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Havana, Nov 5 (RHC) The United Nations Office in Cuba will present today at its headquarters a response plan following the devastation caused by Hurricane Oscar, which left severe damage in the eastern part of the country at the end of October.

The initiative aims to raise 33 million dollars from partners and actors in the international community to provide assistance to nearly 150,000 people in San Antonio del Sur, Imías, Maisí, and Baracoa, the municipalities most affected by the storm.

According to the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cuba, Francisco Pichón, the plan focuses on six crucial areas: water, sanitation, and hygiene; temporary shelters, housing, and early recovery; education; logistics; health; and food security and nutrition.

The plan, coordinated with the national authorities, will support efforts to meet the urgent needs of the most affected people, restore the vitality of essential services, and work towards the recovery of the territories and the livelihoods of their inhabitants.

According to estimates by the United Nations, 478,000 people were affected by the meteorological phenomenon that lingered for about 25 hours in the province of Guantánamo, at the eastern tip of the island, on October 20.

As a result, the region, already facing drought, experienced severe flooding, leading to the loss of seven lives and essential resources. These impacts add to the significant challenges in the recovery of four municipalities in the country, which already had substantial obstacles to their development. (Source: PL)

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