucatan, etc. Larger planes such as: DC3, DC8 or DC10 are also available.

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SPECIAL CALL FOR INFORMATION

Members of the media are contacting AmericasRelief to determine what relief efforts are being conducted by its members and associates in Peru, Jamaica, Haiti, and other countries that have been affected by recent disasters.

We would like to make the media aware of the good works of your organization. Please send us your press releases and listings of relief aid being shipped by your organizations to info@americasrelief.org.

EMERGENCY PRODUCTS OFFERED

We have been contacted by the following vendors regarding their emergency relief products:

Product	Vendor & Contact
Telemedicine Capabilities- First-Strike-Efforts	Disaster Logistics RRoberson@disasterlogistics.org
Polyester, Recycled Wool & Other Blankets	American Woolen Company International Rmarcus558@aol.com
Water Purification System-	Equipment and Systems Engineering

Aquachlor	Josevelazqueze@gmail.com
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Additionally, 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!

SEND US A LIST OF THE ITEMS YOU NEED TO PURCHASE

[Link here to access our Rate Request Form](#)

www.americasrelief.org

Or contact the AmericasRelief Team's logistics Center at 305-670- 4646 or by e-mail at: lda@americasrelief.org

OCEAN SHIPMENT OF YOUR HUMANITARIAN CARGO

Humanitarian NGOs can now maximize their donations by providing more charitable items, while saving funds in the transportation of goods to the hurricane battered areas in Jamaica and Haiti.

We are authorized to offer humanitarian NGOs with weekly sailings to over 80 destinations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. We have guaranteed space with all carriers at most destinations. Our contracts include the handling of less than container load (LCL), full container load (FCL), and Air cargo.

Contact us for Free Estimates

Send us your rate request by email or by fax

[Link here to access our Quote Request Form](#)

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CO-LOADING OF EMERGENCY CARGO

NGO members and others can take advantage of co-loading opportunities for Less-than-Container-Load cargo. NGO's aid cargo will be accepted only if they have a receiving & distributing mechanism in place.

At this point we are accepting at no cost, aid supplies up to one 40-foot container for co-loading.

Special thanks to our member ACCO Foreign Shipping for their support.

In interested contact AmericasRelief Team's logistics member at 305-670-4646 or by e-mail at: lda@americasrelief.org.

BANK DEPOSITORY OF CHARITY CARGO

Americas Relief Team maintains a Bank Depository of Charity Cargo from air carriers and shipping companies; this is an inventory of donated or discounted "charity" cargo and in-kind services. Right now we have at least two 40-foot container spots available for Jamaica, and possibly one 40-foot container spot for Haiti.

We thank our partners Seaboard Marine and Seafreight Agencies for their charity!

For Bank of Charity cargo contact us at the main office at 305-884-0441 or by e-mail at info@americasrelief.org.

REQUEST FOR DONATED CARGO SPACE

Please complete and fax this form to AmericasRelief if you are looking for us to help you find donated cargo space:

REQUEST FOR DONATED CARGO SPACE

Approval

All donated cargo must be approved by AmericasRelief. In order to proceed with your request, the following information is required as a formality/policy in order to ship donated cargo.

Procedure

The following information must be faxed (305-884-0442) or e-mailed to AmericasRelief at (info@americasrelief.org):

Your organization/agency Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone and E-mail:
Destination of Cargo:

Please also answer the following questions:
Is your organization an IRS 501-c-3 non-profit organization?
Who is the Consignee (organization receiving the cargo) in the receiving country? Please also provide the contact information.

Does the consignee have has written authorization/approval to import the container (s) or lose cargo? And, can they assure us that the authorities will not place the cargo on hold?

Has the consignee made arrangements to receive and discharged the container immediately upon arrival and to return the empty container back to the destination?

Please list a complete breakdown/disclosure of the donated contents/items being shipped and state that the goods have no commercial value and they will not be sold for profit in the receiving country.

Quantity	Description of Items	Weight?	Cube?	Commercial Value

The above instructions apply to both Full Load Container, and Loose Container Load. You must complete this form and receive our authorization before the cargo is shipped, otherwise it will be placed on hold, and demurrage charges will apply.

WE WILL SEND YOU SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS.
Thank you,

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.

For More information Contact:

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Getting disaster relief in effective ways to our Caribbean Basin friends