

Hurricane after hurricane

November 2020 saw two hurricanes, Eta and Iota, sweep across Central America causing flooding, landslides and mass destruction.

Hurricane Iota was the strongest hurricane on record in Nicaragua and saw 160,000 Nicaraguans and 70,000 Hondurans forced to flee to shelters. Many lost homes, crops and livelihoods and like most disasters, the poorest communities were hit hardest.

Christian Aid partners in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala have been responding and focusing on communities living in remote areas where access was already a challenge.

In Nicaragua our team responded to Hurricane Eta with our partner Soppexcca. We provided food and hygiene kits to 5,000 people in desperate need, as well as psychosocial support to children and adults through recreational activities like drawing, drama and play.

In Honduras we worked with our local partners to deliver humanitarian assistance to 523 families affected by hurricanes Iota and Eta. This consisted of food parcels, including rice, flour and sugar; hygiene kits including soap, sanitary pads and face masks, and medication including antidiarrheals and antiseptic for first aid. Since families also suffered from huge shock, we provided psychosocial support.



Villagers from the community of Chajmacán in Guatemala attempt to cross a flooded road on makeshift rafts in November 2020.

Moises Gonzalez, Christian Aid's Head of Latin America and the Caribbean, said "Back-to-back hurricanes have become a grave reality in recent years, and many believe this may not be the last serious hurricane of the season.

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"People are having to pick up their lives, start again, only to be hit by another hurricane or strong storm. Their resilience is incredible and unfortunately this has become a way of life for many."

Thank you for your support through Commitment for Life which has helped communities to rebuild after devastating hurricanes.

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While the world has focused on the Coronavirus pandemic, the climate crisis has not gone away.

The climate crisis has already arrived in the lives of millions of people around the world, hurting those who have done the least to cause it. Time is running out to limit the worst impacts of climate breakdown for millions more.

This year the UK government will host both the G7 and the crucial UN climate talks, COP26.

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