

## Hurricanes Eta and Iota:

### CoDev appeals for support for Central American partners.

In mid-November, two powerful hurricanes battered Central America, leaving a trail of destruction in Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala. Never have two such powerful storms hit the region so close together. The hurricanes generated mudslides and flooding, burying villages, flooding homes, and destroying crops.

Hundreds of thousands have been displaced, many crowding into makeshift shelters with few provisions, much less protection against the Covid-19 virus.

Reports from our partners indicate that government response to the disaster in all three countries is woefully inadequate.

CoDevelopment Canada's partners in the region have all been affected by the storms, but two represent particularly vulnerable populations: **Artesana**, a Guatemalan organization supporting imprisoned women and their families, and the Honduran Women's Collective (**CODEMUH**), which accompanies workers in the country's maquila (sweatshop) zones.

CoDev is raising funds for these partners' emergency assistance efforts for women affected by the hurricanes. We realize that these are also difficult times for workers in Canada. If it is possible for your organization to contribute to this appeal, it will have an important impact on assisting women affected by the hurricanes—helping them to get back on their feet quickly, reduce the spread of diseases and repair homes damaged by the hurricanes.



*Artesana delivering emergency aid to families of imprisoned women*



*After the flood: What remains of a neighbourhood in the maquila town of Choloma, Honduras.*

**Artesana** has borrowed a truck and is delivering donations of food, clothing and sanitary supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, basic medicines) to affected families of imprisoned women. **Artesana's** share of the donations sent by CoDev will support the truck's fuel costs and purchase additional emergency supplies.

Seventy homes of **CODEMUH's** shop floor advocates have been submerged by the hurricanes. These women received little warning to evacuate and lost most of their belongings to the floods. **CODEMUH** will use donations to provide them with clothing, bedding, new mattresses, cooking materials, food, sanitary supplies, and tools for cleaning the mud and debris from their homes once the waters recede.

We hope your organization can respond to this appeal and contribute to this important effort.

**Please send donations via e-transfer to [codev@codev.org](mailto:codev@codev.org), or by cheque to CoDevelopment Canada, #260 - 2747 East Hastings St., Vancouver, BC, V5K 1Z8. Please include "Hurricane Relief" in the subject line.**