



# Temporary Working Group Evaluate Effects of Intense Rain

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SANCTI SPIRITUS, Cuba, May 29 (ACN) The Temporary Working Group in the province of Sancti Spiritus evaluated on Tuesday preliminary damages caused by the intense rain of recent days mainly in homes, roads and agriculture.

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Over 2 thousand hectares of several cultivations have been affected, above all corn and beans; while work is underway to drain water that has 10 thousand hectares of sugar cane under water in an attempt to ease the impact of the intense rain.

According to the main directives of the agriculture sector, work in underway to drain the water from the yucca, sweet potato and bean plantations to attempt to harvest as much as possible.

Some 78 settlements remain without communication due to the complex situation in the roads, mudslides in some areas and the overflow of rivers and streams; meanwhile, close to 15 thousand people are still protected in family homes or evacuation centers.

The authorities informed that in places where they have been able to access or in the main provincial city where as of Tuesday evening is not raining intensely work to unblock the roads, collecting rubble and wastes are

underway and the hygiene of the region.

However, one of the main current impacts in the province is the pumping of the water due to the electricity although during the meeting the authorities pointed out that drinking water is already being distributed in water trucks and the pumping through generators to reduce the affects.

The Director of Education in the territory said that, except in the centers where people remain evacuated school will reopen its doors on Wednesday and added that the most complex situation is the Republica de Bolivia Primary School in Trinidad, which was severely damaged.

However, he insisted that they are looking for alternatives to continue with the educational process in order not to interrupt classes.

The representative of Water Resources in Sancti Spiritus, Alberto Eirin, the Zaza reservoir had stored over one billion cubic meters of water which is above its full capacity although the tendency is to reduce its volume.

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