

EOC Situation Report #2: Tropical Storm/Depression Agatha

Overview

- A powerful tropical storm from the Pacific, Agatha, hit Central America on Saturday May 29th and dissipated by Sunday May 30th causing heavy rains which resulted in landslides and flash flooding affecting local communities in **Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras**.
- All three governments have declared state of emergencies prompting activation of their national emergency response mechanisms.

Guatemala

- 158 deaths reported, 101 missing and 147 injured.
- 144,355 people have been evacuated and a total of 193,113 have been affected.
- Most affected areas: Ciudad de Guatemala, Chimaltenango, San Martín Jilotepeque, Sololá, Parramos, San Marcos, Aguacatán, El Quiché, Champerico, Sacatepequez.
- National authorities and the Coordinadora Nacional para la Reducción de Desastres (CONRED) are coordinating the response.
- The Ministry of Health has activated their emergency operation centers and deployed immediate response teams.
- PAHO/PED has deployed an assessment team to assist national health authorities and PWR.
- The PAHO EOC in Guatemala is now operative, requests and information should be channeled through the recently created email address: guteoc@gut.ops-oms.org.



Honduras

- 14 deaths reported, 1 missing, 4 injured.
- 3,227 evacuated and 3,168 have been placed in shelters.
- A Red Alert has been issued in Choluteca, Valle, Cortés, Distrito Central in Francisco Morazán, and the municipality of El Progreso in the Department of Yoro.
- Comisión Permanente de Contingencias (COPECO) is coordinating the overall response.
- Response from the health sector is coordinated by the Minister of Health and the executive unit which has deployed a medical team to provide health care in shelters as well as vector control and health promotion in the affected communities.
- PAHO has been working closely with the health sector in response coordination and resource mobilization to meet the demands and immediate medical needs.

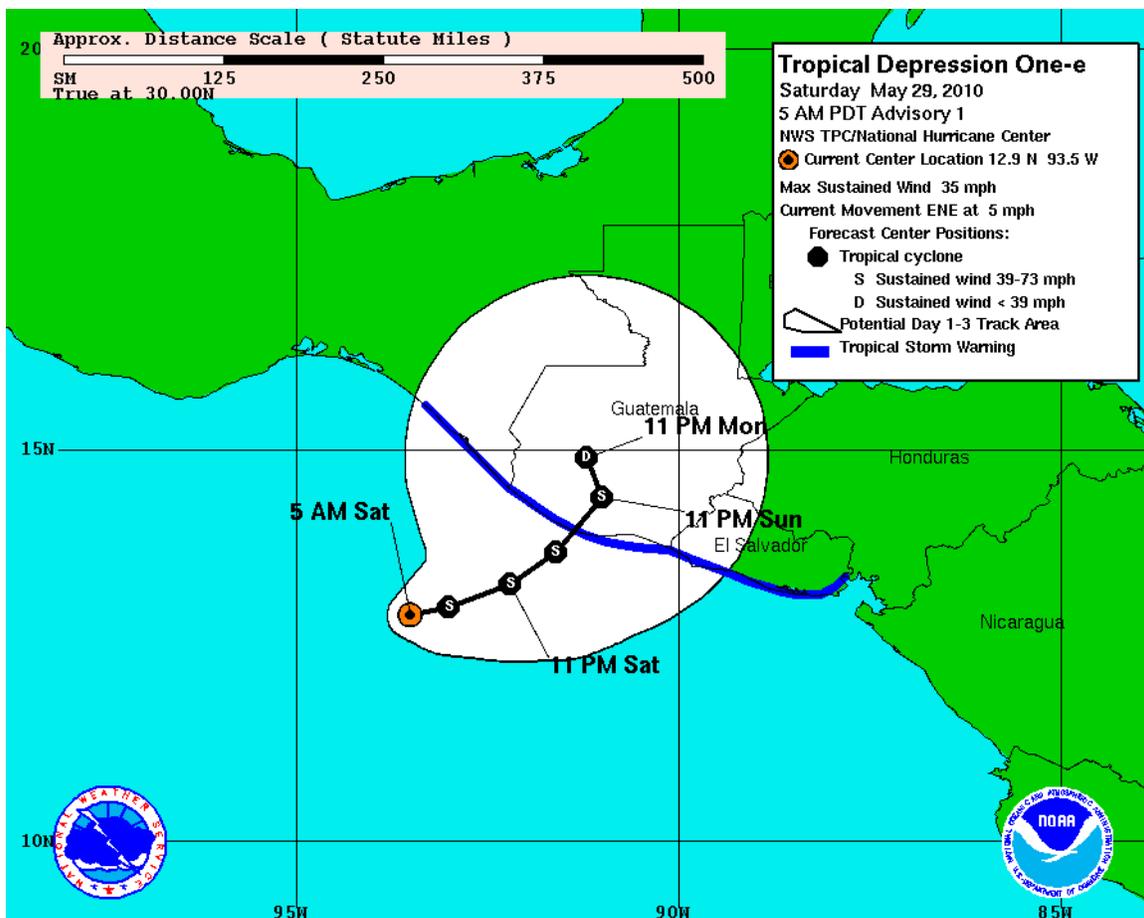


Figure 2. Evolution of Agatha (source: NOAA).