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Tegucigalpa M.D.C, 26 September 2024

To: Ms. Edem Wosornu
Chair, IASC Emergency Director's Group

Subject: Deactivation of Clusters in Honduras

Dear Edem,

The IASC cluster system was activated in Honduras on 26 January 2021 in response to two major hurricanes, Eta and Iota, impacting the country in November 2020. That emergency was confirmed as Honduras' worst disaster in more than 20 years causing landslides and flooding with around 4.5 million people affected, more than 95,000 people in shelters, and catastrophic damage to the infrastructure and productive sectors. Since then, the response has focused on supporting the government in assisting approximately 3 million people due to widespread violence, human mobility (including forced displacement, mixed movements, and the return of Honduran migrants, many with protection needs), climate change and disasters such as drought, flash floods, and, more recently El Niño, and food and nutrition insecurity.

While they have been in place since 2021, clusters in Honduras were always intended as a temporary measure to augment emergency response and strengthen collaboration between international humanitarian actors, state institutions, local civil society, and other stakeholders.

A coordination review, consultations and transition planning started in January 2024 and continues to the present day in close collaboration with national authorities covering context analysis, identification of residual needs, and support to and collaboration with national partners.

Findings from the review were shared with the authorities and presented to the HCT on 10 September, who endorsed the transition process and the deactivation of clusters by 31 December 2024. The transition and deactivation coincide within a context of low levels of humanitarian funding and greater attention on long terms solutions and development activities.

As part of the transition process, clusters are conducting a consultation and assessment of national and subnational capacities and ensure that national structures acquire sufficient capacity to coordinate and meet residual humanitarian needs in line with the humanitarian principles.

As per the transition plan and discussions with national counterparts, the work of the clusters (and addressing any residual needs and underlying vulnerabilities) will be subsumed by sectoral coordination mechanisms under the overall leadership of national counterparts, as indicated in the table below. Honduras will thus revert to the sectoral coordination mechanism in place prior to the activation of clusters where sectors are co-chaired by humanitarian agencies and national authorities, with support from OCHA's Humanitarian Adviser Team (HAT) in Honduras and OCHA's Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean



Honduras Cluster Handover Counterparts

Cluster	Lead Agency	Sector/ Handover Counterpart
Shelter Cluster	IFRC	Shelter Sector: Mesa Sectorial de Alojamiento en Emergencias y Artículos no Alimentarios (domésticos) • Ministry of Risk Management and Contingencies (COPECO)
Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster	IOM	CCCM Sector: Mesa Técnica • COPECO • National Institute of Migration (INM)
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Cluster	UNICEF	WASH Sector: Mesa Nacional de Agua, Saneamiento e Higiene (ASH) Adherida a espacios de coordinación regional en el territorio • National Autonomous Service of Water and Sewerage (SANAA) • COPECO
Food Security Cluster	FAO WFP	Food Security Sector: Mesa Técnica SAN • Food Security Technical Unit/Ministry of Agriculture (UTSAN/SAG) • Agri-Food Information Service • COPECO • Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL)
Health Cluster	PAHO/ WHO	Health Sector: Sector Salud • Ministry of Health • COPECO
Education Cluster	UNICEF Save the Children	Education Sector: Mecanismo de coordinación en educación en emergencia • Ministry of Education
Protection Cluster	UNHCR	Protection Sector: Grupo de Protección Nacional y tres Equipos Locales 1. Equipo Local de Valle del Sula 2. Equipo Local de Frontera Suroriente 3. El Equipo Local de frontera occidente • National Commissioner for Human Rights (CONADEH)
○ <i>Child Protection AoR</i>	UNICEF	Child Protection Working Group: Grupo de Protección de la Niñez • Ministry of Children, Adolescents and Family
○ <i>Gender-Based Violence AoR</i>	UNFPA	GBV Working Group: Grupo de Trabajo de VBG en Emergencias (VBGeE) • Ministry of Women's Affairs (SEMUJER)

The Nutrition working group which was also critical in delivering a strengthened humanitarian response will transition as the Grupo de Trabajo de Nutrición under the overall leadership of the Ministry of Health.

In accordance with agreed IASC procedures on the cluster approach, I kindly ask you to share this letter





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with the Emergency Directors for their information and approval, to ensure there are no objections to the proposed arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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