

Emergency Shelter Rushed to El Salvador

Citi, FedEx, Aerocasillas Support Vital Airlift

Washington, D.C., November 11, 2009 – An emergency shipment of tents, tarps and other critical supplies are being rushed to El Salvador to aid the survivors of devastating Hurricane Ida, the Pan American Development Foundation announced.

Thirteen pallets with a special shelter kit – which also contains water purification tablets, canteens, cooking equipment and more – arrives Friday to San Salvador. Citi donated the shelter kit, which was prepositioned in Aerocasillas/Aeropost’s Miami warehouse in anticipation of a natural disaster. FedEx is transporting the much-needed supplies from the United States.

“Nearly 500 survivors will have warm blankets, shelter and a way to care for their families thanks to this urgent shipment,” says John Sanbrillo, PADF’s Executive Director. “We applaud FedEx, Citi and Aerocasillas/Aeropost for stepping in to help our neighbors.”

Hurricane Ida swept across El Salvador on November 6 and 7, leaving in its wake more than 13,000 homeless and nearly 150 dead. Dozens of people are still missing. Thirteen provinces are affected by mudslides, flooding and wind damage. San Vicente, a community 30 miles east of San Salvador on the slopes of the Chinchontepec volcano, is buried in mud and stones, the news agency EFE reported. President Mauricio Funes declared a state of emergency Sunday night.

“FedEx is honored to partner with the PADF to contribute to the recovery of areas struck by natural disasters,” said Juan N. Cento, president of FedEx Express Latin America & Caribbean. “We are part of the Latin American community and feel it is our corporate responsibility to deploy our services to assist the victims in El Salvador in this time of critical need.”

PADF is inviting other companies to support its relief efforts in El Salvador. Individuals who want to donate are encouraged to visit www.PanAmericanRelief.org

“Pan American Relief is a safe, secure website set up by PADF so everyone can play a role during a natural disaster,” says Sanbrillo.

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Having worked in every country in the region, PADF engages community-based groups, governments and the private sector in the process of implementing appropriate solutions for sustainable development.

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