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## Dear friends and supporters of Honduras Community Support Corporation (HCSC),

This letter will replace our usual Newsletter this year due to the pandemic and inability to get photos to share. Now add a couple of hurricanes and you can imagine the situation.

Kirby and I got back from Honduras in March, just before Covid -19 was recognized here, but I was unable to enjoy my usual Fall trip due to the virus. Honduran friends noted that the hospitals are overcrowded; medical personnel are not available (many died from Covid and lack of protection). There is no public transportation, and strict restriction on all travel has caused a slowdown of projects since March.

At this point the lack of food is critical, and HCSC has sent money for FECOVESO (our Honduran nonprofit partner) to buy and distribute food. Now, because flooding by hurricanes Eta and Iota destroyed many staples in warehouses and supermarkets, we are sending barrels of food by boat.

Just before the two hurricanes hit Honduras, FECOVESO had its first meeting (masked and distanced) since March to add two more watersheds to the titles they hold, protecting the water sources for a total of 25 communities.

Heavy rains and high winds have caused tremendous damage: water projects have been ruined by mudslides; schools and clinics suffered a variety of damages. FECOVESO will be flooded with requests for help.

So, forgive us for failing to produce our usual colorful and informative Newsletter, but know we're all still working, and your support will be the



Food distribution in La Mota

means of keeping on! Do visit our website (<u>hcsc-honduras.org</u>) for a review of the work and projects we've been involved in for over 20 years. Thanks so much for your interest, and your donations, which can be sent to the address above, or given through our website!

The hardships of this year are affecting us all, and we hope you are well, and staying hopeful.

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