

UN Joins Post-Hurricane Recovery Efforts in Eastern Cuba



Havana, October 31 (RHC/acn)-- The UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) will contribute 5.3 million dollars to provide people affected by hurricane Matthew in Cuba with basic necessity items, according to a release by the United Nations Cuba office.

UN resident coordinator in Cuba, Myrta Kaulard, told reporters that the funds will help implement immediate aid projects benefiting over 365,000 people in hard-hit municipalities of eastern Guantanamo and Holguin provinces.

Kaulard said that they have identified priorities in the areas of housing, food security, water supply, sanitation, health and education.

The UN Central Emergency Response Fund was set up by the General Assembly in 2006 to offer more effective and viable humanitarian assistance to people affected by natural phenomena and armed conflicts.

The UN agency comes to join the efforts of the Cuban government, humanitarian donations by Venezuela, and other relief actions to progressively recover the eastern Cuban municipalities devastated by Hurricane Matthew in early October.

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