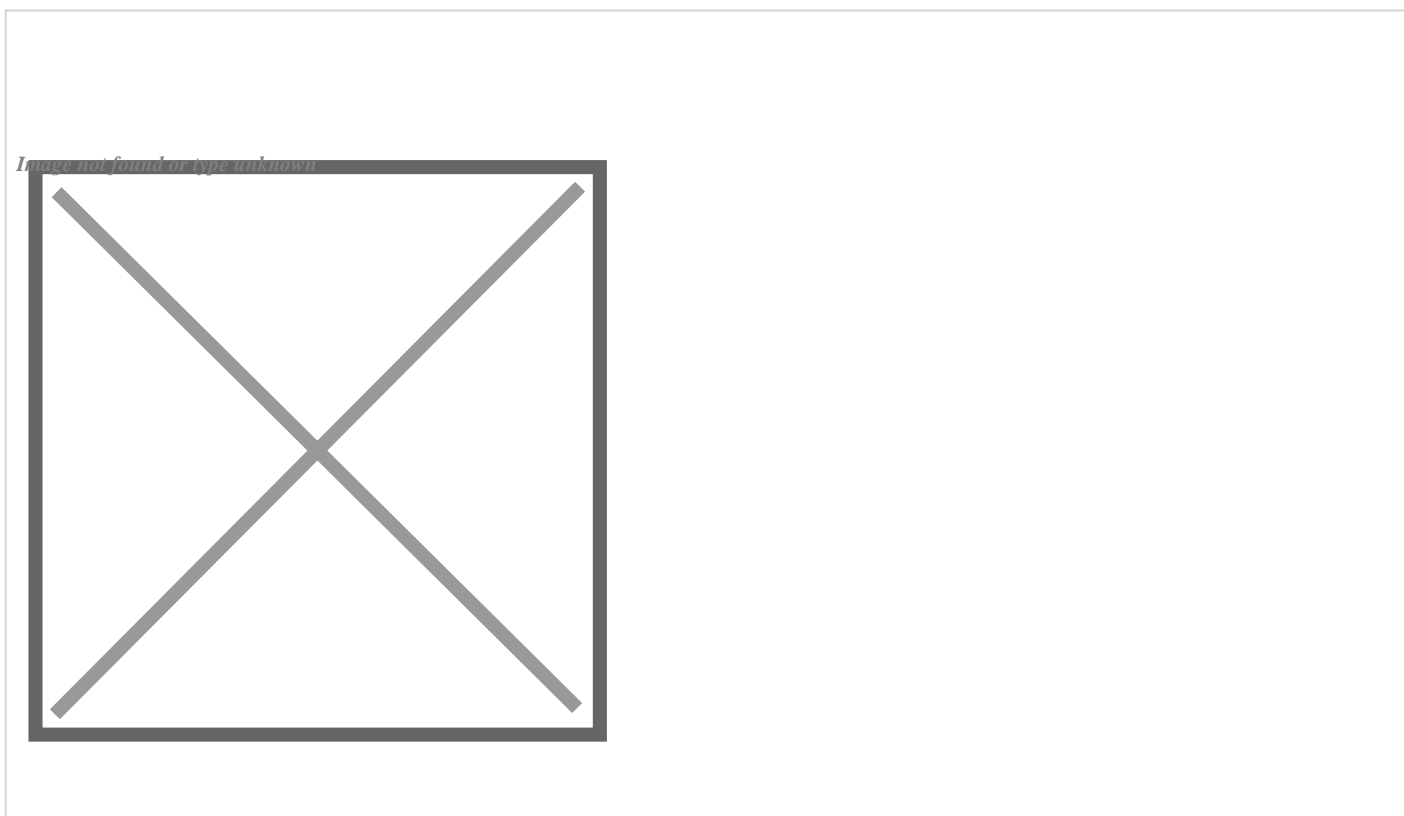


# *Cuban Prime Minister checked the recovery of Pinar del Río*

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Pinar del Río, Oct 10 (RHC) The Prime Minister of the Republic of Cuba, Manuel Marrero Cruz checked this Sunday in the western province of Pinar del Río, the progress of the recovery efforts after Hurricane Ian, on September 27.

The hydrometeorological event caused severe effects, especially in housing, agriculture, and electrical and telephone services.

At a meeting of the Provincial Defense Council (CDP), which was attended by deputy prime ministers, ministers, representatives of national organizations and the highest authorities of that territory, he insisted on the need to add all efforts to recovery.

He indicated to conduct all the processes associated with the care of people in vulnerable situations, evacuees, victims and the delivery of resources so that they reach their final destination.

For his part, Rubén Ramos Moreno, vice president of the CDP, explained that Pinar del Río's priority is to complete the survey of the damage and achieve the day-to-day operation of the population's paperwork offices.

He said that to date some 85,852 homes have been reported affected.

Ramos Moreno added that they are working hard to restore the school year and recover the electrical, hydraulic, tobacco and agricultural infrastructures.

Previously, Marrero Cruz visited the Viñales Defense Council. There, its president, Yosniel Hernández, reported on the main effects, including more than 390 total landslides.

He learned that the water situation is one of the most complex issues, although the service has already been restored in the municipal seat, but there are still multiple effects.

The also member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Cuba guided the organization of work for the manufacture of charcoal, as an alternative for cooking food, and emphasized the work of recovering the electrical service, whose pace must increase.

In Puerto Esperanza, he appreciated the cleaning of the debris, as well as learning about the main effects, increasing, in the case of housing, to 1440.

When exchanging with the locals, he confirmed the revolutionary attitude of the town where a group of dissatisfactions have accumulated, beyond those derived from the scourge of the hurricane, which demand differentiated attention.

He emphasized that the work of the authorities must be aimed at a detailed analysis of the problems and the search for solutions. "You have to know how to listen to the people," he asserted

In the paperwork office, the head of government insisted on the need to streamline all processes, because there can be no room for bureaucracy, much less in exceptional situations like these.

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