



# SITUATION REPORT

## Tropical Storm Nate



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COSTA RICA / NICARGUA

### SITUATION

On October 4th, Tropical Storm Nate (TS Nate) formed along the coast of Panama and Costa Rica causing torrential rains, flash floods and mudslides, affecting more than 450,000 people in five countries in Central America. The storm resulted in 32 deaths, and over 10,000 homes were damaged in the region, with Costa Rica and Nicaragua being the hardest hit.

In Costa Rica, landslides and flooding caused considerable damage to nearly 500 national highways and secondary roads, and to dozens of bridges. This has severely limited relief efforts in communities that were cut off. Also, more than 300,000 Costa Ricans remain without access to clean water.

During the worst days of the storm, over 11,500 people had to be evacuated to 178 emergency shelters; a week later, more than 7,200 people continue to live in 127 shelters around the country. The Costa Rican government declared a state of emergency, and President Luis Guillermo Solís has appealed to the international community for support.

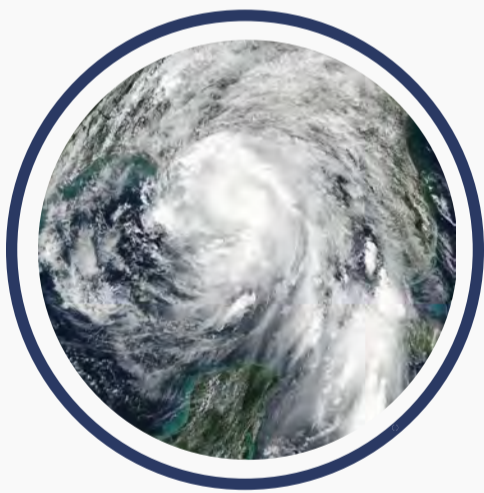


Photo: NASA, MODIS-LANCE

### RESPONSE

Through our companion church, Iglesia Luterana Costarricense (ILCO), we are planning an immediate response by providing food, access to clean water and other services. We will focus our efforts on indigenous communities along the central and southern parts of Costa Rica's Pacific Coast.

### ONE MORE THING...

Our Church, through ELCA World Hunger, is supporting a violence prevention project among indigenous and rural youth in Costa Rica, also implemented by ILCO. The project hosts gatherings, trainings, and events to help 60 teenagers in 8 different communities to prevent interfamily violence, school bullying, drug abuse and to motivate teens to stay in school.



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