

*Week of September 6-12, 2008*

**Haiti / Dominican Republic/ Turks and Caicos / Cuba - TROPICAL STORMS**

The Caribbean countries are assessing the damage incurred from Tropical Storms season.

**HAITI:**

Flood waters are receding in the 9 affected Departments. Communications remain a problem though improving daily. Some areas can only be accessed by helicopter or boat.

337 deaths, 50 missing & 301 injured are reported by the Civil Protection Agency (DPC). 800,000 are affected by the storms. 151,072 people in temporary shelters.

In Gonaïves about 80,000 people remain in shelters and need basic necessities. The hospital in Gonaïves is inoperable as well as most of the Health clinics in the surrounding area.

A survey conducted of all health facilities reveal that the majority are intact though some are not functioning at the moment as they have to be cleaned.

Diseases due to exposure, vector-borne and water-borne diseases are expected to rise.

Relief work is in on with the coordinated efforts of the government, DPC, PAHO/WHO, UNDAC and MINUSTAH.



## TURKS AND CAICOS:

**Grand Turk and South Caicos Islands** sustained severe damage to buildings and infrastructure. No deaths were reported.

Grant Turk (pop.5000): 50% of buildings damaged, 8 % destroyed. The sole Hospital has sustained structural damage and is running on electrical generators. Clinics are being run out of medical trailers and tents in the hospital compound.

South Caicos (pop 1600): 80% damaged; 30% destroyed.

PAHO has provided a water and sanitation expert with disaster experience and CDERA has sent an assessment team and disaster coordinator advisor.



## CUBA:

7 people died due to Ike. 2,600,000 people (~23 % on the Cuban population) were evacuated for Hurricane Ike. 398,248 took refuge in shelters. 320,000 homes have been damaged by Gustav and Ike.

Heaviest damage was caused in the Southern regions of Maisi and Baracoa from Ike and the Western Province of Pinar del Rio and Isla de Joventud from Gustav.



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