



# ALERT No. 1 Tropical Storm Ernesto

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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

Tropical Storm Ernesto blew across open waters Saturday on a projected path that would skirt Jamaica and hit Mexico after dumping heavy rain on islands in the eastern Caribbean.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Ernesto was expected to swirl by south of Jamaica as a hurricane Sunday evening. The forecast projected the storm would move over the coastal resorts of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula as a Category 1 hurricane Wednesday.

The U.S. hurricane center said Ernesto had maximum sustained winds of about 60 mph (95 kph) late Saturday afternoon. It was about 495 miles (800 kilometers) east-southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, and was moving westward at 18 mph (30 kph).

Meanwhile, a new tropical storm, Florence, formed far out in the Atlantic. It had maximum sustained winds of 50 mph (85 kph) and was about 515 miles (830 kilometers) west of the Cape Verde Islands. The hurricane center said it was not expected to reach hurricane force as it moved generally westward.

To track the latest tropical activity, please visit our [website](#).



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## 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.



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**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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