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Media Advisory

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CMAT and Humanity First Canada partner to respond to Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Honduras.

TORONTO, ONTARIO – Canadian Medical Assistance Team announces a collaboration with Humanity First Canada in response to Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Central America. The Emergency Medical Team of 10 volunteer health professionals from both CMAT and Humanity First were deployed to help the people of Honduras in response to the two hurricanes which struck northern Honduras less than two weeks apart. Earlier today, Hurricane Iota reached a catastrophic Category 5, and is taking a similar path to the powerful Hurricane Eta, which killed more than 200 people across Central America last week.

Responding to the request of PAHO (The Pan American Health Organization) and the Honduran Ministry of Health, a joint EMT 1 team consisting of physicians, nurse practitioners, midwife and logisticians will arrive in San Pedro Sula to provide primary health care and emergency care. The team will consist of two mobile medical units which will visit outlying communities affected by the hurricanes.

The CMAT and Humanity First Emergency Medical Team departed from Toronto's Pearson International Airport for Honduras this afternoon, with medical equipment and supplies, water purification systems and other emergency supplies.

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About Canadian Medical Assistance Teams:

Canadian Medical Assistance Teams (CMAT) is a non-profit disaster relief organization comprised of health professionals and non-medical volunteers who selflessly give their time to assist and provide relief aid to the victims of natural and man-made disasters around the world. Established in December 2004, CMAT has earned a reputation as an important partner agency of the World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization.

CMAT teams have responded to numerous crisis situations around the world including the Indian Ocean Tsunami, typhoons and flooding in Bangladesh and the Philippines, and earthquakes in Pakistan, China, Haiti, and Nepal. CMAT has accumulated a database of over 1000 skilled volunteer health professionals from across Canada.

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