

HIGHLIGHTS

Situation Overview and Context (2 November, 2022 at 12:20 pm CST)

- National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) provided an update to its **Red 2 (Phase3) declaration 24 hours ago: the Prime Minister has directed the Attorney General to enact a State of Emergency (SOE) for the Belize and Stann Creek districts, beginning at 3:00 PM.** Persons in the affected districts will have to stay indoors.
- Hurricane Lisa was **located near 17.3°N latitude, 87.7°W longitude or about 35 miles East of Belize City, over the offshore Turneffe atoll.** The Category 1 Hurricane has continued in a westerly direction at 14 mph and has strengthened to maximum sustained winds of 80 mph and minimum pressure of 987 mb.
- Projected landfall is expected to be the Southern Lagoon, with direct impact on the Gales Point Manatee Village, about midway between Belize City (Belize District) and Dangriga (Stann Creek District).
- The Government of Belize activated its command center in the Cabinet Room with NEMO and all government emergency agencies and relevant departments.
- 132 shelters have been opened countrywide**
44 shelters in the Cayo District
36 in the Belize District
14 shelters in the Stann Creek district
16 shelters in the Toledo district
12 in Orange Walk
10 in Corozal
- The international and municipal airports closed on 1 Nov. while seaports closed, and public bus transportation suspended operations at midday on 2 Nov
- All persons were advised to shelter in place.

IN NUMBERS

441,471

Exposed

0 Deaths

0 Injured

0 Missing

2,269+

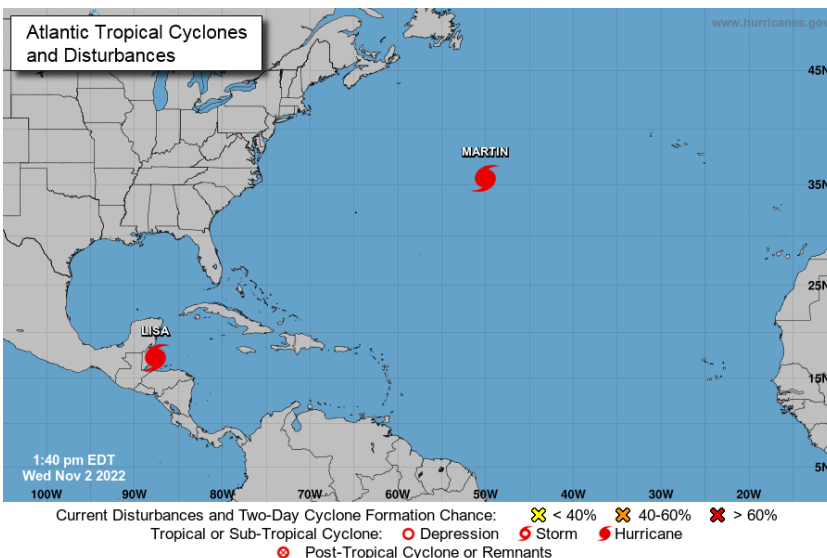
Evacuated

0 Damaged

Health facilities

MAP

Include a map of the country and the specific location of the event if applicable



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Maximum sustained wind 80mph Movement W at 14 mph.



- Anticipating that the Southern Health Region, especially the Stann Creek District, will be more affected by the Hurricane, Southern Health Regional Manager announced that the Southern Regional Hospital is ready to provide primary and secondary healthcare services during the storm. Patients, who are able to continue the care at home, have been discharged.



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

- The Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) held consultations with stakeholders in response to flight and cruise ship cancellations.
- On 1 Nov., the Ministry of Education announced cancellation of classes until further notice. The cancellations allow for schools to be used as hurricane shelters and the Ministry of Education has learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic that technology can be used to facilitate remote learning during disasters.
- The Economic Recovery Committee chaired by Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Economic Development, met to discuss its Hurricane Preparedness Plan. The committee says that it is ready to coordinate and assist with the rehabilitation and reconstruction during the recovery.

PAHO/WHO RESPONSE:

- Special Emergency Procedures (SEP) have been activated to facilitate readiness and response actions of the Belize country office.
- Facilitated a third meeting with the UN Country preparedness and response Team as Chair of the UNETT
- Liaised with the Ministry of Health and Wellness on updates to its hurricane preparedness and response.
- Conducted a safety check-in, followed by two call trees to verify staff safety. All staff, except 2 persons were contacted at 3.30 pm Belize. One staff member reported damage to home and others report water rising in their areas threatening their homes. We continue to be in touch with them.
- Continues to maintain updates about staff, family members and their homes.
- An Incident and Crisis Management Team has been established in the country office. Follow-up meeting was held with the Belize Country Office's PAHO Disaster Response Team.
- Coordinated with Health Emergencies (Caribbean) to plan the next step in providing technical cooperation to the country within the next 24 hours.

OTHER AGENCIES RESPONSE:

- The Belize Electricity Limited has announced that it plans to maintain electricity during the passage of the hurricane. However, if it receives reports of a property at risk or if its fault system is activated by debris or vegetation making contact with the electrical lines, that part of the national grid will be suspended.

Annex 1



2 Nov. 2021: Meeting with Advisor, Health Emergencies (Caribbean) on recommended actions to support the country within the next 24 hours.