

## HUMANITARIAN UPDATE REPORT 5 - DECEMBER 6, 2016

# HURRICANE MATTHEW RESPONSE: CUBA

Dear friends,

We continue helping Hurricane Matthew people affected in Eastern Cuba thanks to your generous donation. The severe situation continues to be aggravated by the hurricane aftermath: difficult access to isolated communities, food shortages, health problems caused by contaminated water, slow government assistance and the scarce humanitarian aid.

### DONATION REPORT - OUR RESPONSE

Your donations have blessed disaster survivors and those left vulnerable thus far:

- Shipped 2,000 hygiene kits and 600 disaster relief quality blankets, provided by Matthew 25 Ministries.
- In process of shipping or distributing more than 150 metric tons of shelf-stable prepackaged food packs, made available by Matthew 25 Ministries, Feed my Starving Children, and Feeding the Nations.
- Helped fund 20 community kitchens by providing one hot meal per day for 60 days to over 1,200 victims.
- Purchased and distributed 8,000 panels for emergency roof repairs.
- Provided \$50,000 cash donations to rent trucks and help pay for gasoline to deliver the aid to Baracoa and Maisi.
- Helping local churches provide relief food and supplies to 12,000 of the most vulnerable persons.



### THE CRISIS – SOME HIGHLIGHTS: EASTERN CUBA, GUANTANAMO & HOLGUIN PROVINCES

- **\$5 billion-plus in damage:** losses in housing, agriculture, aqueducts, roads, bridges, power lines and communication networks.
- **65,112 lost acres** of agricultural production.
- **180,000 people** still isolated with no access to food, clean water and electricity.
- **3 Hospitals** and **13 Health Clinics** are damaged.
- **308 schools** and **8 daycares centers** are severely damaged.
- **Over 9,000 homes** are destroyed and **30,000** are severely damaged.
- **87 Christian churches** damaged.



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## **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

OAA/EchoCuba has organized and partnered with networks of churches in Cuba to meet the physical, spiritual, and development needs of local communities. We are working with the network of local church partners to serve fellow Cuban people affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Funding is needed mostly for shipping and logistics of relief supplies from the U.S., and to buy & distribute local food to the vulnerable people in eastern Cuba.

Gifts designated for “Hurricane Matthew” will be used in full (100 %) to assist those affected by this hurricane until the response is complete.

Thank you!

