



Haiti

Excess Rainfall

Covered Area Rainfall Event (17-18 October 2014)

Event Briefing

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1 INTRODUCTION

On 17 October 2014, strong heating caused convection over the higher terrain of Haiti and, combined with a frontal system from Cuba and The Bahamas, created intense precipitation over the country. Haiti experienced torrential rainfall on 17 to 18 October 2014, which triggered a Covered Area Rainfall Event (CARE) according to CCRIF's Caribbean Rainfall Model. This event concluded on 20 October 2014. CCRIF is still awaiting official reports regarding any damage on the ground and actual rainfall measurements.

Haiti was the only CCRIF member country with an Excess Rainfall policy that was affected by this rainfall event.

2 DAILY MODEL RAINFALL DATA

Most of the rainfall produced by the Caribbean Rainfall Model (operated by Kinetic Analysis Corporation (KAC)), over the period 17 to 18 October 2014, was recorded in the predominantly rural area between Mont Organise and Perches. This area has an elevation of 348 m and is located near very steeply sloping terrain to the south and plains to the north. The maximum rain value recorded by the model was 538.4 mm, and occurred in the Source Figuier region on 19 October 2014. The region sits in a small valley which feeds onto coastal plains ~15 km to the southwest.

Figure 1 shows the accumulated rainfall, as interpolated iTRMM values, over Haiti from 17 to 20 October 2014.



Figure 1 Map showing the accumulated rainfall in Haiti, 17-20 October 2014

3 RAINFALL MODEL OUTPUTS

The Caribbean Rainfall Model uses a 3-day running aggregate of rainfall measurements for Haiti, meaning that the rainfall attributed to a particular day is the total sum of the rainfall on that day itself and the two following days.

The Caribbean Rainfall Model produced Maximum Aggregate Rainfall of 784.44 mm on 17 October 2014. The maximum number of ongoing iTRMM Grid Cell Events (iGCEs) was 11,921.

4 TRIGGER POTENTIAL

The number of ongoing iGCEs exceeded the required threshold (8,274) to trigger the CARE on 17 October and fell below the CARE threshold on 19 October.

It must be noted that a CARE is not considered complete until the Aggregate Rainfall in each iTRMM Grid Cell, that had an ongoing iGCE that contributed to the CARE, has fallen below 75 mm for at least 2 days (or 1 day in the case of those countries for which the model uses 2-day Aggregate Rainfall). This CARE was considered complete on 20 October 2014.

The Rainfall Index Loss calculated for Haiti's CARE was below the country's Excess Rainfall policy attachment point, and therefore no payout is due.

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DEFINITIONS

Active Percentage	The percentage of the total number of iTRMM Grid Cells, within the Covered Area of the Insured, in which an iTRMM Grid Cell Event must be occurring to trigger a Covered Area Rainfall Event. The Active Percentage is defined in the Schedule.
Aggregate Rainfall	The value of Aggregate Rainfall, as measured in millimetres (mm), using the iTRMM Precipitation Data over the Covered Area and evaluated by the Calculation Agent as part of the Rainfall Index Loss Calculation Methodology. For a given day:
	(a) 2-day aggregate - the total sum of rainfall on the day itself, and the day after; or
	(b) 3-day aggregate - the total sum of rainfall on the day itself, and the two following days.
Caribbean Rainfall Model	The computer model used to calculate the iTRMM Grid Cell Event Loss and the Rainfall Index Loss.
Covered Area Rainfall Event	Any continuous period of days during which the number of iTRMM Grid Cell Events is greater than or equal to the product of (a) Active Percentage multiplied by (b) the total number of iTRMM Grid Cells within the Covered Area.
Covered Area	The territory of the Insured as represented in the Caribbean Rainfall Model.
iTRMM Grid Cell (grid cell)	The 30 arc-second by 30 arc-second grid of cells each of which is attributed with an exposure value and, for those with exposure value greater than zero, to which an Aggregate Rainfall Amount is attributed each day.
iTRMM Grid Cell Event (cell event)	Any continuous period of days during which the Aggregate Rainfall value equals or exceeds the Rainfall Event Threshold in an iTRMM Grid Cell. For Covered Areas that have 3-day aggregation periods, an iTRMM Grid Cell Event is only considered to be over once there have been two or more consecutive days where the Aggregate Rainfall does not exceed the Rainfall Event Threshold.

Maximum Aggregate Rainfall	The highest Aggregate Rainfall amount during an iTRMM Grid Cell Event for each iTRMM Grid Cell in which there is an iTRMM Grid Cell Event.
Rainfall Event Threshold	Aggregate Rainfall level which, when exceeded, starts an iTRMM Grid Cell Event.
Rainfall Index Loss	For any Covered Area Rainfall Event affecting the Insured, the US Dollar loss calculated by the Calculation Agent using the Caribbean Rainfall Model.