

How earthquake donations reach families in Los Santos

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Summary

La Prensa follows the route of aid from the collection centre at the Las Tablas stadium to quake-hit families in Los Santos, where 5,163 homes have been assessed and 1,160 declared total losses.

Details (summary of the article)

La Prensa describes how relief supplies reach families affected by the magnitude 7.5 earthquake of 9 October in Los Santos. The Roberto 'Flaco Bala' Hernández stadium in Las Tablas serves as the main collection and dispatch centre, receiving government, business and citizen donations. Provincial emergency chief Alexis de León said 5,163 homes had been assessed and 15,500 people affected, with 1,160 houses completely collapsed. SINAPROC coordinates distribution with corregimiento representatives, who know which families are genuinely in need; by 19 October about 3,000 food bags had gone out, routed through command posts in Macaracas and Tonosí. Some communities can only be reached by horse, four-wheel drive, boat or aircraft, and landslides in river basins around Tonosí raise flood risk. Still needed are tents, wheelchairs and cots, since rain soaks mattresses of those sleeping under tarps. Residents of La Miel, such as Anastasio González and Nelly González, have received food, tents and medical checks but say what they most want is help rebuilding their houses; homes will be re-inspected because aftershocks can worsen damage.

Original (es)

La ruta de las donaciones y el sueño de un techo en La Miel

Las donaciones recorren centros de acopio y caminos difíciles para llegar a las familias afectadas por el terremoto en Azuero.