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AmericasRelief Team  
**October 30, 2007**

**TROPICAL STORM NOEL**  
**Alert No. 1**

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**AmericasRelief Team is monitoring the following event**

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**Tropical Storm Noel has turned north after burying the Dominican Republic and Haiti under torrential rain that killed 20 people; we want to alert you regarding some of the possible resources that may be available to your organization(s) to help the victims and provide assistance to the affected countries recover from the devastation created by this natural disaster.**

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**AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center Report**

**The AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center has not been activated to begin coordinating 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 members as this emergency develops.**

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**POTENTIAL DONORS OF IN-KIND PRODUCTS**

If you are an individual, an organization or a corporation that wishes to make a difference by donating large quantity of items to qualified humanitarian relief NGOs, AmericasRelief Team will work to match your donated goods and services with evolving needs on the ground as reported by local relief efforts.

Visit [www.americasrelief.org](http://www.americasrelief.org) and click on "in-kind donations", or simply link here to access our "Donate In-Kind" form:

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

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## **REQUEST FOR DONATED CARGO SPACE**

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 space and in-kind services.

To participate, simply send us a completed pre-approval form with your request for donated cargo space. Once approval is granted we will send you shipping instructions.

**[LINK HERE FOR A PRE-APPROVAL FORM](http://americasrelief.org/inkind.htm)**

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## **POTENTIAL 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](mailto:info@americasrelief.org).**

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## **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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## **EMERGENCY PRODUCTS OFFERED**

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](#)

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## **REGULAR 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.

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**

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

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## **TROPICAL STORM NOEL BACKGROUND**

From the Miami Herald-October 30, 2007- Tropical Storm Noel turned toward South Florida late Monday after burying the Dominican Republic and Haiti under torrential rain that killed 20 people. No casualties were immediately reported in Haiti, but officials placed that country on "red alert" and searched for victims. The ultimate human cost could be high given the steep, deforested mountains on Hispaniola, the island shared by the two countries.

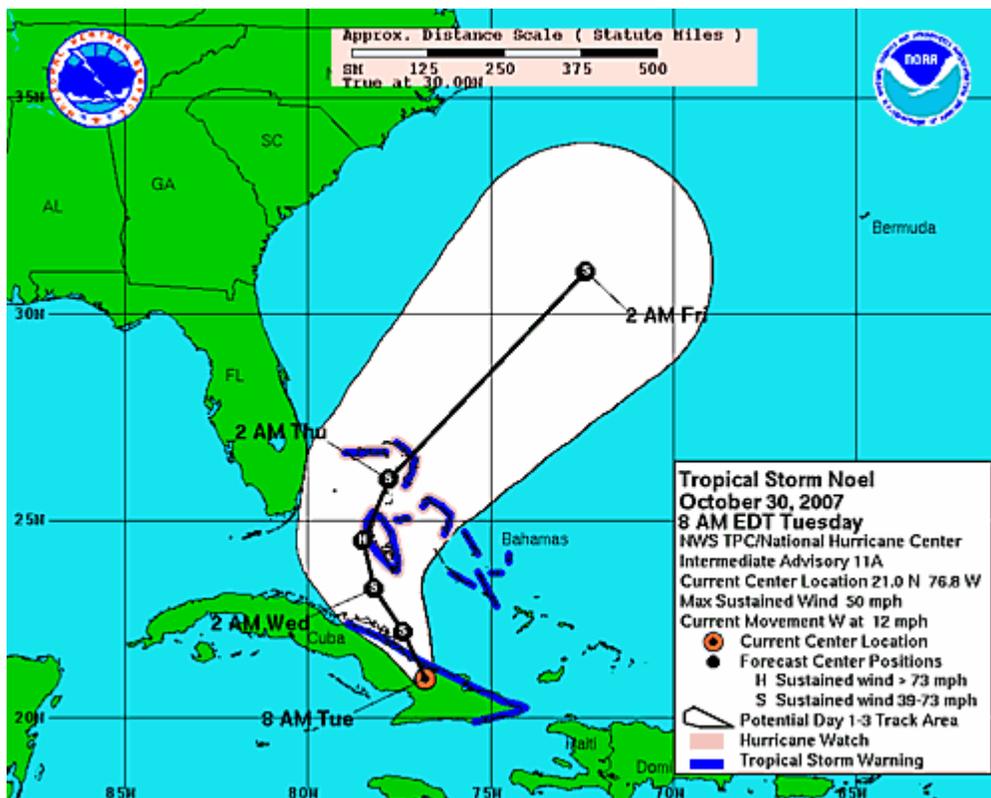
Landslides and floods were reported in both nations, with the Dominican Republic getting the worst of it. Thousands of people were evacuated, and nearly 700 homes were damaged. Manuel Antonio Luna Paulino, president of the Dominican Republic's National Emergency Commission, told The Associated Press that at least 20 people died and another 20 were missing.

The emergency management office said many roads were impassable and several buildings had collapsed. No immediate casualty reports came from Haiti, where government officials and United Nations peacekeepers kept a close eye on the slow-moving storm.

Workers for Haiti's civil protection agency were dispatched to Les Cayes in the south to investigate reports of flooding, and many residents were evacuated from Cabaret, north of Port-au-Prince, where floods killed 30 people earlier this month. Communications are limited even under the best of conditions in Haiti, and it could take days before officials learn about casualties and damage. In 2004, floods and landslides provoked by Tropical Storm Jeanne killed thousands of Haitians.

The mountains also disrupted Noel's course, causing its center to bypass Cuba and head straight toward the Bahamas -- and South Florida.

Source: The Miami Herald



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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***