



End of TSF missions in El Salvador

El Salvador floods: TSF's support to local relief teams

From 18th to 25th October 2011, a TSF team was deployed in El Salvador in response to the floods. The whole pacific coastal zone of the country has been affected by constant rains. The departments most impacted were Ahuachapán and Usulután.

United Nations System in El Salvador estimates that 300,000 people have been affected:

AFFECTED POPULATION

AFECTED	DEATHS	EVCUATED	SHELTERS	SHELTERED POP.
300,000	35	59,854	611	54,903

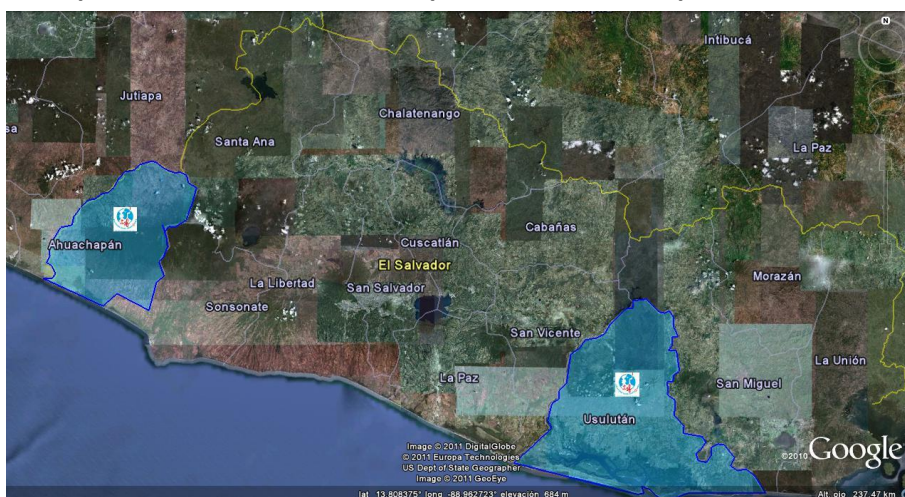
The aim of TSF mission was to assist the Civil Protection local teams with satellite data and voice equipment for field evaluations and a fast share of information at a national level. TSF experts supported the Civil Protection departmental units in Ahuachapán and Usulután, keeping them connected during their missions by enabling data gathering and sending from the field.

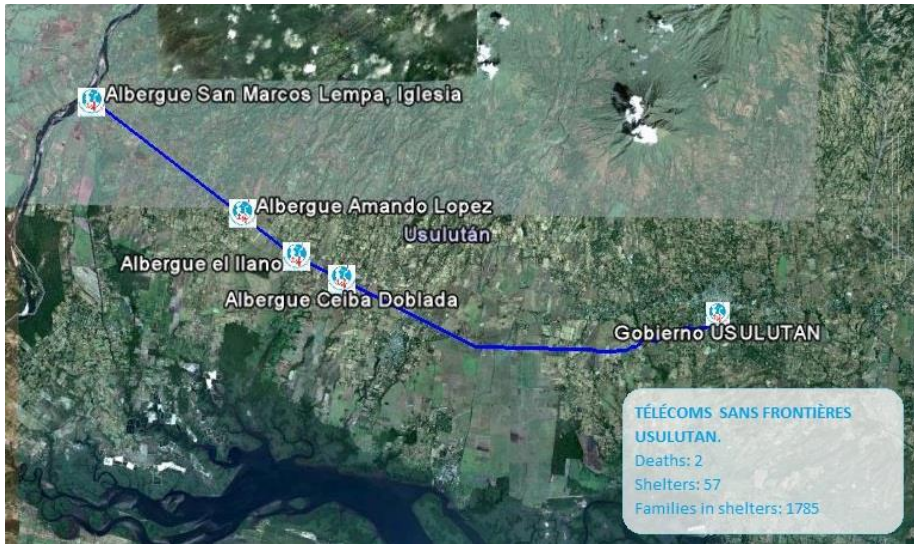
The previous visit to the country in 2009 served to establish contacts with local authorities and the Civil Protection Unit. Thus, before this new deployment, TSF was known to local emergency responders and authorities and this helped to better coordinate the service with national teams during this emergency.

TSF was able to establish a rapid contact with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO) and shared useful information with all the actors in the field.

TSF experts offered email and Internet access, and provided laptops and phones to the Civil Protection teams.

TSF presence in most affected departments: Ahuachapán and Usulután





TSF deployment in Usulután:

In Usulután, TSF provided technical support enabling information management and sharing from the field, in the following municipalities:

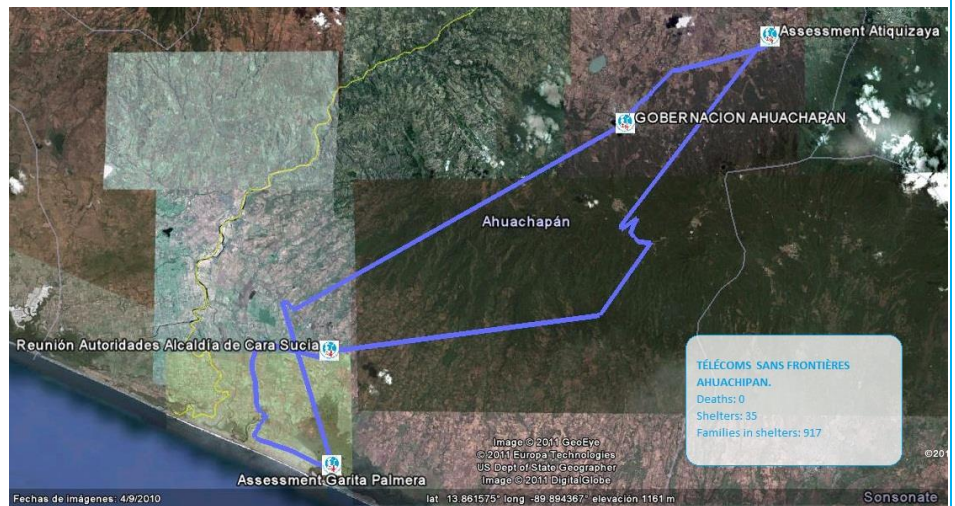
- San Agustín
- Santa Elena
- Jiquilisco

TSF deployment in Ahuachapán:

In Ahuachapán TSF provided communication support to the Civil Protection local unit during their assessment missions to the affected areas.

Communities evaluated:

- Atiquizaya
- Cara Sucia
- Garita Palmera



TSF mission benefited to the National Civil Protection, the Departmental Civil Protection in Ahuachapán and Usulután, the Health ministry, the Education Ministry and the Salvadorian Institute for Woman Development from Usulután.

The efficient coordination with local authorities made the mission successful by enabling the TSF team to identify the most affected departments and telecoms issues so as to act efficiently.