

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODS

El Salvador, June 2024



Background & Humanitarian Needs

During the period from June 13 to 22, 2024, El Salvador was affected by a low-pressure system that formed a wide depressionary area, maintaining the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) over the coasts of Central America. This generated a **stormy situation with very heavy rains varying between persistent and intermittent**. Additionally, on June 19, **Tropical Storm Alberto** formed in the Gulf of Mexico. This system influenced a new depressive field that maintained the continuity of the storm over the region, particularly over El Salvador, and kept the proximity of the Intertropical Convergence Zone. During this period, significant rainfall accumulated: 845.4 mm in the western zone, 712.8 mm in the paracentral zone, and 832.6 mm in the eastern zone.

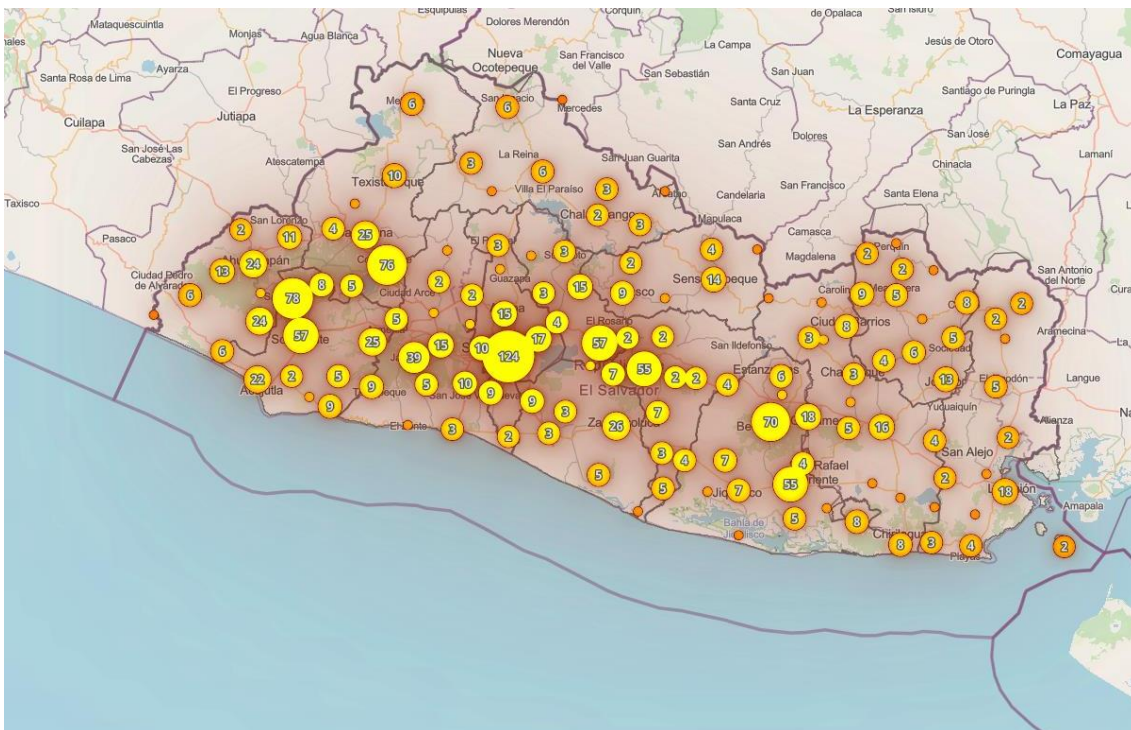


Heavy rains led the Government of El Salvador to issue a nationwide **Red Alert** on June 16 and to decree a **State of National Emergency** for 15 days starting on that date. Classes in all public and private institutions were suspended on June 18 and 19 (considering that June 17 is a national holiday in El Salvador). The Legislative Assembly declared June 18 a national holiday for the public and private sectors. Due to significant flooding throughout the national territory, the Government of El Salvador set up **120 shelters**, accommodating a total of **4,101 people** (1,542 families) who were evacuated from their homes. Of the total sheltered population, 1,870 (892 girls and 978 boys) were children, meaning **46% of those in shelters were children**.

The General Directorate of Civil Protection, in its situation report No. 012, indicated that as of June 26, a total of **1,975 incidents** had been attended, including: 726 fallen trees, 544 obstructed access roads, 248 landslides, 30 damaged perimeter walls, nine affected vehicles, 26 river overflows, 23 urban floods, 247 flooded homes, 241 homes with minor damage, and 11 homes destroyed. Additionally, schools, community houses, and churches suffered infrastructure damage. Eighteen people were reported injured, 19 died, and two were missing. These data correspond to documented damages during the emergency phase. Currently, the General

Directorate of Civil Protection and the Humanitarian Country Team are organizing a multisectoral assessment to detail the real impacts of the storm.

Map of cumulative reported incidences from June 13 to June 25, 2024



Source: General Directorate of Civil Protection

Needs Assessment and Risk Analysis

The storm that affected El Salvador from June 13 to 22, 2024, highlighted the country's vulnerability to weather events, especially those associated with climate change. A **rapid preliminary assessment** by Educo El Salvador, with community leaders and teachers, identified significant disruptions. Nine consecutive days of halted income-generating activities (agriculture and informal sales) raised concerns about meeting subsistence needs, particularly food. Damage to 27 homes of direct project participants included flooding, waterlogging from mud and stones, fallen trees, and loss of roofs due to strong winds, especially sheet metal roofs.

Families have **urgent humanitarian needs**, including **food kits, hygiene kits, shelter kits, menstrual hygiene kits, play kits, baby kits, safe water, kitchen kits, and construction materials** (sheets, nails, wood). Additionally, **25 schools** reported roof damage causing leaks and subsequent damage to teaching materials and books, water seepage, flooded areas, damaged floors, and the worsening of a pre-existing gully. It has been identified as a priority that support is required to recover didactic material and reading books

These effects will significantly impact **children's development**, particularly their diet and education. The storm increases the **risk of girls** dropping out of school to assume home care

activities (as their primary caregivers might focus on income-generating activities to meet their basic needs) or generate income. The flooding of agricultural crops will limit access to basic food products like corn, beans, and vegetables. The rainy season's start suggests similar events may occur in the coming months.

Participation and analysis of the target population

The target population includes **children, adolescents, and their families** in **Educo's Sponsorship Program** residing in communities affected by the storm from June 13 to 22, 2024. Priority identification and **selection criteria** include:

- Families with sponsored children
- Female-headed households
- Young adolescent women in the “Juntas Cambiando el Mundo” project
- Households with children with disabilities
- Households reliant on agriculture or informal sales. Community leaders, school directors, and health promoters will lead the selection process.

Geographic Zone

Educo El Salvador prioritizes areas where children in the sponsorship program were most affected:

Department	Municipality	District	Communities
Morazán	Morazán North	San Isidro	Canton El Rosario
Usulután	North Usulután	New Grenada	Azacualpilla de Joco
			Canton San José
			Jocomontique
		Joy	Canton San Juan 1
			Canton Guallinac
		Estanzuelas	Canton La Cruz
			Canton San Pedro
			Puente Cuscatlán Canton
		Mercedes Umaña	Canton El Caulote
			Canton El Jocotillo
	East Usulután	Usulután	La Presa
			La Carrera Farm
			Palo Galan
West Usulután	Jiquilisco	Roquinte	
		Vista Hermosa	
St. Vincent	St. Vincent South	Verapaz	Urban Center
		Gudalupe	Urban Center
		St. Vincent	Urban Center

			La Galera Farm	
	St. Vincent North	Apastepeque	Canton San Nicolás Behind El Cerro	
			Canton Calderas	
			Caserio El Panameño	
		Santa Clara	Canton San Jerónimo	
		San Ildefonso	Maradiaga Farm	
La Libertad	La Libertad West	Sacacoyo	Canton El Tigre	
			Canton Atheists	
	La Libertad Coast	Teotepeque	Canton El Sunzal	
			Metayo Canton	
			Canton Mizata Arriba	
			Aguacayo Canton	
			Mizata Canton	
			Canton Calderas	
		La Libertad	Urban Center	
			Urban Center	
	Canton San Diego			
	Canton El Cimarron			
				Majagual Canton

Prioritized Sectors

In order to efficiently respond to the humanitarian and specific needs of the people affected by the floods, Educo El Salvador will focus on **Protection, Education, Food Security, and Water Sanitation and Hygiene**, emphasizing the needs of children in our sponsorship program.

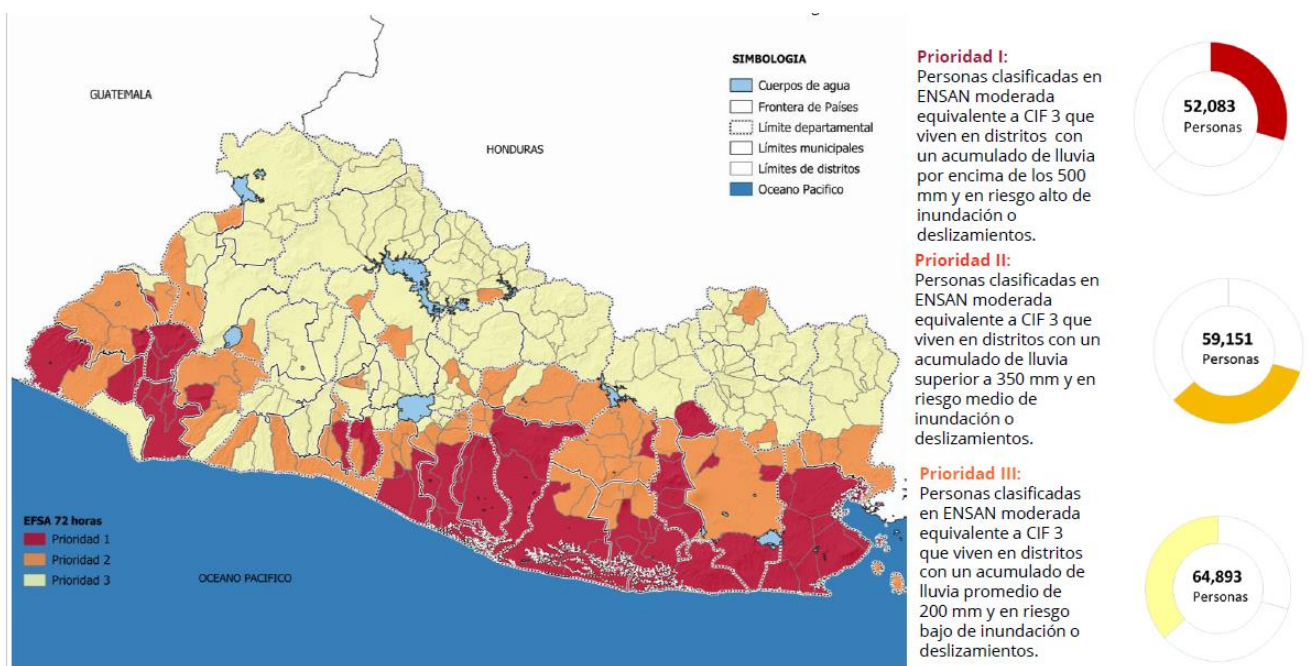
Protection

During emergencies, children are the most exposed to protection risks. During the storm, **1.870 children** (892 girls and 978 boys) were in **shelters**. The program will strengthen **duty bearers'** capacities through training sessions on child protection strategies and mechanisms for reporting rights violations in crises.

Food security

A total of **1.542 families** remained in **shelters** and more than **2.000 families** residing in **flooded communities** of our sponsorship program, have expressed concern about the difficulty to have the necessary resources to cover their food needs. Excessive rains damaged crops and affected the harvesting capacities. Families working in informal sales or domestic work could not engage in regular activities for about 10 days.

MAP OF FOOD INSECURE FAMILIES DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE RAINS



Source: World Food Program

Planned activities in food security include:

- **Delivery of Multi-Deposit Cards**
 - Target Population: 200 families
 - Budget: USD \$10,000 (USD \$50 per family)

- **Cash Transfers for Food Assistance**
 - Target Population: 300 families of sponsored children
 - Budget: USD \$108,000 (USD \$120 per family for 3 months)

- **Nutritional Counseling Sessions and Effective Use of Financial Resources**
 - Target Population: 500 people
 - Budget: N/A

Education

Preliminary evaluation identified 25 educational centers with roof damage, leaks in the classrooms and damaged educational materials. Moreover, water filtration, flooded areas or zones within the school perimeter, damaging floors and flooding septic tanks and worsening gully conditions. Planned response activities in Education include:

- **Delivery of didactic material kit**
 - Target population: 7,750 children
 - Budget: USD \$7.500

- **Recovery of the Sensory Garden in the Early Childhood Integral Attention Center.**
 - Target population: 30 children
 - Budget: USD \$500

Detail of schools with sponsored children to be supported:

No.	Education Center	Department	District	Community
1	C. E. Canton Guallinac (Alegría)	Usulután	Joy	Canton Guallinac
2	C. E. Canton Puente Cuscatlan (Estanzuelas)	Usulután	Estanzuelas	Puente Cuscatlán Canton
3	C. E. Cantón El Caulote (Mercedes Umaña)	Usulután	Mercedes Umaña	Canton El Caulote
4	Cantón El Jocotillo Educational Complex (Mercedes Umaña)	Usulután	Mercedes Umaña	Canton El Jocotillo
5	C. E. Alfredo Ramirez	Usulután	Berlin	Canton San Francisco
6	C.E. Canton San Juan Uno	Usulután	Joy	Canton San Juan one
7	Caserío El Rosario School Center (San Isidro)	Morazán	SAN ISIDRO	Canton El Rosario
8	San Arturo Educational Complex	La Libertad	La Libertad	Urban Center
9	Eduardo Guirola Educational Complex	La Libertad	La Libertad	Urban Center
10	Playa San Diego School Center	La Libertad	La Libertad	Canton San Diego

11	Canton El Cimarron School Center	La Libertad	La Libertad	Canton El Cimarron
12	Canton Majagual School Center	La Libertad	La Libertad	Majagual Canton
13	Prof. Mardoqueo Orellana Educational Complex	La Libertad	Teotepeque	Canton El Sunzal
14	Cantó Metayo School	La Libertad	Teotepeque	Metayo Canton
15	Canton Mizata Arriba School Center	La Libertad	Teotepeque	Canton Mizata Arriba
16	Canton Aguacayo School Center	La Libertad	Teotepeque	Aguacayo Canton
17	Mizata School Center	La Libertad	Teotepeque	Mizata Canton
18	Canton Calderas School Center	St. Vincent	Apastepeque	Canton Calderas
19	Caserío El Panameño School	St. Vincent	Apastepeque	Caserio El Panameño
20	Caserío Calderitas School Center	St. Vincent	San Esteban Catarina	Calderitas Farm
21	Maradiaga School Center	St. Vincent	San Ildefonso	Maradiaga Farm
22	Marcelino García Flamenco School	St. Vincent	St. Vincent	Urban Center
23	Caserío La Galera School	St. Vincent	St. Vincent	La Galera Farm
24	Coronel Napoleón Alvarado School Center	St. Vincent	Verapaz	Urban Center
25	Nursery School Profesora Buenaventura Cornejo de Matal	St. Vincent	Guadalupe	Urban Center

Response Strategy

To respond to the specific needs of people, with an emphasis on children affected by the recent storm, Educo El Salvador will implement the following actions:

- Maintain the communication and coordination mechanisms established between the Humanitarian Country Team and the Government of El Salvador to channel the response actions implemented by the humanitarian organizations present in the country.
- Prioritize the implementation of procurement processes for teaching materials to meet the needs for the recovery of teaching materials damaged by the rains.
- Link families of sponsored children with Humanitarian Assistance projects implemented in coordination with other humanitarian actors.
- Restore the Sensory Garden in the Verapaz district, which was damaged by flooding.

With the actions described above, we will significantly respond to the needs of the most vulnerable population affected. Above all, we will contribute to guaranteeing the right to food, education, and the construction of safe environments for the full enjoyment of the rights of children affected by the storm.

General Objective

Contribute to the protection and timely response for children affected by the storm situation in El Salvador, in order to improve their food security and educational continuity.

Objective	Indicators	Sources of verification
1. Affected families have access to cash to buy and cover their basic needs.	# of families receiving assistance in cash or through a multipurpose card.	Post-distribution monitoring report Distribution lists
2. Children in schools affected by the rains have educational material to continue their learning process.	# of schools receiving didactic material kits # of children who make use of the didactic material provided.	Delivery minutes Report of children who report using the didactic material

1. Delivery of multipurpose cards

Multipurpose cards will be delivered to the most vulnerable families affected by the floods, including families with sponsored children. The purpose of these cards is to provide the families with cash so they can purchase basic food basket products to cover their food needs or other non-food items. Each identified family will receive a card with **USD \$50**.

2. Delivery of didactic material kit

To contribute to the educational continuity of sponsored children studying in schools affected by the floods, educational kits will be delivered to facilitate the development of educational sessions by teachers. Each kit will cost **USD \$300**.

Coordination Mechanisms with local authorities and humanitarian actors

Educo El Salvador maintains coordination with all community leaders and the mayors of the municipalities where this Response Plan will be implemented. This enables participation in the sessions of the Municipal Civil Protection Commissions to learn firsthand about the effects and needs of the population at the local level. At the national level, Educo actively participates in the Humanitarian Country Team and in the protection, education, WASH, and shelter management sectors, coordinating all complementary humanitarian assistance efforts with the Government of El Salvador and among the different humanitarian actors. Additionally, Educo is part of the Sectoral Technical Commission for Shelters, led by the Ministry of the Interior, which is part of the national governmental structure for emergency and/or disaster preparedness and response.

Appeal and budget

The required budget for the emergency response plan is **126.000 USD**.

Detail	Quantity	Unit	Funds required USD
A. RELIEF PHASE			
A.1 Delivery of multi-purpose card	200	families	10.000
A.2 Delivery of cash assistance	300	families	108.000
A.3 Delivery of didactic material kit	25	C.E	7.500
A.4. Recovery of the Sensory Garden	1	Sensory Garden	500
B. COORDINATION			
B.1 Coordination costs	2	months	0
TOTAL			126.000

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