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**Subject:** FW: Level 3 Alert - Disaster Declaration: El Salvador - Flooding

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**From:** Brause, Jon C (DCHA/AA) [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2009 4:47 PM  
**To:** Toiv, Nora F; Mills, Cheryl D  
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Cheryl, Nora,  
 Sorry for the delay in responding to your message on El Salvador. I am just now catching up on e-mails. The following is the latest information that I have received.  
 I have asked OFDA for an update to the summary below ( which was issued on Wed), but wanted to get you something asap.  
 Best regards,  
 Jon

**From:** Spencer, Diedra(DCHA/OFDA)  
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*The following disaster declaration summary is for internal USG use only.*

**Disaster Declaration: El Salvador – Flooding  
 November 10, 2009**

Since early November heavy, constant rain has fallen in El Salvador as an indirect effect of tropical depressions and Hurricane Ida. Heaviest accumulations occurred on November 7. According to the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador, the Government of El Salvador (GoES) national disaster response and relief organization reported that associated flooding and landslides have resulted in the deaths of more than 130 individuals, caused 70 persons to be reported missing, and displaced more than 13,600 others. GoES authorities have established 118 temporary shelters for displaced persons. The U.S. Embassy in San Salvador reports that the flooding and landslides have affected the departments of San Salvador, Cuscatlán, La Paz, San Vicente, and La Libertad, with the most significant damage reported in San Vicente and La Paz. Damage to roads and bridges has also occurred. The President of El Salvador has declared a state of emergency for the five affected departments and has requested international assistance.

On November 10, U.S. Chargé d' Affaires Robert Blau declared a disaster in response to the damage caused by the tropical depressions and Hurricane Ida. In response, USAID/OFDA is providing \$100,000 for the purchase of water, blankets, and aviation fuel to assist affected populations. In addition, USAID/OFDA is airlifting relief commodities, including 200 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,000 hygiene kits, 5,000 five-gallon water containers, and

2 water bladders, from the USAID/OFDA Miami warehouse. At present, five disaster response experts from USAID/OFDA are in El Salvador, assisting with damage evaluations, coordinating with local officials, and determining priority needs. As of November 10, USAID/OFDA has not requested U.S. Department of Defense assistance to respond to humanitarian needs.

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